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Glossary of Common Acronyms

AASHTO - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	Program
AB Assembly Bill	FTA Federal Transit Administration
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	FTIP Federal Transportation Improvement Program
ADT Average Daily Traffic	FY Fiscal Year
ALUC Airport Land Use Commission	GIS Geographic Information Systems
AMTRAK National Railroad Passenger Corporation	GHG Greenhouse Gas
APCD Air Pollution Control District	HMF Heavy Maintenance Facility
ARB Air Resources Board (also referred to as CARB, California Air Resources Board)	HOV High-Occupancy Vehicle
ATP Active Transportation Program	HPMS Highway Performance Monitoring System
BAC Bicycle Advisory Committee	HSR High Speed Rail
BIL Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	IJA Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
BTA Bicycle Transportation Account	IRRS Interregional Road System
CAAP California Aid to Airports Program	ITIP Interregional Transportation Improvement Plan
CAC California Administrative Code	JPA Joint Powers Agency
CALCOG – California Association of Councils of Governments	LAFCO Local Agency Formation Commission
CALTRANS - California Department of Transportation	LRT Light (duty) Rail Transit
CASP California Aviation System Plan	LTC Local Transportation Commission
CAA Clean Air Act (Federal)	LTF Local Transportation Fund
CCAA California Clean Air Act	MAP 21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century
CCASP Central California Aviation System Plan	MOU Memorandum of Understanding
CCR California Code of Regulations	MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization
CEQA California Environmental Quality Act	NHS National Highway System
CFPG California Federal Programming Group	NPIAS National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
CIP Capital Improvement Program	OWP Overall Work Program
CLUP Comprehensive Land Use Plan	PAC Policy Advisory Committee
CMAQ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program	PIP Public Involvement Procedures
CMP Congestion Management Program	PL Funds - Federal Planning Funds
CNG Compressed Natural Gas	PM-10 Particulate matter smaller than 10 microns
COG Council of Governments	PM-2.5 Particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns
CTC California Transportation Commission	PSR Project Study Report
CTIPS California Transportation Improvement Program System	PTIS Public Transportation Infrastructure Study
CTSA Consolidated Transportation Service Agency	PUC Public Utilities Code/Commission
DOT Department of Transportation	PPP Public Participation Plan
EIR Environmental Impact Report	RCR Route Concept Report
EIS Environmental Impact Statement	RFP Request for Proposals
EPA Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)	ROG Reactive Organic Gases
EPSP Expedited Project Selection Procedures	RTIP Regional Transportation Improvement Program
FAA Federal Aviation Administration	RTMF Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee
FAST Act – Fixing America’s Service Transportation Act	RTP Regional Transportation Plan
FAX Fresno Area Express	RTPA Regional Transportation Planning Agency
FCMA Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area	SB Senate Bill
FCRTA Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	SCS Sustainable Communities Strategy
FCTA - Fresno County Transportation Authority	SH State Highway
FHWA Federal Highway Administration	SHOPP State Highway Operation and Protection Plan
FRA Federal Railroad Administration	SIP State Implementation Plan
FSP Freeway Service Patrol	SJVAPCD - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
FSTIP Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement	SOV Single Occupant Vehicle
	SR State Route
	S RTP Short Range Transit Plan
	SSTAC Social Service Transportation Advisory Council
	STA State Transit Assistance

STIP State Transportation Improvement Program
STBG Surface Transportation Block Grant
STP Surface Transportation Program
TAC Technical Advisory Committee
TCM Transportation Control Measure
TDA Transportation Development Act
TDM Transportation Demand Management
TDP Transit Development Plan
TIP Transportation Improvement Programs

TMA Transportation Management Association
TOD Transit Oriented Development
TPA Transportation Planning Agency
TPC Transportation Policy Committee
TSM Transportation Systems Management
TTC Transportation Technical Committee
VMT Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC Volatile Organic Compound

Organization and Management

Overview

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is a consensus builder, developing acceptable programs and solutions to issues that do not respect political boundaries. Fresno COG is a voluntary association of local governments – one of California's 38 regional planning agencies and one of 500+ nationwide. In 1967, incorporated city and Fresno County elected officials established the agency, formalizing Fresno COG in 1969 through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA, included as Appendix M). Fresno COG undertakes comprehensive regional planning with a transportation emphasis, provides citizens an opportunity to be involved in the planning process and supplies technical service to its members.

Fresno COG's member agencies are:

City of Clovis	City of Mendota
City of Coalinga	City of Orange Cove
City of Firebaugh	City of Parlier
City of Fowler	City of Reedley
City of Fresno	City of San Joaquin
City of Huron	City of Sanger
City of Kerman	City of Selma
City of Kingsburg	County of Fresno

Fresno COG has a "double-weighted" voting system, which provides for an urban/rural balance as opposed to either area dominating. Each member has a percentage vote based on population. To approve any action the vote must pass two tests:

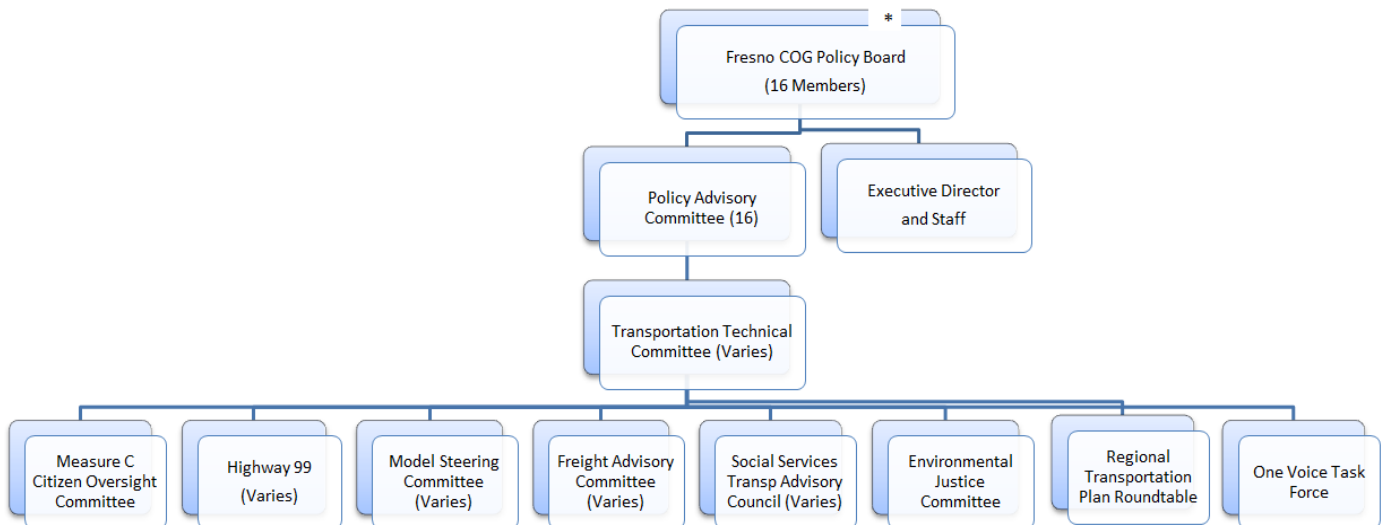
1. Agencies representing **over 40%** of the population must be in favor of an action, and
2. **A majority** of all the members must support the action; that is, nine of the 16 members.

Fresno COG is partially supported by contributed dues from its 16 members; however, the major revenue sources include federal and state grants. The agency has no taxing or legislative authority.

Organizational Chart

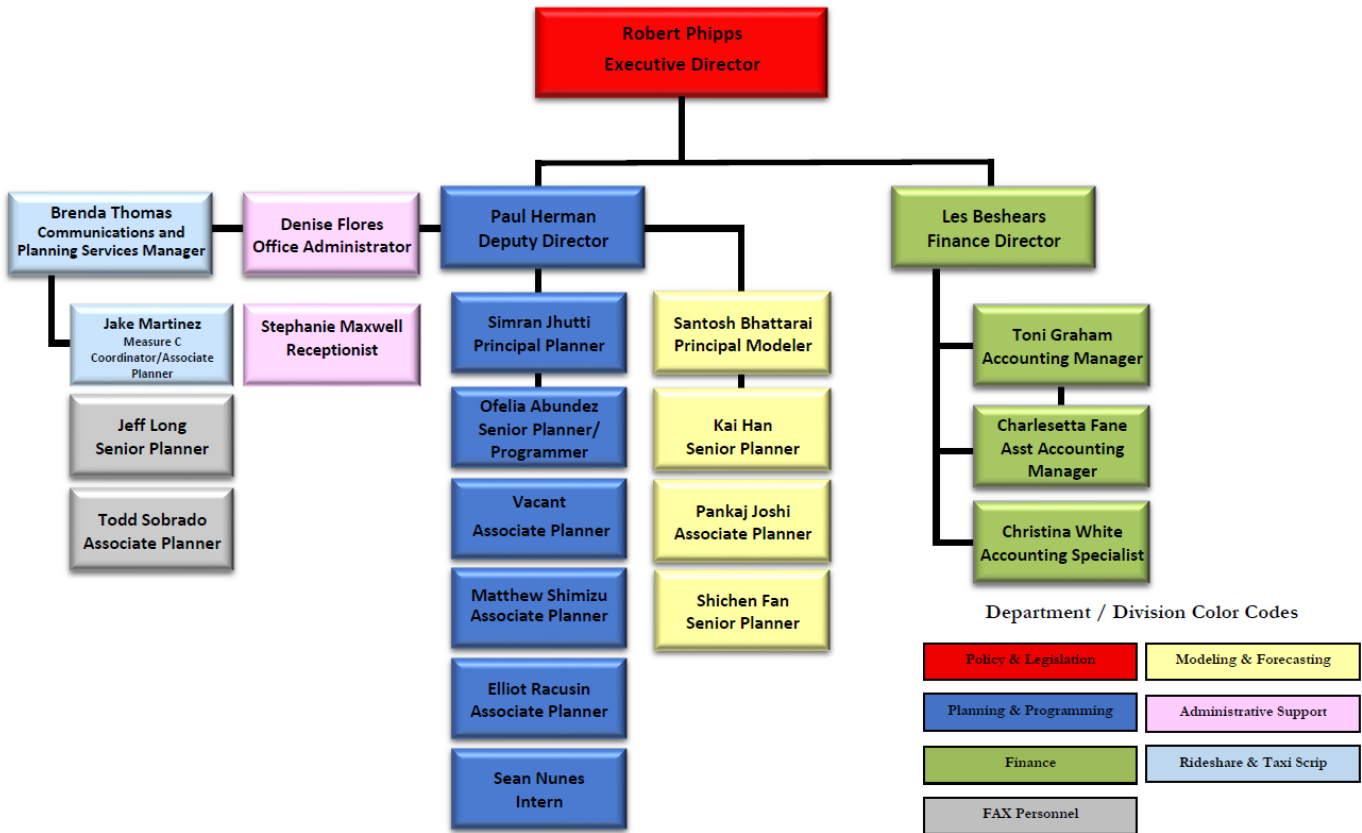
The adopted organizational structure is shown in Exhibit 1. Members are represented on the Policy Board by the mayors of each incorporated city and the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, or their designated alternates. The Policy Board governs the agency, setting policy and guiding work activities. The Board is assisted in its decision-making process by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), comprising each member agency's Chief Administrative Officer. The process is also assisted by expert staff from member agencies, citizen and interest groups, and other stakeholders.

Exhibit 1- Fresno Council of Governments Organization Chart



* Fresno County Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Agency

Exhibit 2 Fresno Council of Governments Staff Organizational Chart



emission budgets, and transportation control measures for SJVAPCD to include in State Implementation Plans (SIPs) for the San Joaquin Valley.

Eight-County Memorandum of Understanding

The eight San Joaquin Valley regional transportation planning agencies, along with the Air Pollution Control District and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, have executed a memorandum of understanding in response to requirements for a coordinated, comprehensive, regional transportation planning process contained in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This MOU was originally adopted in 1992 and provides for close coordination of planning activities where interregional issues are involved. Major efforts being coordinated include the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies, the Transportation Improvement Program, the transportation air quality conformity process, transportation control measures, Blueprint implementation efforts, transportation & land use modeling, legislative advocacy, goods movement and regional rail. Additional support activities as agreed upon by the COG Directors are also coordinated. The MOU establishes a strong working relationship among the eight Valley transportation planning agencies and satisfies federal requirements to have a cooperative agreement among agencies located within the federal air quality nonattainment area boundaries. This MOU was revised and adopted on Sept. 21, 2006.

The eight Valley MPOs are also charged with addressing AB 32 and SB 375 requirements regarding climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. Cooperative planning activities have been included in a Valleywide work plan. Those activities involving Fresno COG staff or resources are outlined in the OWP.

Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging

A long-standing memorandum of agreement between Fresno COG and the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging recognizes the individual responsibilities each agency has for developing various plans and programs and reviewing specified, federally assisted projects under state and federal mandates. Each agency agreed to a review-and-comment process relevant to all long-range planning activities and annual work programs. Under the MOU, actions by either agency will be consistent with the plans and policies of the other. It also includes specific assurances for close cooperation and coordination in reviewing federally assisted projects and information-sharing.

Transportation Policy Committee

Under a memorandum of understanding between Fresno COG and the California State Transportation Agency, Fresno COG established an Areawide Transportation Policy Committee for Fresno County. The Transportation Policy Committee comprises the mayor of each city in Fresno County, the chairman of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and a representative of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). One of the Committee's main functions is carrying out the continuing, comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning process for Fresno County.

Rationale for Defining the Region

Fresno COG is the State-designated Areawide Clearinghouse for Fresno County, and the State-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for complying with State and Federal transportation planning requirements. Institutionally, Fresno COG provides and is given overall direction for regional programs in the OWP and is responsible for administering all involved grant programs. Work undertaken by member governments or consultants is handled on a contract basis, subject to the approval of the specific funding agency involved. The Policy Board is responsible for all agreements and work completion, ensuring a regional approach to the comprehensive planning process within the OWP.

The scope of regional activities from MAP-21 and the FAST Act is carried out through provisions within the IJA/BIL Act. The eight San Joaquin Valley transportation planning agencies cooperate on issues of interregional (or intercounty) importance. The Overall Work Program contains tasks specifically related to satisfying requirements for coordinating the Regional Transportation Plan and program, conformity assessment, air quality analysis and planning, congestion management and transportation modeling.

Policymaking Process

Fresno COG's Policy Board, comprising mayors from each incorporated city and the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, or their designated representatives, makes policy decisions with assistance from the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), comprising

each member agency's chief administrative officer or a designated representative. Excepting urgency matters and appointments, all items must first be considered by the PAC before submission to the Policy Board.

The Policy Board and PAC are assisted in the decision-making process by member agency staff, citizen and interest group input, and various technical advisory committees including: the Transportation Technical Committee, Model Steering Committee, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, Transportation Reauthorization Subcommittee, Association for the Beautification of Highway 99, Environmental Justice Subcommittee, Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee, Freight Advisory Committee, and the Active Transportation Program Multi-Advisory Committee.

Fresno COG's decision-making process is further enhanced through member representative participation at the policy, administrative and technical levels. Through such participation and interaction, Fresno COG intends that its policies reflect member agencies' interests and regional concerns.

The scope of policymaking responsibilities includes the following:

- A. Evaluating and recommending alternative policies, plans and programs for responsible public agencies' consideration
- B. Acting as the Fresno County metropolitan planning organization for transportation
- C. Ensuring all programs and grants-in-aid under Executive Order 12372 are consistent with regional plans and programs
- D. Administering member agencies' Transportation Development Act (Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund) claims for transit, pedestrian and bikeway and road projects pursuant to the State Transportation Development Act
- E. Ensuring work required in the OWP is produced through Fresno COG's planning staff, other public agency staff or private consultants
- F. Maintaining appropriate financial and meeting records for the entire planning program
- G. Establishing representative advisory committees as needed to assist in preparing plans, programs and in project review
- H. Complying with congestion management process and air quality transportation conformity requirements

Coordination Statement

Fresno COG has developed several mechanisms to promote coordination, including diversified membership of the agency itself, its committees, exchanging work programs, joint data use, exchanging plans and other publications, contractual arrangements, informal day-to-day communication, and other means. MOUs among the eight valley transportation planning agencies and the Valley Air District form the framework for regular work sessions to coordinate and collaborate on a variety of issues. Government-to-government consultation with federally recognized tribes is an important aspect for planning and programming. Consultation is a process, not a single event. Through its tribal consultation plan, Fresno COG strives to keep open communication with tribes to facilitate better relationships and better reflect tribes' viewpoints and needs in regional planning documents and projects.

Public Participation

Public participation efforts center around providing information on activities, meetings, plans and reports, and seeking input on Fresno COG's planning activities. Work element 311 highlights the COG's desire and efforts to encourage more public participation during the transportation planning process, consistent with IJJA/BIL. This includes public participation during plan and program development as well as throughout the adoption process. Fresno COG's 2024 Public Participation Plan guides each phase of plan or program development.

Citizens are represented on the following committees:

- Airport Land Use Commission of Fresno County
- Transportation Technical Committee
- Association for the Beautification of Highway 99
- Congestion Management Process (CMP) Steering Committee
- Model Steering Committee
- Environmental Justice Subcommittee
- Social Service Transportation Advisory Council
- Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee
- Measure C Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Committee
- Measure C Transit-Oriented Development Scoring Committee

- Programming Subcommittee/Coordination Group
- Active Transportation Program Multi-Disciplinary Advisory Group
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Measure C New Technology Reserve Steering Committee
- Ag Mitigation Ad Hoc Committee
- Transportation Needs Assessment Committee
- Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable

The Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board consider all committee member viewpoints before making a final decision. Citizens are encouraged to participate in whatever capacity may be appropriate to their cause. All Transportation Technical Committee meetings, Policy Advisory Committee meetings and Policy Board meetings are open and transparent. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council holds an annual public hearing on unmet transit needs within the county. Matters of important public consequence, such as federal-aid programs, are announced to the public through email, websites, social media postings, and press releases when warranted. Official matters requiring public hearings also require legal notices and are followed up with mass emails and posting on Fresno COG's website and social media. Efforts to expand public participation include announcing plan and program development early and often during the planning process, as well as regular progress announcements, e.g. draft availability and public hearing opportunities.

Fresno COG also maintains ongoing consultation and coordination with federally recognized Native American tribes in Fresno County, offering representation on advisory committees. Tribal contacts are routinely apprised of Fresno COG board and committee meetings as well as community engagement opportunities. This includes Regional Transportation Plan and other significant planning committee meetings. Additionally, Fresno COG participated in the Central Valley Tribal Transportation Environmental Justice Collaborative Project that sought to increase communication with San Joaquin Valley tribes.

The "Coming Up at Fresno COG" e-newsletter addresses agency activities and opportunities, directing readers back to Fresno COG's websites for more information on current and pertinent topics.

Equal Opportunity Statement/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Fresno Council of Governments is an equal employment opportunity employer. This policy promotes a diverse workforce and an inclusive, open, work environment free from discrimination and harassment based on race, color, national origin, creed/religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, and disabled veteran, Vietnam era veteran, and marital status.

Furthermore, Fresno COG is subject to the California Fair Employment Practices Act, which provides for "the right and opportunity of all persons to seek, obtain, and hold employment without discrimination or abridgment on account of race, religious creed, color, national origin, or ancestry."

Fresno COG complies with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, and Part 26 related to disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) by maintaining a goal targeting eligible federal prime and sub-contract dollars to DBEs.

Staff

The OWP's work element section identifies the anticipated staffing required to accomplish each work element for Fresno COG, member governments, and consultants. Exhibit 2 on page 7 charts the current organization.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP programs capital improvement projects to implement the Regional Transportation Plan, following State and Federal regulations. TIP development is consistent with anticipated State and Federal fund estimates provided by the California Transportation Commission and, within reason, State funding priorities. TIP development is coordinated among the San Joaquin Valley transportation planning agencies as provided in the agencies' MOU.

TIP projects are assembled from overall recommendations contained in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan and a process established pursuant to federal guidelines, including activities related to the Civil Rights Act's Title IV. Projects will also be selected, as appropriate, from the required congestion management system analysis (CMS), the Regional Transportation Plan and the Measure "C" Expenditure Plan. The TIP process is undertaken through a joint committee process to ensure that it represents local

agency project needs and that the Policy Board approves the program. Public advisory committee representatives also review documentation to offer input.

Environmental Protection Statement

Fresno COG is committed to environmental planning within the comprehensive planning process. Plan or program-level environmental evaluation occurs in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), when federal funding is involved.

Historic Preservation

Fresno COG is committed to historic preservation and enhancement in the comprehensive planning process. If a proposed policy, plan or project impacts property in the National Register, an historic preservation assessment is prepared following rules and regulations in Section 600.66 of the Federal Register, Aug. 22, 1975.

Social, Economic and Environmental Effects

The 2011 Regional Transportation Plan update included a subsequent environmental impact report. The 2014, 2018 and 2022 RTPs included program-level environmental impact reports.

The RTP also includes a comprehensive environmental justice analysis examining social impacts for low-income, minority and other vulnerable communities. Fresno COG's Overall Work Program includes a work element dedicated to environmental justice.

Public Transportation Facilities for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities

Fresno COG has an adopted Assembly Bill 120 action plan that requires social services transportation programs' coordination and consolidation. This activity is also supported by the SB 826 implementation report for the Fresno Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) - a progress report required biennially, and an inventory update required quadrennially. Fresno COG also employs an FTA Section 5310 Program Management Plan.

Environmental Justice

The transportation needs of Fresno County environmental justice (EJ) populations have always been an important part of Fresno COG. In spring 2017, staff formed its Environmental Justice Advisory Committee to serve Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). This group has assisted Fresno COG staff in setting thresholds for EJ populations for the environmental justice report within each Regional Transportation Plan. The group also plays a role when Fresno COG staff, the TTC, the Policy Advisory Committee or the Fresno COG Policy Board request recommendations on items involving environmental justice populations. Fresno COG staff, with input from Fresno COG's Environmental Justice Task Force, developed the environmental justice report for the Fresno COG 2018 RTP. Staff completed the Fresno COG Title VI Plan update in spring 2019, which U.S. DOT approved in August 2019.

Energy Conservation

Since 1974 the agency has undertaken multiple studies to evaluate energy use and impacts to the Regional Transportation Plan. An energy contingency plan for Fresno Area Express is updated as needed.

Other Technical Activities

Existing Conditions of Travel, Transportation Facilities and Systems Management

The agency continues to undertake and sponsor work regarding travel conditions, transportation facilities and systems management, including an ongoing traffic monitoring program and transit ridership monitoring. This information provides a basis for short-range transportation systems management actions and to assist in calibrating transportation demand models that project anticipated travel demand based upon planned growth.

Important modifications to the system management concept within MAP-21 included an emphasis for MPOs to use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and planning that has carried forward into the FAST Act and now

the IJJA/BIL. This planning process involves intense coordination with Caltrans and transit agencies to meet three key Federal requirements – developing performance measure targets; integrating those measures into the planning process; and developing performance plans for safety, asset management (highway and transit), and congestion. Caltrans’ policy is to maintain the Bridge, Pavement, Intermodal Transportation Management System and Highway Safety management systems as in the past. Caltrans will continue to rely on periodic input from local agencies to complete the reporting process for this effort. Congestion Management Process activities are still mandated by federal regulation in transportation management areas (which includes Fresno), and COG has established procedures to comply with these regulations as described in Work Element 172.

The framework for evaluating alternative transportation systems management improvements.

Transportation systems management planning is considered in all short- and long-range plans. Modal connectivity is a standard consideration in the planning process because it enlarges the range of improvements that might meet the system’s needs. In addition, data collection from any management systems that might have been developed helps prioritize what types of improvements are most needed in an area for the funds available.

Projections for economic, demographic and land use activities for transportation planning

Fresno COG relies on its member agencies’ economic, demographic, and land use projections as the basis for transportation planning activity and participates with local agencies to assure that such projections are consistent. These projections are used for modeling anticipated travel demand. Fresno COG serves as the Census Data Center for Fresno County, which will help ensure continuity of countywide projections. A professional demographer/planner is on staff to direct this function.

Regional Transportation Plan refinement through special studies

Several special studies have been undertaken in the past, including corridor and small area studies related to streets and highways issues, goods movement, various special transit studies, aviation studies, non-motorized facilities studies, rail studies, etc. Such activity for the current year is identified within the OWP. In addition, several interrelated planning grant activities are underway within Fresno COG’s planning area as identified in the informational matrix.

The newly updated mode choice peak period model is the primary basis for ongoing transportation and air quality planning activities in Fresno County. The updated model provides a 2014 base year and can make traffic projections for every year to 2040 and beyond. The Fresno COG activity-based model is being developed to help analyze transportation decisions and their effect on air quality. It is part of Fresno COG’s long-range vision for transportation and air quality analysis.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

Planning Area

Fresno County is the second largest county in the San Joaquin Valley, encompassing approximately 6,000 square miles. With more than \$7 billion a year in commercial crop production, it is the nation's leading agricultural-producing county. The 2023 population of 1,011,499 places Fresno as the tenth most populous of the 58 California counties. There are 15 incorporated cities in Fresno County, along with three federally recognized Native American tribes. The county contains a 2020 Census-designated Urban Area (UA) with population greater than 200,000 -- the Fresno, CA Urban Area -- with a 2023 population of 724,547 (with approximately 1,000 residents located in Madera County). The county comprises four distinct geographic areas: the coastal range on the west, the San Joaquin Valley in the central portions, the Sierra Nevada foothills to the east of the valley, and the Sierra Nevada Mountains along the eastern boundary. Fresno County contains portions of the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, a portion of Kings Canyon National Park and provides major access to Sequoia National Park and Yosemite National Park.

Planning Designations and Responsibilities

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) was established to provide a coordinated approach to address multijurisdictional concerns such as transportation, housing, energy, and air quality. Its regional forum provides for the comprehensive planning and intergovernmental coordination necessary to deal with many complex issues.

Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)

Pursuant to State law, Fresno COG has been designated as the RTPA for the Fresno County regional area, and has the following responsibilities:

Plans & Programs

RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
TSME	Transportation Systems Management Element
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program (not a plan or program and is not state law)

Transportation Development Act Administrative Functions

Administrative Function	Period
TDA fund apportionment	Annual
TDA fund claims, make allocations	Monthly
TDA fiscal and compliance audits	Annual
Unmet Transit Needs finding	Annual
Transit productivity evaluation	Annual
TDA performance audits	Triennial

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Fresno COG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for Fresno County. Pursuant to this designation, the agency, in cooperation with the state, is responsible for implementing a continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive transportation planning process for Fresno County. The OWP is an integral element of this planning process.

The work program documents planning activities for the program year. It also identifies related planning responsibilities for participating member agencies as well as state, tribal, and federal agencies. The OWP is the programmatic framework of the regional planning process and provides the basis for state and federal funding support. It is developed in accordance with Caltrans' *Regional Planning Handbook*.

Areawide Planning Organization

Pursuant to federal law, Fresno COG is the designated Areawide Planning Organization for the Fresno County region requiring it to adopt related housing, land use and open space elements when appropriate.

Transportation Management Area

As an urbanized area with more than 200,000 residents, Fresno County has been designated as a federal Transportation Management Area (TMA). TMAs are required to develop and adopt a Congestion Management System that includes project selection and certification procedures. Fresno COG's Policy Board comprises local elected officials. These officials also sit as the governing board of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA), or as in the case of the City of Fresno, has administrative control over Fresno Area Express (FAX). Fresno COG sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee includes a Caltrans representative.

Measure C (1/2 cent sales tax) Planning Responsibilities

With the reauthorization of Measure C in 2006, Fresno COG is responsible for developing and maintaining the Strategic Implementation Plan in conjunction with its member agencies and Caltrans. The Fresno County Transportation Authority is responsible for expenditure plan's strategic implementation. Local sales tax proceeds, along with other federal, state and local funds, provide the revenue foundation for Measure C project delivery.

Local Clearinghouse

In accordance with Executive Order 12372, the state has designated Fresno COG as the Local Clearinghouse for the Fresno County region, with the responsibility to review and comment on local applications for state and federal funding assistance. The process is designed to provide an opportunity for inter-jurisdictional coordination of federal and federally assisted activities within regional areas.

Census Data Center

Fresno COG also serves as the Affiliate State Census Data Center for Fresno County. Staff respond to requests for Census information from member agencies and the public, including publicly disseminating census reports and announcements, as well as maintaining Census geography.

Fresno COG's website at www.fresnocog.org allows direct access to Census, housing, and economic information. Other information is maintained online as well, including a regional directory, agendas, and minutes.

Funding the Fresno COG Planning Program

Planning activities are funded through a variety of local, State, and Federal sources. General funding categories are outlined below. Specific fund commitment by source is detailed in the OWP work element descriptions and budget sections.

LOCAL

Member dues - Participating member agencies are annually assessed dues proportionate to their percentage of total county population. Since 1973, total dues revenue has been set at \$40,000, except for those years when the COG Policy Board chose to use a lobbyist.

Local Transportation Fund (LTF) - The LTF is derived from a quarter-cent of the retail sales tax collected within Fresno County. It is intended to support a balanced transportation system with emphasis on public transportation. The policy is to first fund all Transportation Development Act (TDA) administrative activities "off-the-top." Included are costs directly attributable to LTF administration and required annual fiscal and compliance audits on monies disbursed from the fund. The balance is available to member agencies and is apportioned based on proportionate population relative to total county population. Pursuant to state law, specific allocations are apportioned from each member's fund as follows:

- 1) Two percent is reserved for bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- 2) Five percent of the remaining balance is reserved for social service transportation purposes (Article 4.5)
- 3) Three percent of the remaining balance is reserved, per Council policy, for regional transportation planning work necessary to accomplish Overall Work Program activities.
- 4) The remaining balance is available to (1) meet transit needs and (2) street and road purposes after transit needs have been reasonably met.

Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) - In November 2006 Fresno County voters reauthorized a 20-year, half-cent sales tax for transportation projects within the county. Fresno COG is required to develop and adopt a Strategic Implementation Plan for the revenues. Fresno COG is allotted one-half percent of Measure C revenues for transportation planning and administrative activities.

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) - FCRTA contracts with Fresno COG for administrative and financial management services, as reflected in OWP work element 920.

Fees for outside services - Subject to Policy Board authorization, staff provides services (including but not limited to) management, planning, administration, public involvement, grant-in-aid) to other public agencies. Fresno COG is compensated for such services based on a negotiated fee equal to what is charged to any other grantor agency.

STATE

The State participates in specific planning projects that vary from year to year, as detailed in work element narratives and revenue tables in the appendices. Of particular note are multiple work elements leveraging SB 1 formula or discretionary grant planning funds.

Department of Housing and Community Development (Housing) - Fresno COG may submit estimates to the State Housing and Community Development Department for reimbursement of costs relative to Regional Housing Needs Assessment activities. WE 421 and WE 422 also reflect Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funds provided to Fresno COG as the fiscal agent for the San Joaquin Valley REAP program, as established by AB 101 (2019) and the REAP 2 program provided by the State budget process in 2021.

FEDERAL

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA PL) - FHWA allocates funds to support urban transportation planning activities based on area population.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA State Planning and Research - Partnership Planning Element) - FHWA allocates funds to jointly perform transportation planning studies with Caltrans that have a statewide benefit and/or multi-regional significance.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Fresno COG generally uses several sources of FTA funding:

- 1) **FTA section 5303** - supports urban transit planning activities
- 2) **FTA section 5304** - available to the state for discretionary rural transportation planning activities
- 3) **FTA section 5307** - available to Clovis Transit and Fresno Area Express (FAX) for program operation and capital purposes. FAX passes through a portion of these funds to Fresno COG for urban transit planning activities performed on FAX's behalf.
- 4) **FTA section 5310** - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. This program provides funding to local governments, private non-profit organizations, or public transit operators to support transportation services for the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA 105) - Fresno COG is party to a memorandum of understanding with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District with specific responsibility for air quality-related transportation planning activities within Fresno County. EPA funds air quality attainment planning activities through its 105 program, which Fresno COG uses when available.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

Fresno COG may apply for additional discretionary revenue sources to undertake activities identified within the OWP. Examples from previous years include requests to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for funds available through its AB 2766 process (fees collected on each vehicle registered in the Valley to finance a program focused on projects that reduce emissions).

Status of Comprehensive Planning Process

SUMMARY

Fresno COG has been active in regional planning since 1969 through the following activities:

- Transportation (highways, public transportation, rail, aviation, and non-motorized)
- Congestion management
- Regional land use
- Housing
- Air quality
- Environmental conservation
- Transportation demand measures
- Open space
- Seismic
- Water and sewer
- Technical assistance to members

Statutory planning responsibilities have narrowed to focus on regional transportation and housing planning. Fresno COG integrates long-range general planning and specific functional planning among the county, cities, and other agencies into a coordinated regional planning process. This planning process links regional policy formulation and implementation through participating member agencies. Major planning activities are more thoroughly discussed within this document's specific work elements.

Fresno COG, through a continuing process of analyzing interrelationships among land use patterns, related infrastructure, and transportation elements, responds to shifting public policy resulting from physical, social, economic, and environmental constraints.

The process considers both long-range and short-range solutions to regional issues. Long-range planning identifies regional needs at least 20 years into the future and initiates actions to address those needs (e.g., reserving needed rights-of-way through planning reservation or plan lining). Short-range plans evolve from the long-range plan and are more specifically oriented toward programming and construction. Financing major public improvements in accordance with short-range planning objectives continues to be a major concern. Fresno COG provides valuable technical assistance in the reauthorization process for Measure C sales tax collected for transportation purposes.

Fresno COG also maintains a socioeconomic database that provides detailed information about both existing and future urban development patterns. The database serves as one input to the Fresno County travel demand forecasting model and proves useful for analyzing other urban infrastructure requirements including sewer, open space, transit, and schools.

MPO Planning Certification Process

To maintain eligibility for federal funding Fresno COG must annually certify that it is complying with all stated federal rules and regulations in conformance with:

- 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 and 5323(l) as amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act legislation
- Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d))
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by California Under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, February 11, 1994
- Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments
- Section 1101(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 112-141) regarding disadvantaged business enterprises' involvement in FHWA- and the FTA-funded projects (FR Vol. 64 No. 21, 49 CFR part 26)
- The provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat 327, as amended) and the U.S. DOT implementing regulations (49 CFR 27, 37 and 38)

In support of this certification Fresno COG maintains on file the following documents:

- MPO designation letter
- Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan (current)
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (current)
- Unified/Overall Planning Work Program/OWP (current)
- Air Quality/RTP/TIP Conformity Report (current)
- Certification on Lobbying Restrictions (current)
- DBE goals, consistent with filed Title VI assurances (current)

Because the Fresno Urbanized Area is a Transportation Management Area, Fresno COG is subject to a joint review by FHWA and FTA every four years to determine if the planning process meets certification requirements. The most recent joint review was conducted in April 2021. On June 28, 2021, Fresno COG received notification of certification valid for four years.

PREVIOUS FINDINGS AND DISPOSITION

In its June 28, 2021 certification transmittal letter to Fresno COG, FHWA noted the following recommendations, corrective actions and requirements:

Review Area	Action	Corrective Action/Recommendation	Response/Progress/Resolution
Performance Based Planning and Programming (23 CFR 450.306)	Recommendation	The Review Team strongly encourages Fresno COG to remain engaged in the process as PM moves forward and to not “wait” in developing its approach to PM	Fresno COG continues to develop its Transportation Performance Measures in accordance with the State and subsequent MPO deadlines
Consultation and Coordination 23 U.S.C. 134(g) & (i) 23 CFR 450.316, 23 CFR 450.324(g)	Recommendation	FHWA will work with Fresno COG to obtain examples of good practice and get the Fresno COG process written and adopted before the next Certification Review.	Fresno COG should continue to improve the documentation of its consultation and coordination process. <u>Response:</u> Fresno COG has refined, reorganized and updated its contact database to improve documentation of its consultation and coordination process in addition to employing Web-based services such as Constant Contact and publicinput.com to track correspondence and outreach.
Nonmotorized Planning/Livability 23 U.S.C. 134(h) 23 U.S.C. 217(g) 23 CFR 450.306 23 CFR 450.3224f)(2)	Recommendation	Fresno COG has done an excellent job in engaging its planning partners in developing a strong nonmotorized element to its planning process. Fresno COG is encouraged to continue enhancing and expanding this planning effort.	Fresno COG meets the requirements for Nonmotorized Planning/ Livability
Unified Planning Work Program 23 CFR 450.308	Recommendation	Fresno COG should clearly document completion dates for the tasks associated with each work element	<u>Response:</u> Many if not most of Fresno COG’s work element tasks recur on a regular, monthly basis. The OWP includes parenthetical references to due dates for each task in the WE narratives and also a calendar table of tasks and timelines for each WE.
Metropolitan Transportation Plan 23 U.S.C. 134(c),(h)&(i) 23 CFR 450.324	Corrective Action	Fresno COG needs to ensure that all subsequent Regional Transportation Plans demonstrate fiscal constraint and accurately account for the total revenue anticipated for the metropolitan area.	

Transportation Improvement Program 23 U.S.C. 134(c)(h)& (j) 23 CFR 450.326	Corrective Action	Fresno COG must review its internal procedures, in coordination with Caltrans, and remove sub-allocation of CMAQ and STBG from their project programming and selection procedures.	<u>Response:</u> On Oct. 27, 2022, Fresno COG’s Policy Board approved Resolution 2022-41, which adopted new and revised CMAQ and STBG project selection procedures that prohibit suballocation of those funds and revised the program guidelines to reflect a competitive-only scoring process.
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The next review is scheduled for February 2025.

On March 11, 1988, the federal government published the “Common Rule” (49 CFR Part 18 - Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grant and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments). The “rule” governs such things as the accounting systems maintenance, records retention, property management, procurement, and contracts. Reference to 49 CFR Part 18 is included in every federal pass-through grant document that Fresno COG executes with the state.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ISSUES

Transportation Reauthorization Issues

On Nov. 15, 2021, the federal surface transportation and infrastructure bill *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA) of 2021, also known as the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL) was signed into law following its predecessors: *Fixing America's Surface Transportation* (FAST) Act; the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

SAFETEA-LU is the last act with current, approved metropolitan planning rules as described in 23 CFR part 450 and MAP-21 set the stage for performance-based planning. One of MAP-21's most significant reforms was establishing national goals and performance measures to create a streamlined, performance-based, and multimodal program that addresses the many challenges facing the U.S. transportation system. These challenges include improving safety; maintaining, operating, and rehabilitating current infrastructure conditions; reducing traffic congestion; improving system efficiency and freight movement; protecting the environment and reducing project delivery delays. The legislation directs USDOT to work with states and MPOs to develop performance measures related to pavement and bridge condition, safety, congestion, emissions, and freight. States are then directed to set performance targets for each of these measures. MAP-21 made significant changes to the federal transportation program and funds surface programs.

The following core formula programs make up the FAST Act's surface transportation program: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) – which includes a set-aside for Transportation Alternatives (TA), Recreational Trails Program, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program net of TA & Recreational Trails – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Railway-Highway Crossings, Metropolitan Planning, and the National Highway Freight Program.

Funding

The key problem facing all transportation modes is still the lack of available funding for system preservation, management, and expansion. State funding for local streets and roads continues to be at risk due to diminishing revenues in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). The "rate of return" has plagued reauthorizations for decades. With general fund revenues offsetting the HTF since 2008, all states are now receiving more back from the federal surface transportation program than the revenues going into the gas tax fund.

California's metropolitan planning organizations and regional transportation planning agencies strive to implement Regional Transportation Plans and Sustainable Communities Strategies but continue to face challenges when trying to identify strategies for long-term, sustainable, and reliable funding solutions. While California's SB 1, enacted in 2017, partially addresses the funding shortfall for state and local infrastructure maintenance, it does little for system expansion.

Travel Demand and Air Quality

The Federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 placed tough new requirements on the sources and causes of air pollution in areas that fail to meet national ambient air quality standards, such as the San Joaquin Valley air basin. The amendments require substantial reductions from all sources of air pollution, including transportation, and establish a strengthened transportation conformity requirement to ensure that these reductions are achieved. The term "air quality transportation conformity" refers to the *process* whereby transportation plans, programs and projects are shown to conform to Clean Air Act Amendment requirements and applicable State Implementation Plans (SIPs).

Consistent with federal direction for a coordinated approach to dealing with these pollutants, the San Joaquin Valley metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) have engaged a MOU as discussed in the "Organization and Management" chapter under the "Cooperative Agreements" section. The eight Valley MPOs also participate in an MOU with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Fresno COG staff helps coordinate valley traffic modeling activities relative to air quality requirements and helps provide consistent application of California Air Resources Board's EMFAC air quality model within the San Joaquin Valley, including participating in periodic updates.

The San Joaquin Valley MPOs are also committed to strategic planning for traffic and air quality modeling activities to support continued plan and program development.

The most significant vehicle emission reductions are achieved through California's motor vehicle control program. Accordingly, state and federal agencies must continue to help implement control strategies to achieve those reductions. State and federal agencies will likely also play a strong role in providing incentive funding for enhanced infrastructure to support zero- and near-zero emissions technologies.

Livable Communities and Transit-Oriented Development

Transportation influences where people live, work, and do business. Federal transportation legislation recognizes that transportation decisions have an enormous impact on air, water, and land use patterns, which sets the stage for the recent focus by federal agencies on livable communities. The Livable Communities Initiative seeks to improve mobility and the quality of life by:

- Strengthening the link between transit and community planning
- Promoting public participation in the planning process
- Increasing access to employment through high-quality transit services

This initiative also promotes walkable communities that provide residents options for mobility beyond the automobile. Walking and bicycle trails encourage an active living that, in turn, protects against such health-related issues as obesity and diabetes -- diseases associated with a sedentary lifestyle.

To improve community mobility and quality of life, transportation plans should coordinate transit planning with community development planning. Livable communities are those in which housing, schools, parks, and convenient transit services are within easy walking distance. Transit services should link residents with employment and shopping opportunities. Livable communities will evolve from a combination of careful land-use decisions and well-developed design guidelines. Both land use and transportation planning must consider alternatives to automobiles. Such alternatives as walking, transit and bicycling should be built into the community planning process. Mixed-use neighborhoods are another mechanism for establishing livable communities.

Under AB 32, SB 375 and SB 743, California's 18 MPOs are required to address climate change issues through integrated transportation and land-use planning. The MPOs are required to develop Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) in their regional transportation plans. Land use and transportation strategies applied in the SCS include compact development, mixed uses, allocating more growth along major transportation corridors, investment in public transit and active transportation, etc. In addition to meeting CARB's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, the SCS is intended to also achieve other co-benefits such as social equity, farmland preservation, improved air quality and public health, affordable housing, and more transportation options, etc.

Capacity Problems/Corridor Needs

While Measure C local sales tax dollars are helping build needed major facilities, many local streets will experience serious future capacity problems. Fresno COG proposes to identify the magnitude and urgency of these problems. Demand for an east-west travel corridor in the northern portion of the FCMA and southern portion of Madera County remains a major unresolved issue that involves a new river crossing between the two counties. Fresno COG will continue to study potential solutions and encourage discussions between the jurisdictions. North/south circulation in the FCMA north of McKinley also needs to be analyzed to better define improvements in the SR 168 corridor.

Using Fresno COG's transportation model, local agency staff will continue to identify capacity constraint problems associated with the circulation system. Issues include whether local general plan circulation elements will provide for street and highway development and other modal capacity sufficient to accommodate future mobility needs; what service levels would be associated with future development; and how improvements might be phased.

Fresno COG will continue to work with the cities of Fresno and Clovis and the County to assure that all transportation control measures, such as signal synchronization and computer traffic control systems, as contained within the CMAQ program, are implemented. An FTA grant-funded Intelligent Transportation System Strategic Deployment Plan update was completed in May 2015. A Valleywide ITS plan consistent with the Fresno County plan was completed in 2001.

Local Maintenance, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and New Construction

Although Fresno COG's focus has often been FCMA transportation planning, Fresno County and the 13 rural cities also contribute funding toward the transportation planning process. Fresno COG will continue to program work activity that assists in developing rural area street systems. The traffic model has been expanded to incorporate a countywide system and refined to allow analysis within rural cities. Rural mobility and connectivity are of extreme concern due to agriculture being the San Joaquin Valley's economic base. Agriculture depends on moving goods from farm to market. This involves an extensive network of local, regional, and state roadways that require ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation. An ongoing review and analysis of inconsistencies among the City of Fresno, City of Clovis and Fresno County circulation elements continues.

Public and Social Service Transportation

State and federal policy both seek improved public transit operations performance and safety. In past years, Fresno COG has annually evaluated individual transit lines and subsystems' performance based on accepted productivity measures. This information comprises the transit productivity evaluation for the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTTP) updates and will continue to be developed.

Rural transit service focuses on five main issues:

1. Continuing adequate common carrier service
2. Reciprocal fare/transfer programs among rural and metropolitan area services
3. Service to rural residents who live outside city service area boundaries
4. Maintaining adequate and stable funding for additional transportation improvements
5. Maintaining uniform fare throughout rural system

FTA has mandated transit operators to provide better justification of transit services and facilities based on financial capacity. With limited resources and the need to maintain high productivity, public transit operators have focused on developing efficient transit operations and prudent capital programs. Long-term financial strategies are necessary to ensure both long-range and short-range transit plans are justified and to avoid service deterioration. These efforts will continue to be an integral part of the transit planning process.

Aviation

Fresno County's airports play a vital role in achieving a fully functional and integrated air service and airport system complementary to the regional transportation system.

Airports and surrounding land use compatibility is a continuing issue. Local agencies must maintain diligence in the areas surrounding the airports to avoid noise and safety hazard conflicts with incompatible uses. Fresno COG provides land use oversight in and around airports through the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), which is responsible for conducting airport compatibility land use determinations and relevant planning activities.

Rail

Of particular importance to the Fresno region on an ongoing basis is California's high-speed rail project. Fresno COG will devote considerable staff time and resources to the many different high-speed rail issues. These issues include planning for a maintenance facility in Fresno or its vicinity and other economic opportunities associated with the high-speed rail project; station-area planning and design; eminent domain; and numerous jurisdictional, financial, environmental, and social equity issues.

Other passenger rail-related planning efforts include such considerations as:

1. Additional funding for grade separation projects
2. Additional intercity train service for the San Joaquin route.
3. Obtaining abandoned railways through Fresno County for future local transportation purposes.
4. Long-range planning and corridor preservation for future commuter, light rail or other mass transit uses in Fresno County.
5. Expanding train service to Sacramento.

PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS & METROPOLITAN PLANNING FACTORS

FTA/FHWA Planning Emphasis Areas

Planning emphasis areas (PEAs) are policy, procedural and technical topics that federal planning fund recipients must consider when preparing work programs for metropolitan and statewide planning and research assistance programs. For 2022-23, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) California Division, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IX, and Caltrans' Planning Division have issued the following PEAs and planning factors for the Overall Work Program:

Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future

FHWA division and FTA regional offices should work with State departments of transportation (State DOTs), MPOs, and public transportation providers to ensure that transportation plans and infrastructure investments help achieve the national greenhouse gas reduction goals of 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, net-zero emissions by 2050, and increase resilience to extreme weather events and other disasters resulting from climate change. Appropriate OWP work tasks could include identifying the barriers to and opportunities for deployment of fueling and charging infrastructure; evaluating opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips and increasing access to public transportation, shift to lower emission modes of transportation; and identifying transportation system vulnerabilities to climate change impacts and evaluating potential solutions.

Equity and Justice40 in Transportation Planning

FHWA and FTA encourage strategies that: (1) improve infrastructure for non-motorized travel, public transportation access, and increased public transportation service in underserved communities; (2) plan for the safety of all road users, particularly those on arterials, through infrastructure improvements and advanced speed management; (3) reduce single-occupancy vehicle travel and associated air pollution in communities near high-volume corridors; (4) offer reduced public transportation fares as appropriate; (5) target demand-response service toward communities with higher concentrations of older adults and those with poor access to essential services; and (6) consider equitable and sustainable practices while developing transit-oriented development including affordable housing strategies and consideration of environmental justice populations.

Executive Order 13985 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities) defines “equity” as the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons; Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. The term “underserved communities” refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the preceding definition of “equity.” In addition, Executive Order 14008 and M-21-28 provides a whole-of-government approach to advancing environmental justice by stating that 40 percent of Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs, and public transportation providers to review current and new regional transportation plans to advance Federal investments to disadvantaged communities.

To accomplish both initiatives, our joint planning processes should support State and MPO goals for economic opportunity in disadvantaged communities that have been historically marginalized and overburdened by pollution and underinvestment in housing, transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure, recreation, and health care.

Complete Streets

A complete street is safe, and feels safe, for everyone using the street. FHWA and FTA seek to help Federal aid recipients plan, develop, and operate streets and networks that prioritize safety, comfort, and access to destinations for people who use the street network, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micro-mobility users, freight delivery services, and motorists. The goal is to provide an equitable and safe transportation network for travelers of all ages and abilities, including those from marginalized communities facing historic disinvestment. This vision is not achieved through a one-size-fits-all solution – each complete street is unique and developed to best serve its community context and its primary role in the network.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 2019 data, 62 percent of motor vehicle crashes that resulted in pedestrian fatalities took place on arterials. Arterials tend to be designed for vehicle movement rather than mobility for non-motorized users, and often lack convenient and safe crossing opportunities. They can function as barriers to a safe network for road users outside of vehicles.

To be considered complete, these roads should include safe pedestrian facilities, safe transit stops (if present), and safe crossing opportunities on an interval necessary for accessing destinations. A safe and complete network for bicycles can also be achieved through a safe and comfortable bicycle facility located on the roadway, adjacent to the road, or on a nearby parallel corridor. Jurisdictions will be encouraged to prioritize safety improvements and speed management on arterials that are essential to creating complete travel networks for those without access to single-occupancy vehicles.

Public Involvement

Early, effective, and continuous public involvement brings diverse viewpoints into the decision-making process. FHWA division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs, State DOTs, and public transportation providers to increase meaningful public involvement in transportation planning by integrating virtual public involvement (VPI) tools into the overall approach while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices. VPI broadens information to the public and makes participation more convenient and affordable. Virtual tools provide increased transparency and access to transportation planning activities and decision-making processes. Many virtual tools also provide information in visual and interactive formats that enhance public and stakeholder understanding of proposed plans, programs, and projects. Increasing participation earlier in the process can reduce project delays and lower staff time and costs.

Strategic Highway Network (SHRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination

According to the Declaration of Policy in 23 U.S.C. 101(b)(1), it is in the national interest to accelerate construction of the Federal-aid highway system, including the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, because many of the highways (or portions of the highways) are inadequate to meet the needs of national and civil defense. The DOD's facilities include military bases, ports, and depots. The road networks that provide access and connections to these facilities are essential to national security. The 64,200-mile STRAHNET system consists of public highways that provide access, continuity, and emergency transportation of personnel and equipment in times of peace and war. It includes the entire 48,482 miles of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and 14,000 miles of other non-Interstate public highways on the National Highway System. The STRAHNET also contains approximately 1,800 miles of connector routes linking more than 200 military installations and ports to the primary highway system. The DOD's facilities are also often major employers in a region, generating substantial volumes of commuter and freight traffic on the transportation network and around entry points to the military facilities. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the STRAHNET maps and recent Power Project Platform (PPP) studies. These can be a useful resource in the State and MPO areas covered by these route analyses.

Federal Land Management Agency (FMLA) Coordination

Through joint coordination, the State DOTs, MPOs, tribal governments, FLMAs, and local agencies should focus on integrating their transportation planning activities and developing cross-cutting State and MPO long-range transportation plans, programs, and corridor studies, as well as the Office of Federal Lands Highway's developed transportation plans and programs. Agencies should explore opportunities to leverage transportation funding to support FLMAs' access and transportation needs before transportation projects are programmed in the TIP and STIP. Each State must consider FLMAs' concerns over land within the boundaries of the State (23 CFR 450.208(a)(3)). MPOs must appropriately involve FLMAs in developing the regional transportation plan and the TIP (23 CFR 450.316(d)). Additionally, the Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Lands Transportation Program, and the Federal Lands Access Program TIPs must be included in the STIP, directly or by reference, after FHWA approval in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 201(c) (23 CFR 450.218(e)).

Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)

PEL is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. PEL leads to interagency relationship building among planning, resource, and regulatory agencies in the early stages of planning to inform and improve project delivery timeframes, including minimizing duplication and creating one cohesive flow of information. This results in transportation programs and projects that serve the community's transportation needs more effectively while avoiding and minimizing the impacts on human and natural resources.

Data in Transportation Planning

To address the emerging topic areas of data sharing, needs, and analytics, FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public transportation to incorporate data sharing and consideration into the transportation planning process, because data assets have value across multiple programs. Data sharing principles and data management can be used for a variety of issues, such as freight, bike and pedestrian planning, equity analyses, managing curb space, performance management, travel time reliability, connected and autonomous vehicles, mobility services, and safety. Developing and advancing data sharing principles allows for efficient use of resources and improved policy and decision-making at the State, MPO, regional, and local levels for all parties.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Implementation

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) continues all metropolitan planning requirements in effect under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, including the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes, consultation with other planning officials and requirements for enhanced performance goals, measures, and targets to be identified as part of the transportation improvement and project selection process. The BIL includes the following in the metropolitan planning process: improving transportation system resiliency and reliability; reducing (or mitigating) surface transportation storm water impacts; and enhancing travel and tourism. [23 U.S.C. 134(h)(1)(I) & (J)].

Fresno COG integrated new performance goals, state, and regional standards into its continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process and in the Regional Transportation Plan. Fresno COG will continue to establish and implement performance measures as part of the transportation planning and programming process, in cooperation with the State, FHWA, FTA and other MPOs. USDOT has carried forward its federal performance measures into the BIL. Fresno COG works closely with Caltrans, its Policy Board, and local stakeholders on meeting performance targets, as well as other necessary and appropriate program efforts.

Work Element	BIL Implementation
110 Regional Streets & Highways Planning	X
111 Regional Transportation Modeling	X
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	X
114 Fresno County Intelligent Transportation System Architecture	X
115 Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program	X
117 Golden State Corridor Study	
120 Regional Public Transportation Planning	X
121 Federal Transportation Administration Direct Grants	X
122 Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study	X
131 Access for All	X
141 Pavement Management System	X
150 Other Modes - Aviation and Rail, Bicycle and Pedestrian	X
152 High-Speed Rail Planning	X
153 Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission	X
155 Fresno County Regional Rail	X
156 Safe Routes to School	X
163 Freight Movement and Planning	X
170 Regional Transportation Plan	X
171 Transportation Performance Management	X
172 Congestion Management Process (CMP)	X
173 Regional VMT Mitigation Program Study	X
175 California Inland Port Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demo. Program Phase 5	X
178 Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Managed Lane Study	X
179 Complete Streets Planning	X
180 Air Quality Transportation Planning	X
181 Climate Action Plan	X
182 Extreme Heat	X
210 Measure C Reauthorization Implementation	
211 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee	
212 Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Programs	X
214 Measure C ADA/Seniors/Paratransit/Senior Scrip Program	X
215 Measure C Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program	X

220 Transportation Program Development	X
310 Intergovernmental Coordination	X
311 Public Information and Participation	X
313 Environmental Justice Activities	X
320 Technical Assistance	X
350 Fresno Regional Data Center	X
360 One Voice and Valley Voice Advocacy	
420 Fresno Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan/Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element	
422 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0	
820 Valley Coordination Activities	X
910 Fresno COG Administration	
911 Overall Work Program & Budget Development	
912 Local Transportation Fund Administration	X
913 SB 125 Formula TIRCP & ZETCP Administration	
920 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration	X
930 Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration	X
940 Freeway Service Patrol	X

Elements of the transportation planning process - MPO planning factors

In addition to PEAs, MAP-21 issued (Section 134(h)) federal planning factors that emphasize transportation planning considerations from a national perspective. In MAP-21, the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes are continued and enhanced to incorporate performance goals, measures, and targets into project selection. The MAP-21 national performance goals include:

1. Safety—To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
2. Infrastructure condition—To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair
3. Congestion reduction—To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System (NHS).
4. System reliability—To improve surface transportation system efficiency
5. Freight movement and economic vitality—To improve the national freight network, strengthen rural communities’ ability to access national and international trade markets and support regional economic development
6. Environmental sustainability—To improve the transportation system’s performance while protecting and enhancing the natural environment
7. Reduced project delivery delays—To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies’ work practices

The eight planning factors (for both metro and statewide planning) are as follows:

1. Support metropolitan areas’ economic vitality, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
2. Increase transportation system safety for motorized and non-motorized users
3. Increase transportation system security for motorized and non-motorized users
4. Increase accessibility and mobility for people and freight
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency among transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns
6. Enhance the transportation system’s integration and connectivity across and among modes, people and freight
7. Promote efficient system management and operation
8. Emphasize preserving the existing transportation system

The FAST Act added the following for consideration:

1. Improve the system’s resiliency and reliability and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.
2. Enhance travel and tourism.

Fresno COG, as the regional MPO, intends to continue integrating these principles throughout the transportation planning process. MAP-21 and the FAST Act provide an array of provisions designed to increase innovation and improve efficiency, effectiveness, and

accountability in the planning, design, engineering, construction, and financing of transportation projects. The metropolitan planning rules state that the planning process shall be continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive, and provide for consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will address the planning factors. The matrix below illustrates how the MAP-21 and FAST Act Planning Factors are addressed across work elements in the OWP.

Metropolitan Planning Factors

FAST ACT Factors	Support Economic Activities	Safety for Users	Security for Users	Accessibility/Mobility for People & Freight	Environment/Energy Cons./Quality of Life	Connectivity of System Between Modes	Efficient System Management and Operation	Preserve Existing System	Improve the resiliency and reliability of the system	Reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface	Enhance travel and tourism
110 Regional Streets & Highways Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
111 Regional Transportation Modeling	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
114 Fresno Co. Intelligent Transp. System Arch.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
115 Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
117 Golden State Corridor Study	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■
120 Regional Public Transportation Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
121 Federal Transit Administration Direct Grants	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
122 Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
131 Access for All	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				■
141 Pavement Management System	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
150 Other Modes – Aviation, Rail, Bicycle and Ped.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
152 High Speed Rail Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				■
153 Fresno Co. Airport Land Use Commission	■	■		■	■	■	■				■
155 Fresno County Regional Rail Feasibility Study	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
156 Safe Routes to Schools	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
163 Freight Movement and Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
167 Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
170 Regional Transportation Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
171 Transportation Performance Mgmt.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
172 Congestion Management Process (CMP)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
173 Regional VMT Mitigation Program Study	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
175 California Inland Port Accelerators Project Phase 5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
178 Fresno-Clovis Metro. Area Managed Lane Study	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
179 Complete Streets Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180 Air Quality Transportation Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
181 Climate Action Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
182 Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
210 Meas. C Reauthorization Implementation	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
211 Meas. C. Citizen Oversight Committee	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
212 Meas. C Carpool/Vanpool Coordination	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
214 Meas. C ADA/Senior/Paratransit/Senior Scrip	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
215 Meas. C Agriculture Worker Vanpool Program	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
220 Transportation Program Development	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310 Intergovernmental Coordination	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
311 Public Information and Participation	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
313 Environmental Justice Activities	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	
320 Technical Assistance for Member Agencies	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■
350 Fresno Regional Data Center	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■
360 One Voice/Valley Voice Advocacy	■			■	■	■	■	■			
420 Fresno Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan/Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element	■				■						
422 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0	■				■						
820 Valley Coordination Activities	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
910 Fresno COG Administration	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
911 Overall Work Program & Budget Development	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
912 Local Trans. Fund Administration	■		■	■	■	■	■	■			

913 SB 125 Formula TIRCP & ZETCP Admin.	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■
920 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Admin.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
930 Fresno County Transportation Authority Admin.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
940 Freeway Service Patrol		■		■	■		■	■			

Core MPO Planning Functions

FHWA and FTA advise all MPOs to explicitly identify core MPO planning functions in their Overall Work Programs (OWP). The work elements and tasks must provide sufficient detail (i.e., activity description, expected products, schedule, cost, etc.) to explain the work being accomplished during the program year. Further, the OWPs must clearly state how all activities and products mandated by the metropolitan transportation planning regulations in 23 CFR 450 conform to FHWA and FTA combined planning grant funding available to the region. (See 23 CFR 420.111 for documentation requirements for FHWA planning funds).

The core functions can be found in 23 CFR 450, Subpart C, and typically include:

- Overall Work Program development and updating
- Public participation and education
- Updating and implementing the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
- Annual project listing
- Amendments to the RTP and Federal Transportation Improvement Program
- Air quality conformity analysis
- Awarding, programming, and monitoring of federal, state, and regional transportation funds
- Support for timely project delivery
- Data and technical planning assistance for local jurisdictions and agencies
- Regional transportation modeling, analysis, and monitoring
- Congestion management process (required for TMAs)

2024-25 Overall Work Program Planning Priorities

In 2024-25, Fresno COG will continue emphasizing multi-modal solutions to address surface transportation issues within the region. Particular emphasis areas will include:

- Beginning work on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, including continued improvements and calibration to Fresno COG’s activity-based model
- Public participation surveys/workshops/webinars and other means to support RTP/SCS development
- Tribal outreach and environmental justice committee meetings to ensure participation in regional transportation planning efforts from underserved communities
- Air quality conformity modeling of proposed RTP projects
- Further study of regional vehicle miles traveled (VMT) mitigation structures, such as a mitigation bank, with a goal of adopting a measure either regionally or on an individual jurisdictional basis
- A regional rail study examining viability for passenger rail from outlying, rural communities into the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area
- A site-selection study/process for TradePort California, central San Joaquin Valley location, including potential a site in either Tulare, Fresno or Madera County
- An update to the regional pavement management system, particularly for the region’s smaller, rural jurisdictions to help ensure state-of-good-repair conditions.
- A regional mobility hub feasibility study to determine the potential for multi-modal connection points that would enhance the public transit experience, particularly in the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area.
- A climate resiliency plan to determine Fresno County’s most climate-vulnerable infrastructure needs and develop new projects to mitigate and adapt to the changing climate.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK ELEMENTS

110 Regional Streets and Highways Planning

Objective

To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Discussion

Fresno COG has maintained an extensive program comprised of the streets and highways planning since 1970. In concert with modeling activities (WE 111) the transportation planning function has delivered a variety of planning analyses, studies, and reports.

Types of planning activities may include, but are not limited to: identifying transportation corridors for which future projects may be needed in relation to land use development/population growth; identifying routes with high through-truck or high recreational usage that have an impact on local circulation; identifying and addressing the unique needs of non-metropolitan areas and their additional need for connectivity with the metropolitan area; analyzing existing and potential revenue sources; goods movement analysis; and integrating streets and highway projects with their intermodal partners (rail, air, bus, park & ride, etc.).

Fresno COG uses the major investment analysis methodology to conduct corridor and subarea studies. Specifically, when federal funds are involved, these studies are undertaken in a cooperative manner to identify both the design concept and scope of investment of any proposed project. Fresno COG emphasizes inclusive, cooperative, regional planning and consultation with local officials and the public in both the urban and non-metropolitan areas.

The studies will evaluate the value and cost-effectiveness of alternative investments or strategies, keeping local, state, and national goals and objectives in mind and will include costs of reasonable alternatives and such factors as mobility improvements; social, economic, and environmental effects; safety; operating efficiencies; land use and economic development; financing; and long term operational/maintenance costs.

Previous work

East Side Corridor Study

The Fresno Region Eastside Corridor Study established future transportation needs for the eastern portion of Fresno County, focusing primarily on the major north-south/east west transportation corridors (Academy Avenue/Manning Avenue) that service the study area. This planning study will identify transportation projects that will likely serve as potential candidate projects for Measure C III.

Blackstone/Shaw Activity Center Project

Completed in 2020, The Blackstone/Shaw Activity Center Project brought together community members, business and property owners, and local agency leaders to collectively inform and help shape design concepts to implement complete streets improvements that will increase the effective range of public transit and serve the needs of all roadway users, particularly pedestrians. The Blackstone/Shaw-Activity Center study evaluated mobility and access along a 0.75-mile segment of Blackstone Avenue from Barstow Avenue to Santa Ana Avenue and along a one-mile segment of Shaw Avenue from Maroa Avenue to Fresno Street. An extensive traffic impact study evaluated how additional traffic signals and development would affect level of service and queuing.

Mendocino (18th Ave)/State Route 99 Interchange & Mountain View/State Route 99 Interchange Safety and Capacity Study

This feasibility study provided Fresno COG, Tulare County Association of Governments, the City of Kingsburg, and the City of Selma near-term, midterm, and long-term improvement alternatives for addressing safety and operational deficiencies at the State Route SR99/Mountain View and SR99/Mendocino (18th) Avenue interchanges.

State Route 198 (SR 198) Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan

Fresno COG was a partnering agency along with Tulare County Association of Governments and Kings County Associated Governments in the State Route 198 (SR 198) Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan. The study evaluated the corridor’s safety and efficacy and established a set of performance measures to prioritize a list of recommended projects for incremental improvements. This Plan was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board in March 2016.

Transportation planning activities have focused primarily on problems related to major project delivery through Measure C. There is an ongoing effort to resolve circulation element inconsistencies that exist or develop within the plans of local agencies.

Products

1. Transportation corridor studies (ongoing)
2. Special transportation planning studies (ex: Operational Deficiencies and Highway/Local Road Interfaces, etc.) (ongoing)

Tasks

- 110.01 Study and evaluate possible corridors to support higher density mixed-use transit-oriented development (as needed)
- 110.02 Conduct special transportation planning studies (as needed)

110 Regional Streets and Highways Planning															
Task Description	COG	CONSULT	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
110.01 Study & evaluate possible TOD corridors	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
110.02 Special transportation planning studies	■		70	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

110 Regional Streets & Roads

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	976	7,625	6,818	6,818
Benefits	329	2,164	1,965	1,965
Overhead	836	8,453	6,713	6,713
Total Staff Costs	2,141	18,242	15,496	15,496
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs		0	0	0
TOTAL	2,141	18,242	15,496	15,496

111 Regional Transportation Modeling

Objective

To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements. To make the Fresno COG's Activity Based Model (ABM) robust and up to date.

Discussion

Fresno COG has maintained an extensive modeling program since 1970. Of continuing concern are state and federal requirements addressing the traffic model's use for air quality analysis, Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) development, SB 743 implementation and VMT Mitigation Plan.

The traffic model has become the key tool to measure greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction for various land-use and transportation strategies. Fresno COG has successfully transitioned from the four-step travel model to activity-based model (ABM), which has been applied in Fresno COG's planning activities since early 2019. ABMs track individual and household characteristics throughout the day; trips are part of a larger tour, and all trips are linked. ABMs are more sensitive to pricing, time, policies, and demographic characteristics such as household income. This allows for greater spatial and temporal details to better understand the impact of a built environment and accessibility on travel demand. Fresno COG made a significant investment in 2016/17 to update the travel model to ABM so that issues such as social equity, pricing and bike & pedestrian trip assignment can be better explored with the finer-grained, behavior-based model. The COG staff also runs the latest EMFAC emissions model in support of transportation conformity and GHG quantification. Fresno COG completed the base year update of its travel demand model ABM with the help of consultant, RSG in October 2024. The base year was updated from 2014 to 2019, and some new model enhancements (telecommute, managed lanes, truck restrictions) were incorporated.

Fresno COG helps coordinate valleywide modeling activities and participates in the SJV Model Users Group. Fresno COG also led the Central California Travel Survey (CCTS), collecting household travel diaries that can be used in the ABM's calibration and validation.

Fresno COG staff used Future Growth, the land use model developed in-house to test various land use scenarios for SB 375 target setting and SCS development. The REMI economic model was added to the modeling suite to test land-use and transportation strategies against future economic and other environmental assumptions.

In addition, Fresno COG adopted an Integrated Transport and Health Impacts Model (ITHIM) to estimate the health benefits from active transportation in Fresno County. The ITHIM model evaluates the health-related benefits of different transportation/land use scenarios based on the reduced number of vehicle miles traveled and increase in biking and walking activities. The ITHIM model was applied in the 2018 & 2022 RTP/SCS process and is an important tool for integrating public health with transportation planning.

Previous work

The Fresno COG ABM development was completed in early 2019 and tested for conformity and SB 375 compatibility. The ABM future-year 2035 was fine-tuned with the new growth and development, along with bike and pedestrian projects in the model's highway network.

The base year of the travel demand model ABM was updated from 2014 to 2019 in October 2024 to meet the conformity requirements for the upcoming cycle. During the initial testing of the model, it was found that the transit boardings validation for base as well as the new scenarios is a little off. The work from home and telecommute results for the base year 2019 were also different than what it is from the existing data sources. Hence, there was a need for recalibration and validation of transit and work from home modules so that it meets the California Air Resource Board (CARB) guidelines. Accordingly, the refinements were made in September and October 2024. This also improved the future year forecasts, needed for the 2026 RTP/SCS. Once the recalibration and validation were completed, the sensitivity tests scenarios were also rerun. Some new test scenarios related to transit and telecommute were also added. Calibration and validation of new transit module to capture the light rail transit and regional rail services that are envisioned for the 2026 SCS. These activities align with the SB 1 Sustainable Communities grant-specific eligible expenses. The updated ABM will be applied in the development of the 2026 RTP/SCS and will be used to measure the VMT and GHG reduction from the transportation and land use strategies in the SCS. This update was funded by SB 1 formula planning dollars (FY22-23).

During 2020-25, the traffic model was used on a continuing basis to analyze major regional transportation systems, transportation corridors, and specific regional-scale, land-use development proposals. It was also used in Fresno COG's environmental justice analyses.

Fresno COG's SB 743 process used the ABM to establish a vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT) baseline and threshold for each of the 16 member jurisdictions. The original guidelines was developed in Summer of 2020 and was updated in Spring of 2025. A VMT calculation tool was also developed based on travel characteristics the ABM produced. VMT maps were created for each of the member agencies to screen out projects in the low VMT areas. COG modeling staff has been running the ABM to assist development projects in the analysis of transportation impact using VMT. In 2022-2023, the ABM model was applied in the Regional VMT Mitigation Study, which seeks to provide a framework for a regional VMT mitigation program. COG's ABM was applied in the City of Fresno's general Plan EIR update in 2019, and the development of the City's Southeast Specific Plan and South-Central Specific Plan. COG also trained four preferred consultants on VMT modeling and handed them the ABM so that they can directly help the builders/traffic consultants regarding the SB 743 VMT analysis when COG is busy with the update of RTP/SCS.

The traffic model was used extensively in the City of Fresno's General Plan Circulation Element and its environmental impact report (EIR) Update. The COG model played a major role in establishing the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) program, which is part of the Measure C Extension program. The RTMF update was approved by both Fresno COG Policy Board and FCTA Board in December 2019. In 2020-21, ABM model runs provided the basis for traffic analysis in the Eastside Corridor Study and the Fresno-Madera State Route 41 & Avenue 9 study. ABM also helped to quantify the off-model road pricing strategies and conduct model runs for the Managed Lanes Study. ABM was utilized in the managed lanes study in Spring of 2025 and will continue to be utilized throughout the project duration until June 2026.

For 2026 RTP/SCS development, the ABM model and the land use tool were applied to do the plan over plan analysis of 2022 and 2026 SCS. The estimated VMT, GHG, and other impacts of SCS scenarios/strategies were incorporated in the Technical Methodology of the next round of SCS in 2026. EMFAC 2021 is used for air quality conformity analysis. REMI model is utilized to provide socio-economic backdrop that is used to forecast the regional growth in the future.

The Fresno COG models were key in developing greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in all the previous RTP/SCSs of 2014, 2018, and 2022 for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as outlined in SB 375. While the VMIP2 model was applied in developing the 2014 and 2018 RTP/SCSs, the newly developed ABM was used in 2022 RTP/SCS.

In 2023, the Cube software licensing was transitioned from valleywide licensing to individual COG licenses as a joint eight valley COGs effort. This effort was continued in 2024 in which Fresno COG had 3 licenses for the model operations.

Products

1. Traffic impact (VMT and trips) analysis for development projects for SB743 implementation and as a part of TIS
2. Induced VMT quantification process through integrated land use and transportation modeling
3. Model runs for transportation conformity analyses (as needed)
4. Model runs of 2026 SCS scenarios (as needed)
5. Model runs for managed lanes and corridor studies or general plans/specific plans (as needed)
6. Truck Model or Big dataset
7. model run and result data processing for EJ analysis
8. Future social economic model results for 2026 RTP/SCS futures and scenarios
9. Robust ABM with better efficiency and accuracy
10. Ground access airport survey

Tasks

- 111.01 Conduct traffic impact studies' modeling runs for local developments and local general plan developments. Fresno COG has developed methodologies and processes for evaluating VMT impacts for development projects and will conduct such VMT analysis for projects (January-June 2026)
- 111.02 Continue to test and refine methodology to quantify long-term induced VMT through integrated land use and transportation modeling required for 2026 RTP/SCS (July-December 2025)
- 111.03 Conduct 2025/2026 conformity analysis model runs (as needed)

- 111.04 Model the 2026 SCS scenarios (July-March 2025)
- 111.05 Provide transportation modeling support for planning activities such as the Corridor and Managed Lanes Study, and support the city specific projects and general plan updates (monthly)
- 111.06 Interact and coordinate with Valley MPOs on truck model or big dataset, and the SJVAPCD, state, federal agencies as appropriate on modeling activities (monthly)
- 111.07 Model runs and result analysis for Environmental Justice Chapter in 2026 RTP (July-December 2025)
- 111.08 Maintain future year population and employment projections at traffic analysis zone (TAZ) level; At minimum, projections are required for the 20-year planning horizon and intermediate planning years consistent with air quality planning requirements (monthly).
- 111.09 Address all the model-related minor upgrades and incorporate enhancements to make a robust model (January- June 2026)
- 111.10 Conduct the survey for the Airport sub-model (January-June 2026)
- 111.11 Start developing the Airport and High-Speed Rail sub-models that can capture the significant amounts of trips generated by these two establishments/facilities within the ABM (March-June 2026)

111 Regional Transportation Modeling																
Task Description	COG	CONS LT	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	
111.01 Traffic Impact Studies (VMT) Modeling	■		10							■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.02 Develop induced VMT methodology	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■							
111.03 Model runs for conformity analyses	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.04 Model 2026 SCS scenarios	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
111.05 Transportation modeling support for planning activities	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.06 Participate in valley wide modeling activities	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.07 Modeling for EJ analysis	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■							
111.08 Maintain future year projection & model	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.09 Address all the model-related minor upgrades and incorporate enhancements to make a robust model		■	5							■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.10 Conduct the survey for airport sub-model		■	5							■	■	■	■	■	■	
111.11 Start developing the airport and high-speed rail sub-models within the ABM		■	15									■	■	■	■	

111 Regional Transportation
Modeling

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26	FHWA PL 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	231,308	194,615	216,112	43,451	37,987	129,209	5,465
Benefits	72,344	64,832	77,573	15,597	13,635	46,379	1,962
Overhead	194,450	224,008	224,464	45,131	39,454	134,202	5,677
Total Staff Costs	498,102	483,455	518,149	104,179	91,076	309,790	13,104
Direct Costs							
Software Support & Maint	230,024	248,686	299,238		148,136	0	151,102
Total Direct Costs	230,024	248,686	299,238	0	148,136	0	151,102
TOTAL	728,126	732,141	817,387	104,179	239,212	309,790	164,206
LTF MATCH 11.47%							
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				11,949	27,438	35,533	

	Total	FTA 2025/26	FHWA 2025/26	FHWA 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Software Support & Maint					
Program Customization/ABM	100,000		100,000		
Bently - Valley Wide Cube	133,518		30,416		103,102
Eco-Counter Auto Data Transmission	3,000		3,000		
Land Use Model (Data & License	8,000		8,000		
Arcview GIS Maint	6,720		6,720		
Replica	48,000				48,000
Total Software Support & Maint	299,238	0	148,136	0	151,102

112 Regional Traffic Monitoring

Objective

To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a traffic information source for member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the countywide traffic model

Discussion

The traffic monitoring program provides staff and equipment resources to maintain a continuing traffic monitoring program. The cities of Clovis and Fresno and the County of Fresno engage in traffic monitoring activities. Fresno COG staff are responsible for coordinating the annual traffic monitoring products' work activities.

The program establishes a detailed traffic monitoring database that provides sampling necessary to respond to federal Clean Air Act requirements. The traffic monitoring program is an important component of periodic air quality findings, and Sustainable Communities Strategies' development, and provides insight into transportation control measure performance.

Previous work

Traffic monitoring provides updated and consistent data on countywide traffic conditions. Fresno COG and its member agencies use this information for day-to-day operations, to maintain a calibrated traffic model, and as a basis for information forwarded to federal and state agencies.

In 2016, Fresno COG worked with the City of Clovis, the City of Fresno and Fresno County to review the traffic monitoring program, add count locations in the City of Clovis and smaller cities, standardize the count data reporting format, and increase the count duration as required by FHWA's traffic count guidelines. The updated traffic count locations and screen lines (imaginary lines across which traffic travels that help detect traffic flow variations) support Fresno COG's countywide transportation model.

Fresno COG collects bike and pedestrian counts to support activity-based model development. Bicycle and pedestrian data enhance Fresno COG's active transportation planning process. Bike/pedestrian counts taken by the member agencies through the FHWA Bike/Pedestrian Count Pilot Program are reflected in Fresno COG's computer database and online traffic monitoring program portal shared with Fresno COG's member agencies.

Fresno COG completed the federal Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) update survey, coordinated by the state and UC Berkeley. COG provided comprehensive information on regional traffic data to the Berkeley transportation team and serves in the stakeholder committee for the California roadway data update.

Products

1. Traffic counts, including bike/pedestrian counts from local governments
2. Computer database containing historical traffic monitoring information

Tasks

- 112.01 Maintain the Regional Traffic Monitoring program by conducting traffic counts on pre-determined road segments of the regional roadway network, providing critical validation data supporting Fresno COG's model development. (monthly)
- 112.02 Perform corridor monitoring, bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle counts as necessary to collect additional traffic data, complementing the monitoring project by providing more detailed traffic information in a variety of local planning efforts (monthly)
- 112.03 Distribute traffic count data for planning analyses (monthly)
- 112.04 Coordinate monitoring with the Regional Active Transportation Plan and the Congestion Management Plan (monthly)
- 112.05 Continue to provide bicycle/pedestrian portable counters to member agencies (monthly)
- 112.06 Integrate Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) count locations in Fresno COG's traffic count database (monthly)
- 112.07 Support Caltrans' effort in collecting HPMS count data through the data reviewing and commenting process (monthly)

112 Regional Traffic Monitoring															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
112.01 Maintain monitoring program	■		25	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
112.02 Perform corridor monitoring and special counts	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
112.03 Distribute traffic count data for planning analyses	■		20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
112.04 Coordinate ATP & CMP	■		25	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
112.05 Provide counters to member agencies	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
112.06 Integrate HPMS count locations	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
112.07 HPMS support through data review and comment	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

112 Regional Traffic Monitoring

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
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Salaries	8,217	12,432	12,904	6,452	0	6,452
Benefits	2,809	4,297	4,553	2,276	0	2,277
Overhead	7,060	14,444	13,343	6,672	0	6,671
Total Staff Costs	18,086	31,173	30,800	15,400	0	15,400
Direct Costs						
Equipment	13,125	50,000	100,000	0	50,000	50,000
Agency Pass Thru	236,931	237,200	237,200			237,200
Grant Administration						
Total Direct Costs	250,056	287,200	337,200	0	50,000	287,200
TOTAL	268,142	318,373	368,000	15,400	50,000	302,600
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				1,766	5,735	

	Total	FTA 5303	FHWA PL	LOCAL FUNDS
Equipment				
Traffic Counting Equipment	100,000	0	50,000	50,000
Total Equipment	100,000	0	50,000	50,000
Agency Pass Through				
County Traffic Count Program	147,500			147,500
Fresno Traffic Count Program	80,200			80,200
Clovis Traffic Count Program	9,500			9,500
Total Agency Pass Through	237,200	0	0	

114 Fresno County Intelligent Transportation System Architecture

Objective

To encourage ITS planning strategy and discussion among regional partners that supports interoperability, adherence to data standards, and education. This work element will also help maintain and update the 2015 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Strategic Deployment Plan and Regional Architecture for Fresno County along with the continuation to monitor the 511 SJV page on the Valleyrides website for content & accuracy.

Discussion

ITS uses sensing, analysis, control, and communications technologies to improve ground transportation safety, mobility, and efficacy. These components include traffic signal control, freeway management, transit management, electronic fare payment, electronic toll payment, incident management, traveler information services, emergency management services and railroad grade crossing safety. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has established national ITS architecture to provide a common structure for the ITS project design. The national architecture describes what types of interfaces could exist between ITS components and how they exchange information and work together to deliver ITS user service requirements.

A regional ITS strategic deployment plan should include:

- Regional ITS architecture
- Description of the region
- Identification of participating agencies and stakeholders
- Operational concept, including roles and responsibilities of participating agencies and stakeholders
- Any agreements needed for operation
- Regional ITS vision, goals, and objectives
- System functional requirements
- Interface requirements and information exchanges with planned and existing systems
- Identification of applicable standards
- The sequence of projects necessary for implementation
- An ITS architecture maintenance and use plan

A regional ITS architecture illustrates and documents regional integration so that ITS project planning and deployment can take place in an organized and coordinated fashion. Once developed, any ITS project in the region that receives funding from the national highway trust fund must adhere to the regional ITS architecture.

The Fresno COG Policy Board approved the Fresno County ITS Strategic Deployment Plan & Regional Architecture (Plan & Architecture) in January 2016. The plan built consensus on applying advanced technologies to allow all public agencies to better manage the existing transportation system over a 20-year timespan.

Fresno COG staff coordinated with Caltrans to merge the new Fresno COG Valleyrides website with the San Joaquin Valley 511 website, 511sjv.org. The new website provides many features for the travelers in and through the San Joaquin Valley including public transit and rideshare information; links to bicycling, CHP and tourist information; Caltrans QuickMap; and links to all the MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley.

Fresno COG staff will host quarterly meetings with regional ITS partners to plan for and implement ITS elements in the region along with the ITS inventory update. Meetings will include Caltrans, regional transit agencies, staff from local agencies and academia.

Previous work

- Hosted the Fresno County Regional Architecture website and served as point of contact for questions or concerns regarding the architecture and the ITS Strategic Deployment Plan
- Updated the ITS Strategic Deployment Plan
- Updated the city of Fresno ITS map in 2023
- Monitored ITS developments through ITS training, webinars and workshops, and ITS news and research
- Continued to review and update traveler information on the Valleyrides website

- Convened ITS regional stakeholders in 2023, 2024, and 2025 to discuss on ITS user needs and ongoing progress in Fresno County's ITS
- ITS partners updated the ITS related projects' status from 2015 plan

Products

1. Up-to-date regional ITS plan and architecture
2. Current traveler information on the Fresno COG Valleyrides website
3. Staff ITS education
4. Meeting agendas & minutes from regional ITS partners quarterly meetings

Tasks

- 114.01 Maintain Regional ITS architecture (as needed)
- 114.02 Attend ITS webinars, training, and workshops (as needed)
- 114.03 Maintain the 511 portions of the Valleyrides website (as needed)
- 114.04 Host quarterly meetings with regional ITS partners (October 2025, April 2026)

114 Fresno County Intelligent Transportation System Architecture															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
114.01 Maintain Regional ITS Architecture	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
114.02 Attend ITS webinars, training and workshops	■		25	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
114.03 Maintain the 511 portion of the Valleyrides website	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
114.04 Host quarterly meetings with regional ITS partners	■		35				■						■		

114 Intelligent Transportation Systems

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26
Salaries	2,994	2,960	3,428	3,428
Benefits	872	834	952	952
Overhead	2,475	3,275	3,348	3,348
Total Staff Costs	6,341	7,069	7,728	7,728
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,341	7,069	7,728	7,728
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				886

115 Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program

Objective

To administer a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program for Fresno County consistent with Measure C requirements.

Discussion

The Measure C half-cent sales tax measure established the Regional Transportation Program (RTP-MC), which included tier 1 and 2 lists of urban and rural street and road projects offering greater mobility throughout the county. A minimum of 75 percent of State Transportation Improvement Program funds due to the Fresno County region is committed to the tier 1 program. Twenty percent of the program is funded through Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) revenues.

Previous work

- Implemented new RTMF rates by March 2020; Under the revised nexus calculation, the fee increased approximately 36 percent for residential development and an average of 24 percent for commercial development.
- Provided traffic analysis pertaining to infill development that provides direct access from residential and commercial development to and from transit
- Formed an RTMF joint powers agency
- Developed an administrative manual to guide RTMF fee collections and associated issues
- Maintain an RTMF Q&A appendix to the administrative manual that clarifies recurring RTMF questions
- Worked with member agencies, the development community, and the public to understand and apply the RTMF to their respective projects
- Implemented a right-to-appeal process

Products

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program

Tasks

115.01 Administer the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program. (Monthly)

115 Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
115.01 Administer Fee Program	■	■	100	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

115 Reg. Transportation Mitigation Fee

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	11,454	12,862	13,633	13,633
Benefits	3,769	4,438	4,780	4,780
Overhead	9,748	14,937	14,074	14,074
Total Staff Costs	24,971	32,237	32,487	32,487
Direct Costs				
Consultants	710	50,000	50,000	50,000
Supplies/Printing	1,751			
County Counsel		5,000	5,000	5,000
Program Audits	9,510	9,795	10,089	10,089
Grant Administration				
Total Direct Costs	11,971	64,795	65,089	65,089
TOTAL	36,942	97,032	97,576	97,576
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants		
GHD On Call Services	50,000	50,000
Total Consultants	50,000	50,000

117 Golden State Corridor Study

Objective

To revitalize the corridor, improve economic development and safety for commercial purposes and the traveling public.

Discussion

The study area along Golden State Boulevard, is a 14.1 mile stretch of old State Route 99 from American Avenue to the City of Kingsburg’s Mission Street. The project’s multijurisdictional impact includes the cities of Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, and unincorporated areas. The scope includes community planning, economic analysis, infrastructure improvements, pavement rehabilitation, drainage facilities, traffic signals, bicycle lanes, pedestrian/bicycle paths, landscaping, and other hardscape improvements.

To ensure consistent improvement throughout the project, the cities requested Fresno COG oversee the design phase as a single project and Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) bid and construct the project. During the construction phase, Fresno County will be the implementing agency.

Previous work

Fresno COG, along with the Fresno County Transportation Authority, the County of Fresno, and the cities of Selma, Fowler and Kingsburg, signed cooperative agreements and developed an amended scope incorporated into the request for proposals of final engineering design plans. Specifications, estimates and bid documents have been completed. Public meetings have elicited feedback from local elected officials and the public. All coordination and agreements with UPRR and the CPUC have been completed. All environmental preconstruction surveys have been conducted. The project has been divided into two phases to comply with requirements of LPP funding. Phase I is in construction phase. Phase I included all the segment portion of the project. The remaining part is divided between Phase II and Phase III. Phase II will include intersections that do not encroach on the railroad right of way. Phase II is advertised, and construction begins after contractor selection. Phase III is under discussion and review with railroad for finalizing designs.

Products

1. Completed bids
2. Construction activity

Tasks

117.01 Bidding assistance (monthly)

117.02 Construction support (monthly)

117 Golden State Corridor Study															
Task Description (TBD)	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
117.01 Bidding assistance	■	■	50	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
117.02 Construction support	■	■	50	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

117 Golden State Corridor

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	2,720	4,391	3,708	3,708
Benefits	817	1,357	1,367	1,367
Overhead	2,265	4,964	3,879	3,879
Total Staff Costs	5,802	10,712	8,954	8,954
Direct Costs				
Consultants	349,982	200,000	500,000	500,000
Agency Pass Thru	0	200,000	200,000	200,000
Grant Administration				
Total Direct Costs	349,982	400,000	700,000	700,000
TOTAL	355,784	410,712	708,954	708,954
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants		
Mark Thomas	500,000	500,000
Total Consultants	500,000	500,000
Agency Pass Through		
UPPR Railroad	200,000	200,000
Total Agency Pass Through	200,000	200,000

120 Public Transportation - Urban

Objective

To carry on the continuing public transportation planning process that satisfies Federal Transit Administration requirements under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336); and the Measure C Expenditure Plan.

Discussion

Fresno COG will continue extensive public transportation planning and monitoring to comply with federal and state requirements and to implement Measure C's public transit elements. Work activities include both short-range and long-range planning tasks. The public transportation operators are involved in all aspects of Fresno COG's planning efforts, so the IIJA Act's requirements for cooperative process, intermodal considerations, and public participation are met. Financial analysis and financial planning will be incorporated in all studies.

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) exists as an administrative, planning, and implementation support umbrella to the subsystems represented in the Joint Powers Agreement constituting it. Fresno COG has also designated FCRTA as a Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency pursuant to its updated Fresno County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The annual edition of the Operations Program and Budget summarizes their specific activities.

Previous Work Completed

In 2023-24, COG staff contracted part time (80 percent) to the City of Fresno Department of Transportation/FAX and continued to work with the City of Fresno's Development and Resource Management Department to assess transit-friendly development guidelines recommended in the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS), Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Master Plan, Fresno County Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP), and the Strategic Services Evaluation. Staff also reviews all development proposals to encourage transit friendly development. Additionally, COG/FAX staff continue to participate in the City of Fresno's General Plan update, High Speed Rail (HSR) station area planning, SB 743 Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Reduction Program, and other area specific plans. FAX staff also completed a Customer Satisfaction Survey in November 2024.

In support of a recent CARB STEP Grant, staff are working with the City's Public Works Department in identifying tasks aimed at enhancing mobility and safety for residents and encouraging transit use through community engagement. We have also begun planning efforts to support a Reconnecting Communities grant to extend service on Route 35, with a direct connection to Roeding Park and the Chaffee Zoo. This project is in partnership with a new pedestrian bridge project by Caltrans.

Additionally, staff continued to develop plans for service changes anticipated in FY 2023/24. This included a new cross-town route along Church Ave, adjustments to Routes 22, 35, and 58 and increased frequencies on route 38 in the AM peak service time. Staff completed extensive public outreach to gather input on the proposed changes. Outreach was provided in both English and Spanish. Another aspect of the outreach was to fulfil our federal obligation to complete a Title VI Service Equity Analysis (SEA) for any service change that meets the criteria of a "major service change". The SEA is to ensure that FAX's service changes would not have a discriminatory effect on minority or low-income populations.

Fresno COG has updated the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) as required by MAP-21. To receive funds, potential transit agency grantees must comply with all federal coordinated planning requirements. MAP-21 stipulates that projects selected for funding under these programs must be derived from a locally coordinated, public transit-human services transportation plan. The coordinated plan was developed and approved through a process that includes participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public. Projects are identified as strategies, activities, and/or specific projects addressing an identified service gap or transportation-coordination objectives articulated and prioritized within the plan.

COG/FAX staff also continues to modify and update the FAX Schedule Guide. The guide is made available for English and Spanish users and is formatted electronically to be conducive to screen readers for the visually impaired. The schedule guide includes services provided by Fresno Area Express and Clovis Transit. FAX is continuing to refine the web site for enhanced accessibility.

COG/FAX staff also completed the Fresno County Annual Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) assessment process ensuring that distribution requirements are met for LTF/TDA funds.

Staff continue to support FAX planning and marketing activities. Public information products are routinely updated and corrected to ensure accurate and timely information. As public transit ridership returns, post COVID-19, messaging and marketing continues to promote actions to keep riders safe and healthy. Ridership return is slowly improving for the agencies; however, they are still below pre-Covid ridership levels. As of FY 2023, FAX ridership was down 22% from pre-Covid. Planning and Community Outreach staff have been responsible for implementing an outreach campaign to communicate with the public the status of bus service, new health rules to ride by, and FAX actions to keep riders and staff safe and healthy. The campaign included printed materials on the buses and at major transit facilities, recorded messages played on-board the vehicles, and extensive social media using Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Products

Required Reports

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Transportation Element
2. Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area (every two years)
3. Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for Rural Fresno County (every two years)
4. FAX Facilities Standards Document
5. Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB) for the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area
6. Environmental Impact Assessments
7. Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM)
8. Triennial Performance Audit (every three years)
9. Unmet Transit Needs Report and List of Findings

Technical Process and Studies

1. Coordinate development proposal reviews with other city departments
2. Conduct the Fresno COG "Social Service Transportation Advisory Council" meetings (PUC 99238.5)
3. Coordinate with the Air District to undertake transportation control measures
4. Conduct fixed-route and paratransit rider satisfaction surveys
5. Coordinate the FAX Public Information and Outreach Program
6. Special rural transit studies to respond to unmet transit needs comments
7. Coordinate and assist in updating the Transit Asset Management Plan
8. Transit Service Evaluation and Monitoring
9. Annual FTA National Transit Database Report (NTD)
10. Annual Transit Productivity Evaluation Report
11. Coordinate Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Tasks

Required Reports

- 120.01 Update FAX's five-year capital program. (March-May 2025)
 - a. Evaluate FAX's five-year capital program and ensure consistency with RTP and FAX Fleet Plan
 - b. Ensure that proposed programs comply with federal and state legislation (IIJA Act, TDA and AB 2766).
- 120.02 Update the Short-Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area and Rural Fresno County. (March-June 2025)
 - a. Coordinate with FCMA transit service providers
 - b. Analyze current data related to demographic trends, operating performance and budget
 - c. Incorporate updated information into capital improvement program
- 120.03 Update the CTSA Operations Program and Budget (OPB) for the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) and Rural Fresno County. (December 2025-January 2026)
 - a. Coordinate with contracted paratransit service provider to secure required documentation
 - b. Continue to refine the CTSA process in the FCMA
 - c. Continue to better coordinate social service transportation
- 120.04 Undertake environmental assessments as appropriate, as well as alternative analysis if indicated. (April-June 2025)
 - a. Undertake preliminary assessment of environmental effects of urban public transportation planning reports

- b. Conduct re-assessment of environmental effects on rural public transportation planning reports
- c. Prepare alternative analysis and/or environmental impact reports and conduct public hearings, as required.
- 120.05 Rural Public Transportation Planning. (August, November 2025; January-June 2026)
 - a. Special Rural Transit Studies
 - (1) Staff time devoted to consultant contracts in coordination with Fresno COG
 - (2) Review comments submitted at annual “Unmet Transit Needs” public hearings to determine special rural transit studies. Evaluate current and projected data.
 - (3) Evaluate proposals to expand, reduce or modify service as expressed through the citizen participation and environmental justice process; develop service alternatives as warranted; present draft and final recommendation, review with member agency staff and advisory committees and revise as necessary, finalize implementation schedules and financial commitments.
 - (4) Identify follow-up strategies to ensure timely and systematic plan implementation by the rural transit operator.
 - (5) Coordinate and consult with the tribal governments. Document tribal government-to-government relations.
 - b. COG staff to support the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee
- 120.06 Agricultural Industries Transportation Services (AITS) (monthly)
 - a. Review how to help meet farm workers’ transportation needs
- 120.07 Social Service Transportation Planning (monthly)
 - a. Refine the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency’s (CTSA's) process in rural Fresno County
 - (1) Continue providing transportation planning technical assistance to the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, designated Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSAs) for rural Fresno County to bring additional social service agencies into CTSA
 - (2) Provide evaluation data for annual productivity evaluation process
 - (3) Review current operations program and budget and its relationship to other technical studies and documents related to rural transportation service including proposals for service expansion/deletion or modification by operators and interested citizens; prepare the annual fiscal year 2024 productivity evaluation draft and final report; and continue to respond to 2019-21 Triennial Performance Evaluation recommendations; review with Fresno County staff and advisory committees and revise as necessary, conduct public hearings and adopt document
 - (4) Review current operations program and budget and its relationship to other technical studies and documents related to rural transportation service including proposals for service expansion/deletion or modification by operators and interested citizens; prepare the annual fiscal year 2024 productivity evaluation draft and final report; and continue to respond to 2019-21 Triennial Performance Evaluation recommendations; review with Fresno County staff and advisory committees and revise as necessary, conduct public hearings and adopt document.

Technical Process and Studies

- 120.08 Coordinate review of development proposals. (monthly)
 - a. Evaluate development proposals for regulatory compliance
 - b. Identify transit supportive infrastructure and amenities appropriate for proposed development
- 120.09 Conduct Fresno COG’s “Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee” meetings. (August, November 2025; January-June, 2026)
- 120.10 Prepare Fresno COG’s “Unmet Transit Needs Staff Report” and conduct public hearing (February-June 2025)
- 120.11 Coordinate air quality planning efforts with the COG as related to transit (monthly)
 - a. Coordinate with COG and the air district in implementing TCMs relating to public transit
 - b. Coordinate with COG and the air district in formulating trip reduction strategies
- 120.12 Conduct fixed-route and paratransit passenger and non-rider surveys (biennially)
 - a. Develop service and training recommendations based on passenger survey results
- 120.13 Implement the FAX public information and community outreach program (monthly)
 - a. Coordinate community outreach and public information program
 - b. Prepare and update passenger information pieces
 - c. Prepare and publish transit fixed-route maps and schedules
 - d. Update FAX web site
 - e. Develop and implement FAX branding/marketing campaign
- 120.14 Coordinate long-range transit planning with the FCMA Strategic Service Evaluation recommendations. (monthly)
- 120.15 Regional transit coordination (monthly)
- 120.16 Develop FAX's FTA National Transit Database Report (monthly)

- a. Conduct NTDB surveys on a continuous basis
- b. Update NTDB Report
- c. Coordinate Annual NTDB Audit

120.17 Coordinate with the transit agencies on a Transit Asset Management Plan (July 2025-January 2026)

Transit Service Evaluation and Monitoring

120.18 Prepare annual Transit Productivity Evaluation Report (November 2024 – February 2025)

- a. Coordinate with other social service transportation providers to evaluate service within the county
- b. Present report to Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for review and comment
- c. Update AB 120 Action Plan

120 Public Transportation - Urban																					
Task Description	C O G	F C R T A	F C E O C	F A X	C L O V	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N		
120.01 Update five-year capital program				■			2									■	■	■			
120.02 Update SRTP	■			■	■		10									■	■	■	■		
120.03 Update CTSA OPB			■				8						■	■							
120.04 Undertake EA as appropriate	■	■		■		■	2											■	■	■	
120.05 Rural public transportation planning	■	■		■			13		■			■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.06 ATIS support		■					5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.07 Social services transportation planning		■					8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.08 Review development proposals				■			13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.09 Conduct SSTAC		■	■	■			5		■			■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.10 Unmet needs report		■		■			5							■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.11 Coordinate air quality planning				■			2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
120.12 Passenger surveys	■			■			2				■	■	■								
120.13 Community outreach program		■		■			5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

120 Public Transportation - Urban

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FTA 5307	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	199,599	218,587	224,053	2,893	176,928	44,232
Benefits	78,949	90,681	91,102	922	72,144	18,036
Overhead	3,568	5,998	2,917	2,917	0	
Total Staff Costs	282,116	315,266	318,072	6,732	249,072	62,268
Direct Costs						
Consultants	30,794					0
Grant Specific Travel	1,172	3,000	3,000		2,400	600
Total Direct Costs	31,966	3,000	3,000	0	2,400	600
TOTAL	314,082	318,266	321,072	6,732	251,472	62,868
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				772		

121 Federal Transit Administration Direct Grants

Objective

To administer FTA transit funding programs in Fresno County, including coordinating Section 5310 and Section 5339 funds allocated to the region.

Discussion

Fresno COG will provide ongoing grants management support, including reviewing grant funding applications, and providing letters of concurrence, reviewing, and tracking fund transfers, and tracking progress in completing projects in the individual grant budgets.

Federal transit law, as amended by SAFETEA-LU, required that projects selected for funding under the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310), program be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan and that the plan be developed through a process that includes participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers and other members of the general public. MAP-21 retained the Section 5310 program, renaming it The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310), and continued the requirement for a coordinated plan.

The FTA grant administration provisions include the following activities:

- Require a locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for FTA human service transportation programs, such as Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
- Use Federal resources available to states and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities
- Require the plan to be developed by a process that includes representatives of public, private and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public

FTA provisions encourage federal funding coordination by permitting funding from other non-DOT programs to match fund requirements for transportation services.

Changes within MAP-21 also included providing MPOs in large UZAs the opportunity to become the designated recipient for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program. Fresno Council of Governments is the designated recipient of Section 5310 funding and administers the grant program for the Fresno Urbanized Area.

Previous work

- Maintained the FTA Section 5310 Grant Program
- Administered new FTA Section 5339 grant
- Fresno COG staff procured 17 vehicles for successful 5310 applicants
- Fresno COG staff developed the Fresno COG Section 5310 Program Management Plan and Grant Application
- Fresno COG staff successfully secured grant funding through four different FTA Section 5310 program awards.

Products

1. FTA Section 5310 grant documentation
2. Notice of funding availability
3. FTA Section 5310 grant vehicles
4. FTA Section 5339 grant documentation

Tasks

- 121.01 Notifying eligible local entities of funding availability (July-October 2024)
- 121.02 Oversee and administer FTA Section 5310 funds (ongoing)
- 121.03 Procure FTA Section 5310 vehicles for successful applicants (ongoing)
- 121.04 FTA Section 5310 application review and scoring (May-June 2025)
- 121.05 Project selection
- 121.06 Project monitoring (ongoing)
- 121.07 Asset management and property disposition (ongoing)
- 121.08 FTA Section 5339 grant administration (ongoing)

121 Federal Transit Administration Direct Grants															
Task Description	C O G	O T H R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
121.01 Notifying eligible local entities of funding availability	■		1	■	■	■	■								
121.02 Oversee and administer 5310 funds	■		22	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
121.03 Procure vehicles for successful Section 5310 applicants	■		13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
121.04 5310 application review and scoring	■	■	9											■	■
121.05 Project selection	■	■	10	■						■	■	■	■	■	■
121.06 Project monitoring	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
121.07 Asset management and property disposition	■		1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
121.08 FTA Section 5339 grant administration	■		14	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

121 FTA DIRECT GRANTS

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5310	FTA 5339	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	4,411	5,407	7,354			7,354
Benefits	1,363	1,614	2,334			2,334
Overhead	3,697	6,062	7,404			7,404
Total Staff Costs	9,471	13,083	17,092	0	0	17,092
Direct Costs						
FTA 5339	7,060,362	6,540,034	421,433		337,146	84,287
FTA 5310	2,039,409	3,255,225	2,562,071	2,120,159	0	441,912
Total Direct Costs	9,099,771	9,795,259	2,983,504	2,120,159	337,146	526,199
TOTAL	9,109,242	9,808,342	3,000,596	2,120,159	337,146	543,291
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				207,264	0	

	Total	FTA 5310	Match	Toll Credits
FTA 5310				
FAX 3 sedans	117,000	93,600	23,400	
Westcare 2 Buses	111,082	111,082		22,216
FCRTA 1 electric paratransit vehicle	185,645	185,645		37,129
FAX 8 Paratransit Cutaways	1,041,160	824,315	216,845	
UCPA 3 Buses W Cameras	393,681	393,681		78,737
FCRTA Ford E-Transit 350 + Equip	345,909	345,909		69,182
FCRTA Dial-A-Ride Op.	367,594	165,927	201,667	0
Total	2,562,071	2,120,159	441,912	207,264
FTA 5339				
FCRTA Maint Fac. Phase 2	421,433	337,146	84,287	
	0			
Total	421,433	337,146	84,287	

122 Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study

Objective

Develop a plan that identifies feasible mobility hub locations within the urban core as well as in the rural areas of the County, that can facilitate multi-modal transportation, such as e-bikes, e-scooters, carshare, and traditional public transit. In addition to sites, the study will develop criteria for mobility hubs and implementation guidelines. Once the feasible locations are identified, the criteria will be applied to identify four specific locations at existing transit stops/stations – one each in Fresno, Clovis, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency service area, and in an unincorporated community – to design mobility hub features at these places for future implementation. The study will include a robust public outreach campaign, with an emphasis on the underserved communities within Fresno County.

Discussion

Fresno COG was awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant in Fiscal Year 2023-24 to conduct a Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study. The Study will be conducted in partnership with the City of Fresno's Department of Transportation (Fresno Area Express/FAX), the City of Clovis (Clovis Transit), and the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA). The proposed Mobility Hub Feasibility Study will identify specific locations with Fresno County to site mobility hubs as well as develop implementation guidelines. This plan will inform the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategy. During the project's development, Fresno COG and its consultants will engage with the community and local stakeholders to receive input on the study. The grant expires on June 30, 2026.

Previous Work

- Project kick-off meeting
- Develop RFP for consultant services
- Consultant selection and contract execution
- Review existing plans, guidelines & policies
- Develop methodology for site identification, establish criteria for mobility hub prioritization and features, and prepare implementation guidelines

Products

1. Meeting notes
2. Request for proposals
3. Working group roster
4. Existing conditions report
5. Summary of analysis memo
6. Criteria list for mobility hubs (rural and urban)
7. Implementation guidelines
8. Public outreach summary memo
9. Site selection memo (rural and urban)
10. Conceptual designs and cost estimates
11. Draft plan and public comments
12. Final plan with incorporated public comments
13. PowerPoint presentation and final report with Board Resolution

Tasks

- 122.01 Collaboration and community outreach (September 2024-February 2025)
- 122.02 Mobility hub site selections (March 2024-June 2025)
- 122.03 Develop conceptual designs and cost estimates for selected sites (March 2024-October 2025)
- 122.04 Develop the draft plan and publish the draft plan for public review, incorporate public comments and publish final plan (November 2025-January 2026)
- 122.05 Presentation and Policy Board acceptance (February 2026)

Ongoing Tasks

- 122.06 Project oversight (through June 2026)
- 122.07 Requests for reimbursement (through June 2026)
- 122.08 Quarterly reporting (through June 2026)

122 Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study																																
Task Description	C O G	O T H R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L Y	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C											
122.01 Project kick-off meeting	■		1																													
122.02 Develop RFP for consultant services	■		1																													
122.03 Consultant selection and contract execution	■	■	1																													
122.04 Review existing plans, guidelines & policies	■	■	2	■																												
122.05 Develop methodology for site identification, establish criteria for mobility hub prioritization and features, and prepare implementation guidelines		■	17	■	■	■																										
122.06 Collaboration and community outreach	■	■	25			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■																
122.07 Mobility hub site selections	■	■	17											■	■	■	■	■														
122.08 Develop conceptual designs and cost estimates for selected sites		■	30											■	■	■	■	■														
122.09 Develop the draft plan and publish the draft plan for public review, incorporate public comments and publish final plan		■	6												■	■	■															
122.10 Presentation and Policy Board acceptance	■	■	1												■	■	■															
122.11 Project oversight (through June 2026)	■		1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
122.12 Requests for reimbursement (through June 2026)	■		1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
122.13 Quarterly reporting (through June 2026)	■		1			■			■				■				■										■					

122 Regional Mobility Hub

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5304 2023/24	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	0	8,175	6,868		6,868
Benefits	0	2,257	2,024		2,024
Overhead	0	9,008	6,796		6,796
Total Staff Costs	0	19,440	15,688	0	15,688
Direct Costs					
Consultants	49,667	790,338	350,000	291,655	58,345
Total Direct Costs	49,667	790,338	350,000	291,655	58,345
	49,667	809,778	365,688	291,655	74,033
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	5304 2023/24	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
Walker Inc.	350,000	291,655	58,345
Total Consultants	350,000	291,655	58,345

131 Access for All Program

Objective

To use funding from the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All (AFA) Program to address TNC service accessibility for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV)

Discussion

Established under Senate Bill (SB) 1376 (Hill: 2018), the AFA Program is funded by a \$.10 fee collected from every TNC trip, which is redistributed to each MPO region to develop programs that incentivize expanding on-demand transportation services for people with disabilities, including wheelchair accessible vehicles/rides.

Previous Work

- Received approval to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator for Access for All Program funds in Fresno County
- Program guidelines developed and finalized
- Request for Proposals process was conducted and finalized

Products

1. Access for All program contract
2. Quarterly and annual reports
3. AFA webpage that includes SB1376 information and Access Provider application process

Tasks

- 131.01 Administer the AFA provider contract for fiscal year 2025-26 (monthly)
- 131.02 Monitoring, evaluate, and promote the AFA Program (monthly)
- 131.03 Maintain an AFA webpage that includes information on SB1376 and access provider application process (monthly)
- 131.04 Submit Consolidated Quarterly Reports (Aug. and Nov. 2025, Feb. and May 2026)
- 131.05 Submit annual and other reports to ensure that progress is made toward the broader goals and objectives of the program and SB 1376 (June 2025)
- 131.06 Solicit for eligible providers of the Access for All program (July – Sept. 2025)

131 Access for All Program																
Task Description	C O G	O T H R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	
131.01 Administer AFA program contract	■		40	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
131.02 Monitor / Evaluate / Promote AFA program	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
131.03 Maintain a webpage	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
131.04 Submit Quarterly Reports	■		5		■			■			■			■		
131.05 Submit annual and other reports	■		5												■	
131.06 Solicit for eligible providers	■		15	■	■	■										

131 Access for All

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	3,870	3,334	3,600	3,600
Benefits	1,263	1,045	1,129	1,129
Overhead	3,287	3,782	3,614	3,614
Total Staff Costs	8,420	8,161	8,343	8,343
Direct Costs				
Agency Pass Thru	0	183,832	375,483	375,483
Grant Administration		39,144	729	729
Total Direct Costs	1,065	222,976	376,212	376,212
TOTAL	9,485	231,137	384,555	384,555
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

Agency Pass Thru	
FCRTA WAV	283,567
Clovis WAV	91,916
Total	375,483

141 Pavement Management System

Objective

The regional pavement management system updates the entire Fresno region's pavement management system with recent pavement assessments that will help local jurisdictions plan and manage roadway repair and maintenance more efficiently.

Discussion

Under-maintained roadways create safety hazards, affect people's daily lives, and threaten goods and service delivery. Preserving the existing transportation system was a top priority in both the 2018 and 2022 RTP/SCS, which is reflected in the Policy Element and the funding allocation of both documents. A well-maintained roadway system ensures efficient transportation for people and reliable delivery of goods and services, and it reduces serious injuries and fatalities on the transportation system. A well-managed transportation system contributes to the economic vitality of a region which is of considerable importance to Fresno COG because Fresno County ranks as one of the poorest regions in the state. The Fresno Countywide Regional Pavement Management System will contribute to economic vitality and improve safety, which is consistent with the principles of health, safety, and a robust economy from Caltrans' Smart Mobility Framework.

The draft 2023 RTP Guidelines, Section 6.9 Local Streets and Roads, points out that "Investment in local streets and roads is an investment in access to homes, jobs, and other key destinations, public safety, economic growth, goods movement, and farm to market needs" and "The local system will become ever more important in supporting the goals of climate change and building sustainable communities, as local streets and roads serve as the right-of-way for transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel." The draft 2023 RTP Guidelines encourage MPOs to urge all local agencies to utilize pavement management software (PMS), to collect roadway condition data biannually and update systemwide local streets and roads data needs.

The Regional Pavement Management System update will help local governments conduct pavement assessment, calculate PCI, provide cost estimates for different maintenance treatments, train local staff, and provide analysis and systems reports. It will also assist regional planning efforts by updating the pavement status database countywide, providing key data for future funding plans and project prioritization.

Performance-based planning and programming

The updated Pavement Management System will enable local participating agencies to provide a pavement condition index when applying for roadway maintenance project funding, which is a key aspect of performance-based planning and programming. Studies show that reconstruction costs are approximately five times higher than the cost per mile of preventative measures. The PMS predictive model will help Fresno COG and the agencies prioritize maintenance projects and maximize funding allocations to increase or maintain the health of our regional roadway system. This update will also help with RTP project selection, prioritizing and banding future projects accordingly, while it provides a data-driven approach to analyzing the performance of the roadway system's health. It will also help Fresno COG to track pavement condition improvement success in the RTP/SCS and practice performance-based planning during project selection.

As a regional agency, an updated regional pavement management system will help in the renewal process of Measure C, a regional ½ cent sales tax aimed at improving the overall quality of Fresno County's transportation system. The availability of such data will assist in determining the funding allocation towards pavement rehabilitation and maintenance.

Previous Work

In 2019, the multi-jurisdictional pavement system helped nine incorporated cities set up a computerized pavement management program. Before this system, these agencies were unable to provide a pavement condition index (PCI) when applying for funding for roadway maintenance projects, resulting in less favorable project scoring due to lack of scientific roadway management data. Street Saver, software developed and maintained by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), was purchased for the nine agencies included in the regional program: Firebaugh, Mendota, San Joaquin, Coalinga, Huron, Orange Cove, Selma, Fowler, and Kingsburg. The regional pavement system included all first-year license fees on behalf of the agencies. The local agencies were responsible for maintenance and update of the system after the initial program was completed.

- Consultant Procured. Fresno COG developed & issued RFP for the regional pavement management system update and select a consultant (team)
- Project initiated and Steering Committee formed.
- Collected and created/updated roadway network database (ongoing).
- Conducted pavement condition assessment for some agencies while the task is still ongoing (ongoing).

Products

1. Updated network database with new pavement condition assessment
2. Pavement Management Program Report for each of the nine participating cities
3. Regional PCI Presentation to TTC, PAC and the Policy Board

Tasks

- 141.01 Collect and create/update roadway network database. The consultant (team) will collect network database from participating agencies and create/update such database if needed (July 2025 – September 2025)
- 141.02 Conduct pavement condition assessment and input in software. The consultant (team) will conduct pavement condition assessment of the roadway network and store it in the software based on the input from the Steering Committee (July 2025 – October 2025)
- 141.03 Calculate Pavement Condition Index and produce system report for nine cities. The consultant (team) will calculate PCI and produce system reports for the participating cities (October 2025 – November 2025)
- 141.04 Provide training for local agency staff. Additionally, engage local agencies in the update of PMS as work progresses, the consultant (team) will provide training to local agency staff on use of the pavement management system (November 2025)
- 141.05 Presentation to TTC/PAC and Policy Board. The consultant (team) will present the results of the assessment to Fresno COG’s Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board for final acceptance. (December 2025)

141 Regional Pavement Management System Update															
Task Description	C O G	O T H R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
141.01 Collect and create/update roadway network database	■		25%	■	■	■									
141.02 Conduct pavement condition assessment and input in software	■	■	39%	■	■	■	■								
141.03 Calculate Pavement Condition Index and produce system report for nine cities		■	25%				■	■							
141.04 Provide training for local agency staff		■	6%					■							
141.05 Presentations to TTC/PAC and Policy Board	■	■	5%						■						

141 Pavement Management System

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FHWA PL 2024/25	FHWA PL 2023/24	0 LOCAL FUNDS
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Salaries	6,705	7,459	6,441			6,441
Benefits	1,779	2,105	2,033			2,033
Overhead	5,433	8,258	6,477			6,477
Total Staff Costs	13,917	17,822	14,951	0	0	14,951
Direct Costs						
Consultants	0	1,250,300	312,219	303,084	3,000	6,135
Total Direct Costs	0	1,250,300	312,219	303,084	3,000	6,135
TOTAL	13,917	1,268,122	327,170	303,084	3,000	21,086
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				34,764	344	

	Total	FHWA 2024/25	FHWA 2023/24	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants				
NEC	312,219	303,084	3,000	6,135
Total Consultants	312,219	303,084	3,000	6,135

150 Other Modes – Aviation, Rail, Bicycling, Pedestrian

Objective

To maintain a continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive planning process in aviation, rail, bicycling and pedestrian transportation modes.

Discussion

Fresno COG annually monitors federal, state, and local developments and requirements that impact these transportation modes. Staff bring these changes to the attention of Fresno COG's committees and Policy Board and modifies existing modal element plans and the Regional Transportation Plan as necessary. Modal connectivity is regularly evaluated and discussed, then reflected in the long-range plan.

Aviation

Regional aviation systems planning is required by both state and federal funding agencies to inventory facilities, evaluate needs (both on the airport and because of aircraft activity in the surrounding areas), and forecast demand that will determine funding levels and apportionment. The region's aviation system plan is integrated into the California Aviation System Plan and, ultimately, into the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). In the past, Fresno COG has participated in developing the California Aviation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Rail

Staff monitors, participates in and reports on the activities of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, which provides for regional governance and management (replacing the former state management) of the Amtrak San Joaquin intercity rail passenger service.

Preserving and/or acquiring appropriate railroad corridors that have been abandoned or may be abandoned for freight rail or alternative transportation uses, both short-term and long-term is a rail priority in Fresno County and elsewhere in the San Joaquin Valley. Staff will continue to assist any local jurisdiction that seeks to improve former railroad corridors for alternative transportation uses, including landscaped multi-use trails.

High-speed rail planning is addressed in work element 152; however, work element 150 recognizes the importance of coordinated and integrated planning between high-speed rail and intercity passenger rail (Amtrak San Joaquins), and between high-speed rail and all transportation modes.

Bicycling and Pedestrian Facilities

Fresno COG will continue to assist the cities within Fresno County and the County itself with securing funding for corridors to include bicycle and pedestrian uses. This includes a particular eye toward providing funding for traditionally disadvantaged communities.

Fresno COG developed a Regional Active Transportation Plan (R-ATP), which includes bicycle and pedestrian plans for all member agencies. The plan provides a countywide inventory of existing conditions and planned countywide priority bicycle and pedestrian networks. An update of the R-ATP will start in FY 2022-23 (See WE 154). Fresno COG's increased involvement in promoting bikeway and pedestrian (including trails) planning, funding and project development will continue in 2022-23.

Complete Streets

Fresno COG remains consistent with its Regional Transportation Plan policies concerning complete streets and will continue to work with its member agencies to provide complete streets guidance and training. In addition, competitive funding programs Fresno COG administers will take the Complete Streets Act into consideration by awarding points to projects that implement complete street policies. The Fresno City Council adopted a complete streets policy on October 10, 2019.

Previous work

- Updated rail, aviation, and non-motorized modal elements, contained within the RTP, adopted June 2022
- Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan
- Fresno/Clovis Class IV Separated Bikeway Feasibility Study

Products

1. Aviation, rail, bicycling, and pedestrian facilities inventories, reports, plans and products
2. Memoranda, letters, minutes, and notes related to aviation, rail, bicycling, and pedestrian modal element issues
3. Reports and products related to the Amtrak San Joaquins, the San Joaquin Valley Railroad corridor in Fresno County and the San Joaquin Valley Class 1 railroad (Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads) freight rail issues, Caltrans State Rail Plan, and rail consolidation/realignment

Tasks

- 150.01 Monitor aviation, rail, bicycling, and pedestrian developments and emerging issues; evaluate and promote connectivity with other transportation modes; and integrate with air quality planning as appropriate (monthly, as needed).
- 150.02 Document issues, provide analysis and staff research on aviation system plans and other aviation matters as appropriate (monthly, as needed).
- 150.03 Monitor and participate in activities of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, including its evolution as the advisory committee to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (July and Oct. 2025, Jan. and Apr. 2026)
- 150.04 Coordinate with Tulare County and other Valley counties on potential strategies to prevent important railroad corridor abandonments, in conjunction with appropriate recommendations from the Fresno County Rail Corridor Preservation/Acquisition and Transportation Alternatives Study and the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Business Plans (Reedley to Fresno and Firebaugh to Fresno) (monthly, as needed)
- 150.05 Participate in initiatives analyzing railroad corridors for preservation and alternative transportation uses, other fixed guideway studies and proposals, and new technologies under the Measure C New Technology Program (monthly, as needed)
- 150.06 Monitor new active transportation innovations and technologies (monthly, as needed)
- 150.07 Participate in the technical advisory committees for the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan and the San Joaquin Valley I-5 Goods Movement Safety Corridor Study to ensure that the advantages and opportunities provided by the Class I freight railroads and the short line freight railroad are represented (monthly)
- 150.08 Monitor and participate in activities of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Agency, the regional governance structure of the Amtrak San Joaquins (monthly)
- 150.09 Continue communicating and coordinating planning activities with Lemoore Naval Air Station (as needed).

150 Other Modes – Aviation, Rail, Bicycling, Pedestrian															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S I S T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
150.01 Monitor new modal issues	■		37	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.02 Monitor and document aviation issues	■		3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.03 SJV Rail Committee	■		10	■			■			■			■		
150.04 Rail corridor preservation	■		1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.05 Railroad corridor preservation and alternative uses	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.06 Monitor new active transportation innovations	■	■	15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.07 Goods Movement SIP/I-5 TACs	■		15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.08 Monitor San Joaquin Joint Powers Agency	■		12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
150.09 Lemoore NAS Coordination	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

150 Other Modal Elements

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	11,296	16,779	22,755	22,755
Benefits	3,151	4,959	6,434	6,434
Overhead	9,251	18,770	22,310	22,310
Total Staff Costs	23,698	40,508	51,499	51,499
Direct Costs				
Supplies/Printing	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Direct Costs	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	23,698	42,508	53,499	53,499
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

152 High-Speed Rail Planning

Objective

Assist the California High-Speed Rail Authority, in conjunction with Fresno COG member agencies, FresnoWorks, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, and interested citizens and organizations, with proposals and initiatives for the high-speed train system. Help identify and evaluate all issues associated with high-speed trains in Fresno County, including passenger station-area planning and design issues, operational issues, and ongoing efforts to secure maintenance facilities.

Discussion

This work element is devoted to different high-speed rail issues. These issues include securing a maintenance facility in Fresno or its vicinity and other economic opportunities; station area planning and design; coordination with other transportation modes within the metropolitan area, and the entire central San Joaquin Valley region; using eminent domain; and numerous jurisdictional, financial, environmental, operational, and social equity issues associated with implementing high-speed rail in Fresno County.

The downtown Fresno high-speed rail passenger station will be located along the Union Pacific corridor centered on the Mariposa Street alignment. The High-Speed Rail Authority is taking the lead on station-area planning, with the passenger station functioning as an intermodal facility with fixed route, paratransit, regional and micro transit, rail (Amtrak), Uber/Lyft and taxi connections serving Fresno Air Terminal and locations throughout Fresno County. The station will also incorporate a variety of charging stations powered by solar sources.

Previous work

- An “expression of interest” (FresnoWorks) for the High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility and its submittal to the High-Speed Rail Authority for consideration
- Fresno Freight Rail Realignment Study/Rail Consolidation
- Amendment to Measure C for \$25 million from the Rail Consolidation subprogram for property acquisition and infrastructure improvements for the heavy maintenance facility
- Comprehensive presentation to COG committees and Policy Board on the project-level EIR/EIS for the segment Fresno north and the segment Fresno south
- Involved in and provided input for the HSR Fresno station design
- Engaged in HSR outreach for the design of the open space at the Fresno HSR Station

Products

1. Special high-speed rail planning studies as required, regarding: the light-maintenance facility; transportation interface with downtown station; high-speed train passenger station architectural visioning and function; coordination between high-speed rail and Amtrak intercity rail, etc.
2. Meeting materials for discussions related to the planning studies and other discussions as listed above.

Tasks

- 152.01 Coordinate, consult with the California High-Speed Rail Authority on high-speed rail plans, programs, and studies (monthly)
- 152.02 Provide continuing staff support, including meeting preparation and presentation materials, to local groups and committees and the public on high-speed rail issues (monthly)
- 152.03 Document issues, provide analyses and staff research on high-speed rail matters, as appropriate (monthly)
- 152.04 Participate in meetings and workshops of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, as appropriate, regarding items of importance and relevance to the Fresno region (monthly)
- 152.05 Participate in meetings and other activities of committees and working groups established to assist with activities associated with high-speed rail station-area planning (monthly)

152 High-Speed Rail Planning															
Task Description	C O G	P A R T N E R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
152.01 HSR plans, programs, & studies	■	■	12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
152.02 Staff support committees, public	■		12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
152.03 Other HSR matters	■		12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
152.04 Attend HSRA meetings	■		52	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
152.05 Station Area Planning	■	■	12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

152 High Speed Rail Planning

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26
Salaries	2,254	6,449	4,817	4,817
Benefits	585	1,966	1,301	1,301
Overhead	1,818	7,266	4,676	4,676
Total Staff Costs	4,657	15,681	10,794	10,794
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4,657	15,681	10,794	10,794
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				1,238

153 Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission

Objective

The Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) is a statutorily created quasi-legislative, public administrative agency that is responsible for conducting airport land use compatibility planning and preventing the creation of new noise and safety problems in the vicinity of public use airports. The Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission coordinates airport land-use planning among state, regional and local agencies, delineating a compatible environment for the airport facility and protecting a valuable local investment by adopting a land-use policy plan.

Discussion

Fresno Council of Governments has staffed and administratively supported functions of the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) since 2008. The ALUC reviews land uses and land use changes, rezoning applications, zoning ordinance text amendments, airport master plans and building regulations proposed by local jurisdictions that sit within one of the nine Fresno County public use or Naval Air Station Lemoore's airport influence areas. This review process determines plan and project land use consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for noise, safety, airspace protection, other development conditions.

Previous work

- Drafted agenda packets, and conducted ALUC meetings in 2021-23
- Reviewed local agency actions and individual development projects, and determined consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission Compatibility Land Use Plan
- Offered full administrative and planning support to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission
- Provided staff-level review on many plans and projects as requested, assessing Fresno County ALUCP consistency
- Developed a unified Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) combining all eight existing airport compatibility plans into one document, with an additional chapter to address the land use compatibility issues and requirements of NAS Lemoore. The ALUC adopted the plan in December 2018 and approved two major amendments in December 2021 and October 2023.
- 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Action Element's aviation section

Products

1. Agenda packets, minutes, staff reviews, recommendations, and reports
2. Written staff analysis of local agency projects or plans and individual development projects to determine consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) prior to placing on ALUC agendas
3. ALUC webpage edits, maintenance
4. ALUC Form 700 reporting
5. ALUCP amendments
6. ALUC consistency finding documentation

Tasks

- 153.01 Provide staffing and administrative support throughout the year (monthly)
- 153.02 Provide technical assistance to local agencies and airports for the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (monthly)
- 153.03 Draft agenda packets, communicate with ALUC members, conduct ALUC meetings every other month (as needed), and provide meeting follow-up communications (monthly)
- 153.04 Prepare staff reports for the ALUC on matters of land use compatibility or consistency as requested (bi-monthly)
- 153.05 Review environmental documents and potential projects to ensure consistency with airport land use compatibility plans and guidelines from the Caltrans Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, as requested (monthly)
- 153.06 Review proposed revisions to airport master plans, FAR 150 studies, general plans, heliport layout plans and proposed ordinances, as requested (monthly)
- 153.07 Coordinate with Caltrans, airport authorities and local jurisdictions on airport land use policies and implementation (monthly)
- 153.08 ALUCP Amendment No. 3 final document and adoption procedures if needed (December 2025)

- 153.09 Maintain and update Airport Land Use Commission information on the Fresno COG website (monthly)
- 153.10 Coordinate plans and share information with Naval Air Station Lemoore (monthly)
- 153.11 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Action Element’s aviation section

153 Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission															
Task Description	COG	LEGAL	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
153.01 Provide staffing and admin. support	■		18	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.02 Provide technical assistance to local agencies and airports	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.03 Prepare agenda packets and/or meeting follow-up	■		20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.04 Prepare staff reports	■		17		■		■		■		■		■		■
153.05 Review environmental documents	■		15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.06 Review proposed revisions to plans and studies	■		6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.07 Coordinate with Caltrans, ALUC, airports and public	■		4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.08 ALUCP Amendment #3	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■						
153.09 Maintain and update ALUC page on Fresno COG website	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.10 NAS Lemoore Coordination	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
153.11 RTP Action Element Aviation Section	■		3												

153 Airport Land Use Commission

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	9,056	9,446	9,446	9,446
Benefits	2,970	2,942	3,019	3,019
Overhead	7,701	10,697	9,527	9,527
Total Staff Costs	19,727	23,085	21,992	21,992
Consultants	10,681	10,000	10,000	10,000
County Counsel	2,496	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Direct Costs	14,024	15,000	15,000	15,000
TOTAL	33,751	38,085	36,992	36,992

LTF MATCH 11.47%
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants		
Coffman On Call	10,000	10,000
Total Consultants	10,000	10,000

155 Fresno County Regional Rail Feasibility Study

Objective

Develop a feasibility study that will analyze the potential for a zero-emission regional rail system in Fresno County, primarily connecting the communities of Fresno, Firebaugh, Kerman, Mendota, Reedley, San Joaquin, Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, Sanger, and Dinuba (in Tulare County) primarily along the existing and underutilized San Joaquin Valley Railroad. The potential regional rail network that will be studied would have a connection to the future California High-Speed Rail system in downtown Fresno, as well as other regionally significant activity centers including the Fresno County Fairgrounds, and the Chaffee Zoo at Roeding Park. The study will include an analysis of zero-emission vehicle technology, existing rail infrastructure conditions, capital and operational cost estimation, and an implementation and phasing strategy, as well as a robust public engagement plan.

Discussion

Fresno COG was awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant in Fiscal Year 2024-25 to conduct a Fresno County Regional Rail Feasibility Study. By identifying feasible regional rail corridors with the greatest potential, this study will provide the transit operators and local governments with the analysis needed to apply for additional funding to implement the regional rail network. This study will feed back into Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategy as well as urban and rural short-range and long-range transit plans. These plans provide the foundation and justification for successful applications for funding through other grant programs. During the study's development, Fresno COG and its consultants will engage with the community and local stakeholders to receive input on how a regional rail network can support higher density land use development and more efficient mobility in the county. This project is expected to be completed in September 2026. The grant expires on June 30, 2027. Fresno COG and FCRTA, with the assistance of a consultant team, will be responsible for this project. The stakeholders in the Working Group include 10 local governments in Fresno County, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, community groups, tribal representatives, business representatives, and the general public.

Previous work

Following the planning process established during the San Joaquin Blueprint Study, Fresno COG developed the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) from 2008 to 2011. The study made recommendations for investments and policy recommendations to support improved transit programs and projects. Fresno COG, in coordination with local transit agency partners Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA), Fresno Area Express (FAX), and Clovis Transit collaborated on the Regional Long-Range Transit Plan in 2019 which provided a planning path for transit and multimodal investments and services in the Fresno region through the year 2050.

Products

- Meeting notes
- Request for proposals
- Working group roster
- Public outreach plan
- Public outreach summary memo
- Summary memo of regional transit plans, policies, and guidelines
- Summary memo of existing railroad infrastructure conditions
- Zero-emission rail vehicle technology analysis memo

Future Products

- Preliminary operations plan and ridership demand modeling report
- Regional rail station siting analysis and environmental screening memo
- Preliminary capital and operational cost estimates memo
- Implementation and phasing plan
- Draft plan and public comments
- PowerPoint presentation and final report

Tasks

- 155.01 Project kick-off meeting (August 2024)
- 155.02 Develop RFP for consultant services (November 2024-December 2024)
- 155.03 Consultant selection and contract execution (December 2024-January 2025)
- 155.04 Collaboration and community engagement (February 2025-August 2026)
- 155.05 Review existing plans, policies, and infrastructure conditions (February 2025-May 2025)
- 155.06 Zero-emission rail vehicle technology analysis (February 2025-April 2025)

Future Tasks

- 155.07 Preliminary operations plan and ridership demand modeling (May 2025-October 2025)
- 155.08 Station siting analysis and environmental screening (June 2025-October 2025)
- 155.09 Develop preliminary capital cost and operational cost estimates (November 2025-January 2026)
- 155.10 Implementation strategy and phasing plan (February 2026-May 2026)
- 155.11 Develop a draft planning and publish for public review (June 2026-August 2026)
- 155.12 Presentation and Policy Board acceptance (September 2026)

Ongoing Tasks

- 155.13 Project oversight (through June 2027)
- 155.14 Requests for reimbursement (through June 2027)
- 115.15 Quarterly reporting (through June 2027)

155 Fresno County Regional Rail Feasibility Study				2024/2025							2025/2026							26/27								
Task Description	C O G	C O N S I S T	% of Work	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
				O	E	A	E	A	A	U	U	E	O	O	E	A	E	A	A	U	U	E	A	A	U	U
155.01 Project kick-off meeting	■		1%	■																						
155.02 Develop RFP for consultant services	■		1%	■	■																					
155.03 Consultant selection and contract execution	■	■	1%		■	■																				
155.04 Collaboration and community engagement	■	■	22%				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
155.05 Review existing plans, policies, and infrastructure conditions	■	■	5%				■	■	■	■																
155.06 Zero-emission rail vehicle analysis		■	12%				■	■	■																	
155.07 Preliminary operations plan and ridership demand modeling	■	■	16%							■	■	■	■	■												
155.08 Station siting analysis and environmental screening		■	8%							■	■	■	■													
155.09 Develop preliminary capital cost and operational cost estimates		■	11%												■	■	■									
155.10 Implementation strategy and phasing plan	■	■	15%															■	■	■	■					
155.11 Develop the draft plan and publish for public review		■	4%																				■	■	■	
155.12 Presentation and Policy Board acceptance	■	■	1%																							■
155.13 Project oversight (through June 2027)	■		1%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
155.14 Requests for reimbursement (through June 2027)	■		1%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
155.15 Quarterly reporting (through June 2027)	■		1%	■			■			■			■			■			■			■			■	

155 Fresno County Regional Rail Feasibility Study

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	RMRA 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	0	0	8,064	6,912	1,152
Benefits	0	0	2,242	1,922	320
Overhead	0	0	7,877	6,751	1,126
Total Staff Costs	0	0	18,183	15,585	2,598
Direct Costs					
Consultants		327,500	297,500	255,000	42,500
Grant Administration		22,500	51	44	7
Total Direct Costs	0	350,000	297,551	255,044	42,507
TOTAL	0	350,000	315,734	270,629	45,105
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	RMRA 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
Regional Rail Study	297,500	255,000	42,500
Total Consultants	297,500	255,000	42,500

156 Safe Routes to School Addendum

Objective

Fresno County proposes a Safe Routes to School Assessment Study that will result in Action Plan, to carefully evaluate the most critical transportation issues students face at 20 selected schools located in or adjacent to unincorporated Fresno County. Fresno County is working toward a goal of zero fatalities, through its Safe Streets for All Action plan that is currently in progress. The proposed safety study around selected County schools is a necessary step to achieve that goal.

The outcome of the action plan would proactively identify and mitigate potential threats and create a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff. The study and resulting action plan support the County's and the State's Vision Zero goal to encourage walking, biking, and alternative modes of transportation to reduce greenhouse gases. Overall, the proposed school safety assessment plan will serve as a vital tool for creating and maintaining a safe and secure transportation environment for students and their families.

Communication and cooperation between the County and community representatives will be the key to successfully executing this study and implementing the resulting action plan. Fresno Council of Governments (COG) and the County will conduct outreach meetings with each affected school district to hear their needs and concerns including feedback on what additional projects may be needed.

This will continue Fresno COG's public transportation planning process to satisfy Federal Transit Administration requirements under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336); and the Measure C Expenditure Plan.

Discussion

The resulting action plan will allow staff to view Safe Routes to School throughout the County as a whole, prioritize projects, and possibly complete multiple projects at once. The County's Department of Public Health will play an integral part in our public engagement efforts and use their community-based organization network along with their years of experience engaging with the public. They have experience doing Quick-build projects and pop-up demonstrations to engage the community and local leaders.

Previous Work

MPOs in California are either required to follow the state safety targets set by State DOT or set their own regional safety target. In 2018, Fresno COG was the only MPO in California to set its own safety target using evidence-based data (trendline). In 2019, Fresno COG set the safety target based on California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). During these processes, Fresno COG analyzed the collision by location, jurisdictions, collision type, and contributing factors, also comparing over the time using the various data sources like FARS, SWITRS, and HPMS. Improper turning, alcohol impaired driving, pedestrian violation, and unsafe speed are the top four contributing factors to fatal crashes and serious injury crashes. Also, the top 10 intersections by injury collision were listed for the rural and urban areas.

Products

- Meeting notes
- Working group roster
- Existing Conditions Report
- Traffic Assessments
- Implementation of Strategies for the Proposed Remediation
- Virtual Public Engagement Platform
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Curriculum, Materials, and Trainers
- Final Report

Tasks

- 156.01 Consultant Procurement. Fresno COG will select a consultant (team) (January- March 2025).
- 156.02 Grant contract between Fresno COG and the consultant executed.
- 156.03 For the Existing Conditions Report, the consultant shall provide multi-modal safety data (motor vehicle, bike and pedestrian) and spatial analysis of road traffic accident hotspots by incident type for the Fresno County Region. Complete a comprehensive analysis of historical collision data in Fresno County, including identifying trends, location characteristics, contributing factors in each of California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Challenge Areas.
- 156.04 Public engagement identify safety education approach envisioned to be multi-faceted to include various components such as virtual platform, public events, traditional media campaign, social media promotion, and should be available in multiple languages.
- 156.05 Convene a safety steering committee - The committee includes but not limited to representatives from local governments, bike/pedestrian, disabled communities, CHP, Caltrans, local law enforcement, emergency services and other stakeholders.
- 156.06 Summarize the work completed, findings and recommendations in a final report that includes an executive summary and a detailed final plan. The final report and supporting materials shall be accessible for public use.
- 156.07 Presentation to TTC/PAC and Policy Board. The consultant (team) will present the results of the assessment to Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board for final acceptance. (May 2026).

156- Safe Route to School			2024/2025												2025/2026											
Task Description	COG	CONSULT	% of Work	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J			
				O	E	A	E	A	P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O	E	A	E	A	P	A	U			
				V	C	N	B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V	C	N	B	R	R	Y	N			
156.01 Project Administration	■		8%	■	■	■	■																			
156.02 Consultant Procurement	■	■	4%					■	■	■	■															
156.03 Existing Conditions/ Analysis		■	17%						■	■	■	■	■													
156.04 Public Outreach		■	35%								■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■							
156.05 Advisory Committee Meetings		■	25%												■	■	■	■	■							
156.06 Draft and Final Plan		■	6%															■	■	■						
156.07 Board Review/ Approval	■	■	4%																	■	■					

156 Safe Routes to School

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FED SS4A	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries		0	5,358	4,287	1,071
Benefits		0	1,458	1,166	292
Overhead		0	5,210	4,168	1,042
Total Staff Costs	0	0	12,026	9,621	2,405
Direct Costs					
Consultants	0	479,000	479,000	383,200	95,800
Agency Pass Thru					
Grant Administration		21,000	8,974	7,179	1,795
Total Direct Costs	0	500,000	487,974	390,379	97,595
TOTAL	0	500,000	500,000	400,000	100,000
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	FED SS4A	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
Safe Routes to School	479,000	383,200	95,800
Total Consultants	479,000	383,200	95,800

163 Freight Movement and Planning

Objective

To coordinate with local, statewide, and federal freight planning efforts, Fresno COG coordinates a comprehensive freight planning effort at the local and regional level and aims to achieve federal and state goals related to freight movement and economic vitality.

Discussion

The Fresno COG Overall Work Program and its Regional Transportation Plan incorporate planning factors that increase accessibility and mobility for freight and help enhance the transportation system's integration and connectivity across and among all modes, people, and freight.

Fresno COG will achieve these goals by participating in and monitoring freight planning efforts in the state, as well as engaging in studies and plans as needed. Fresno COG-led studies and plans will follow guidance from the California Freight Mobility Plan, Caltrans Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines (updated 2018), National Highway Freight Program, California Transportation Commission's Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment under SB671, and California Sustainable Freight Action Plan.

- Rail freight planning and coordination efforts are addressed in Work Elements 150 and 152
- Freight performance conditions and management are addressed in Work Element 171
- Trade Port California – RIA is referenced in Work Element 175
- Caltrans programs addressing freight and corridor connectivity are addressed in Work Element 220

Previous Work

- California Inland Port Project (TradePort California) Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Phase 5 Summary (2023)
- California Inland Port (TradePort California) Feasibility Study Phase Three (2023)
- California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Two (2021)
- Reverse Triangle Study (2020)
- SJV Interstate 5 Corridor Study (2017)
- San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR-99 Goods Movement Study (2016)
- State Route 198 Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan (2016)
- San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan (2013)

Products

1. Meeting agendas, minutes, action plans
2. Communications between Fresno COG and freight industry/businesses and public initiatives for freight
3. Final study reports and plans

Tasks

- 163.01 Coordinate with Caltrans and FHWA on freight planning efforts on the local, regional, or state level (monthly)
- 163.02 Coordinate with the San Joaquin Valley MPOs on a unified freight planning effort (monthly)
- 163.03 Participate in the Freight Advisory Committee, Interregional Goods Movement Technical Working Group, and technical advisory committees for the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan and the San Joaquin Valley I-5 Goods Movement Safety Corridor Study (monthly)
- 163.04 Act as liaison with both the freight/goods movement industry and business communities as related to Fresno COG and San Joaquin Valley freight planning efforts (monthly)
- 163.05 As needed, participate in statewide coordination process to designate critical urban and rural freight corridors (monthly)
- 163.06 As needed, assist with developing performance measures related to freight traffic (monthly)
- 163.07 Assist with monitoring state and federal funding source programs including the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP), Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), and National Highway Freight Program (monthly)

163 Freight Movement and Planning															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S U L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
163.01 Caltrans Local, State and federal coordination	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
163.02 SJV MPO coordination	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
163.03 Meetings participation	■		20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
163.04 Communications liaison	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
163.05 Coordination for designation of critical corridors	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
163.06 Performance measures assistance	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
163.07 Funding source assistance	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

163 Freight Planning

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	4,742	4,691	3,789	1,894	1,895
Benefits	1,248	1,472	1,135	567	568
Overhead	3,836	5,321	3,763	1,881	1,882
Total Staff Costs	9,826	11,484	8,687	4,342	4,345
Direct Costs					
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9,826	11,484	8,687	4,342	4,345
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				498	

164 Airport Access Survey

Objective

To quantitatively assess the ground access travel behaviors of passengers arriving at/departing from the Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT). The survey will also collect stated preference data suitable for estimating a mode choice model for air passengers. The survey will help implement an ActivitySim airport passenger ground access model within Fresno COG's Activity Based Model (ABM).

The data needs to be collected in a format and level of detail suitable for application in the airport component of the region's ABM to better reflect current travel behaviors. The model will explicitly represent all passenger-related ground-access travel to and from the airport made by both residents and visitors, including trips made to/from the airport to serve the passenger, and all ground modes of travel – transit, parking, rental cars, hotel shuttles, taxi, and ride-hail. The model includes five segments, stratified by resident/visitor status business/personal travel purpose and external trips. The model provides the ability to capture travel to the airport and includes enhanced capabilities regarding testing changes to parking locations and/or costs, rental car services, taxi and transportation network company (TNC) pricing and wait times, transit options, and other policies and investments. The model demand is driven by estimates of passenger enplanements (boardings) at the airport.

Another key component of the Airport Access Survey will be an evaluation of the potential market share for a new high-capacity or fixed guideway transit link connecting FAT to downtown Fresno or the surrounding transit network. To achieve this, an additional set of state preference questions will be required as part of the survey. These questions will assess respondents' willingness to use or switch to a hypothetical transportation alternative. The stated preference data will then be used to develop a simulator tool to forecast airport arrival mode market share at various project service levels.

Discussion

Fresno is the biggest city of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with the busiest airport in the region. Not only do the people within the Fresno County utilize the FAT, people from and around Madera, Merced, Hanford, Lemoore, Visalia, etc. also benefit from this airport. With likely High-Speed Rail service in the region, airport utilization from other cities and counties will only go up. This airport also serves visitors to three national parks in the region, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon. FAT offers passenger flights to multiple major airline hubs in the United States as well as international service to Mexico. Apart from passenger service, the airport is home to several military, law enforcement, firefighting, and medical air units due to its central location within the State. People use different transportation modes to and from the airport which adds the trips and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) within the region. To measure and quantify these trips, it needs to be modeled separately within the Fresno COG's ABM. This model is called the airport access model. For the calibration as well as validation of this model, the ground data needs to be collected through the airport passenger survey.

The primary objective of an airport ground access survey is to gather data on the transportation methods utilized by passengers and other individuals traveling to and from an airport. The survey will collect information regarding the respondent's most recent ground access journey to arrive at/depart from FAT (i.e., revealed preference data or RP). Respondents are typically requested to provide details about their ground access trip, including the main purpose of leaving FAT, mode of travel to the airport, ground access departure/arrival times, usage of parking facilities, and basic sociodemographic information. To evaluate the potential market share for a new high-capacity or fixed guideway transit link connecting FAT to downtown Fresno or the existing transit network, an additional set of stated preference questions will be asked. These questions will assess respondents' willingness to use or switch to a hypothetical alternative. The stated preference data will be used to develop a simulator tool to forecast airport arrival mode market share at various project service levels. The airport access model developed from this project will also help develop the inter-regional rail model which is likely to serve the parts of San Joaquin Valley by 2035, operated by California High Speed Rail (CAHSR).

Previous Work

No work on the airport passenger survey has been done before in the region. Although the bigger airports in the State like LA, San Diego, Bay area have this survey and airport access model available, this will be done for the first time in Fresno County as well as the San Joaquin Valley.

Products

1. Travel data from passengers and individuals traveling to and from an airport.
2. Stated preference data for estimating a mode choice model for air passengers

Tasks

- 164.01 Survey Methodology and Instrument Design (August - September 2025)
- 164.02 Sample Design (September 2025)
- 164.03 Data collection and Coding (October -November 2025)
- 164.04 Data cleaning and processing (November – December 2025)
- 164.05 Produce final report (January 2026)
- 164.06 Presentation to the TTC/PAC and Board (February 2026)
- 164.07 Project management (monthly)

164 Airport Passenger Survey															
Task Description	C	O	%	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
	O	T	of	U	A	E	C	O	E	A	E	A	P	A	U
	G	H	Work	L	U	P	T	V	C	N	B	R	R	Y	N
		E													
	R	R													
164.01 Survey Methodology and Instrument Design	■	■	15		■	■									
164.02 Sample Design		■	10			■									
164.03 Data collection and Coding		■	25				■	■							
164.04 Data cleaning and processing		■	15					■	■						
164.05 Produce final report	■	■	15							■					
164.06 Presentations to the TTC/PAC and Board	■	■	10								■				
164.07 Project Management	■	■	10		■	■	■	■	■	■	■				

164 Airport Access Survey

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	RMRA 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	0	0	0		
Benefits	0	0	0		
Overhead	0	0	0		
Total Staff Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Costs					
Consultants			441,608	390,956	50,652
Grant Administration			23,243	20,577	2,666
Total Direct Costs	0	0	464,851	411,533	53,318
TOTAL	0	0	464,851	411,533	53,318
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	RMRA 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
Airport Access Survey	441,608	390,956	50,652
Total Consultants	441,608	390,956	50,652

170 Regional Transportation Plan

Objective

Fresno COG maintains a continuous, coordinated, and comprehensive planning and implementation process. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. It addresses the federally required planning factors emanating from MAP-21 and FAST Act, statewide transportation planning emphasis areas and statewide legislative initiatives such as SB 743, SB 375, and AB 32.

The RTP is a fiscally constrained document consistent with the Environmental Protection Agency's defined transportation conformity process and all local plans. The RTP also complies with the applicable requirement of 23 CFR Part 450, which regulates metropolitan transportation planning and programming. Additionally, as mandated by SB 375, the RTP includes the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), that if implemented, demonstrates that the region will achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets set by the State. If an SCS is not feasible, then an alternative planning scenario (APS) would be included in the plan. The RTP also addresses transportation performance management required under 23 U.S.C. 150(c).

Discussion

The RTP is a long-range comprehensive planning document that provides guidance for regional transportation investment for the next two decades. It takes an integrated land use and transportation approach to promote a safe, sustainable, and vibrant future for our communities. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including Fresno COG, have been applying scenario planning techniques in the RTP development process. Scenarios are created to reflect different visions for the region. These scenarios are then compared, based on their performance in areas such as air quality improvement, congestion, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, farmland conservation, etc. Fresno COG conducts extensive outreach to collect input from the public and stakeholders, including workshops, online surveys, focus groups, scientific surveys, pop-up events, and community meetings that have been extensively used in our dynamic outreach process. The Policy Board determines a preferred scenario after considering input from the public, stakeholders, and technical advisory committees.

In addition to meeting federal requirements for transportation conformity, fiscal constraint, transportation performance management, environmental justice, etc., the RTP is also required to satisfy state mandates such SB 375 and SB 743. The federal and state mandates and best practices are documented in the 2017 and the 2023 Draft Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines for MPOs.

Fresno COG is in the process of implementing the 2022 RTP/SCS and will kick-off the 2026 RTP/SCS in the summer of 2024. Early activities before the official launch include the public participation plan update and scientific surveys. The 2026 RTP/SCS features: refined futures in combination with new, more distinct scenarios, GHG reduction targets of 6 percent and 13 percent for 2020 and 2035 respectively unless changed by ARB, applying Fresno COG's newly updated ABM, and implementing SB 743 in the EIR. The approval of the 2022 RTP/SCS was received from the California Air Resources Board in July 2024. Fresno COG's 2026 RTP/SCS will be developed in accordance with the new guidelines.

Previous work

The 2026 RTP/SCS officially launched with the RTP Roundtable kick-off meeting held in June 2024. Fresno COG launched an extensive and robust outreach in Fall 2024. Staff reached more than 14,000 residents and collected more than 1,000 comments regarding potential transportation improvements in the Fresno County region. Fresno COG subsequently conducted an additional round of outreach in Spring 2025 to survey the public about SCS performance indicators. COG staff also completed the following: RTP project mapping tool; updated demographic forecast; statistically valid survey to gauge the public's values and priorities; public participation plan update; call for projects completion receiving proposed projects from local partners for the 2026 RTP/SCS; developed SCS scenarios; developed revenue projections; revisited the policy element; developed the environmental justice report; transmitted the technical methodology to ARB and received the final sign-off letter from ARB about SCS technical methodology. The 2022 RTP/SCS was adopted by the Fresno COG Policy Board in July 2022. The conformity analysis for the 2022 RTP/SCS was approved by FHWA and FTA in December 2022. ARB requested additional VMT/GHG reduction strategies to be included in the 2022 SCS. The new reduction strategies were included in an update to ARB in July 2023, with final approval received in July 2024.

The demographic and employment projection has been updated with latest state DOF forecast at county level, updated vital statistics, and latest base population data from 2020 census. The updated 2023 -2060 projection got approved to be used in 2026 RTP modeling and planning.

Products

1. RTP Community Outreach consultant and mini grant reporting
2. RTP outreach materials
3. RTP Roundtable meeting agendas and materials
4. RTP refined scenarios options and preferred scenario
5. RTP project submittal
6. Revenue projections
7. Request for proposals for the 2026 RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
8. Notice of Preparation for the 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR
9. Public hearing notices and comments received
10. RTP Transportation Plan draft and final documents

Tasks

- 170.01 Receive and approve RTP Outreach consultant and mini grant reporting and invoices (July – December 2025)
 170.02 Conduct SCS Preferred Scenario public outreach (September – November 2025)
 170.03 Outreach communications via meeting agendas, email, website and social media (July 2025 – March 2026)
 170.04
 170.05 Develop SCS scenarios and update performance indicators
 170.07 Issue RFP for the 2026 RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
 170.08 Conduct kick-off meeting for the 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR
 170.09 Begin data collection for the 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR
 170.10 Prepare and issue the Notice of Preparation for the 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR

170 Regional Transportation Plan																
Task Description	C O G	CO NS LT	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	
170.01 Community Mini Grants	■		5							■	■	■	■			
170.02 Community Needs Workshops	■		5							■	■	■	■	■	■	
170.03 Outreach communications	■		10						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
170.04 Spring 2025 SCS Outreach	■		5									■	■	■		
170.05 Develop SCS scenarios and update performance indicators	■		34	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
170.07 Issue RFP for 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR	■		2				■									
170.08 Conduct kick-off meeting for 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR	■	■	2							■						
170.09 Begin data collection for 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR	■	■	20								■	■	■	■	■	
170.10 Prepare and issue NOP for 2026 RTP/SCS PEIR	■	■	2									■				

170 Regional Transportation
Plan

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FTA 5303 2024/25	FTA 5303 2023/24	FHWA PL 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	203,841	333,394	420,972	35,488	27,778	752	321,562	35,392
Benefits	61,108	102,136	119,070	10,028	7,857	213	90,962	10,010
Overhead	169,657	376,036	412,755	34,791	27,236	737	315,289	34,702
Total Staff Costs	434,606	811,566	952,797	80,307	62,871	1,702	727,813	80,104
Direct Costs								
Consultants	29,947	398,542	504,542				450,000	54,542
Supplies/Printing	245	5,000	5,000				5,000	
Workshops		15,000	10,000				10,000	
Promotion/Outreach	66,750	85,000	40,000				40,000	
Total Direct Costs	96,942	503,542	559,542	0	0	0	505,000	54,542
TOTAL	531,548	1,315,108	1,512,339	80,307	62,871	1,702	1,232,813	134,646
LTF MATCH 11.47%								
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				9,211	7,211	195	141,404	

	Total	FTA 5303	FTA 5303	FTA 5303	FHWA PL	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants						
RTP Consultants	404,542				350,000	54,542
LSA - On Call	100,000		0	0	100,000	
Total Consultants	504,542	0	0	0	450,000	54,542

171 Transportation Performance Management

Objective

Comply with Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) requirement for Transportation Performance Management and work with federal/state agencies, local governments, transit agencies, and stakeholders to establish appropriate targets for different performance metrics in the region.

Discussion

Federal transportation bills MAP-21 and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act require MPOs to conduct performance-based planning and focus on achieving performance outcomes. FHWA defines transportation performance management (TPM) as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals.

Transportation performance is managed through different metrics, including safety (PM1), bridge and pavement conditions (PM2), congestion/system performance (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP). Each performance area contains a series of performance measures for which MPOs need to establish targets.

- Safety (PM1): Achieve significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- Pavement and bridge (PM2): Maintain the highway and bridge infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.
- System performance/Freight/CMAQ (PM3): Achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.
- Transit asset management (TAM): Maintain the transit capital assets in a state of good repair.
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP): Maintain the safety and reliability of the transit system in the Fresno County region.

Previous work

Fresno COG's 2025 safety performance targets were adopted in January 2025, supporting the statewide targets for each of the five safety performance measures: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The targets were the continuation of 2024 targets setting methodology based on NHTSA's requirements. The targets were presented to TTC/PAC before the policy board in the month of January 2025.

The first cycle of PM2 and PM3 consisted of setting two-year and four-year targets for the six PM2 performance measures and four PM3 performance measures in November 2018. Fresno COG supported the statewide targets for all measures. The first cycle was completed in December 2021. The second cycle of PM2 and PM3 engagement with MPOs started in 2022 and continued to 2023. Fresno COG supported the statewide targets for both measures. The mid-cycle performance reporting for PM2 and PM3 were also completed in 2024. The 4-year targets for Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate (statewide) and Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS (statewide) were changed to a less restrictive target which would result in no change over 4 years. It was also seen that the State did not meet the targets set for the 2-year reporting period for which FHWA Transportation Performance Management Form required us to report back on why we did not meet our targets in the form of a detailed response. In addition, Fresno COG also updated the transit asset management (TAM) and the public transit agency safety targets as a part of the 2025 FTIP (Federal Transportation Improvement Program). Before this, it was updated during the 2022 RTP.

In addition to these targets setting process, Fresno COG also continued representing the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for the update of 2020-2024 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) by attending monthly safety steering committee as well as executive leadership meetings along with attending various safety workshops throughout the year. The committee helped complete the 2020-24 cycle and started working on new cycle (2025-29) in the FY 2024/25.

Products

1. 2025 PM1 Safety performance targets
2. Database of past and existing safety performance conditions.
3. 2025-29 SHSP Plan Update
4. MPO TAM and transit safety targets for 2026

Tasks

- 171.01 Update safety performance database and establish 2026 PM1 safety performance targets (October 2025-February 2026)
- 171.02 Organize safety committee to discuss safety targets, facts, and improvements (October 2025-December 2025)
- 171.03 Establish MPO TAM and transit safety targets for 2026 (as needed)
- 171.04 Participate in the SHSP monthly steering committee as well as executive leadership meetings and working groups (monthly)

171 Transportation Performance Management															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	JU L	A U G	SE P	O C T	N O V	D E C	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
171.01 Update safety performance database and establish 2026 PM1 safety performance targets	■		20				■	■	■	■					
171.02 Organize safety committee to discuss safety targets, facts, and improvements	■		20				■	■	■						
171.03 Establish MPO TAM and transit safety targets for 2026	■		20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
171.04 Participate in the SHSP monthly steering committee, executive leadership meetings, and working groups	■		40	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

171 Transp Performance Management

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 2025/26	FTA 2024/25
Salaries	13,759	12,317	13,751	13,751	0
Benefits	3,754	3,498	4,137	4,137	0
Overhead	11,214	13,655	13,671	13,671	0
Total Staff Costs	28,727	29,470	31,559	31,559	0
Direct Costs					
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	28,727	29,470	31,559	31,559	0
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				3,620	0

172 Congestion Management Program (CMP)

Objective

To implement Fresno COG's most recent congestion management process (CMP) update and continue to monitor regional congestion and system performance.

Discussion

The final Federal Management and Monitoring Systems (Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter I, Subchapter F, Part 500) rule defines an effective CMP as a systematic process for managing congestion that provides information on transportation system performance and on strategies for alleviating congestion and enhancing improving mobility to levels that meet State and local needs.

Fresno COG's Policy Board approved its 2017 CMP update final report in October 2017, guided by a CMP committee that comprised member agencies, Caltrans, transit operators and public stakeholders. The 2017 CMP update process used the most recent edition of FHWA's "The Congestion Management Process: A Guidebook" to guide the efforts.

Previous work

Working in partnership with FHWA, Fresno COG identified and developed a scope of work for the 2017 CMP update. The steering committee redefined the CMP network, limited it to the major freeways in the urban area, and established three performance measures for monitoring, e.g.: travel time index, planning time index and delay. Staff developed a congestion monitoring dashboard for the Fresno region that provides live-speed information on a website for the major Fresno/Clovis Metro Area freeways and analyzes historical performance based on performance measures. In 2018, the state developed a similar statewide dashboard that covers the Fresno Region's CMP networks.

Fresno COG identified an approach to integrate the CMP into the TIP planning process. Speed and crash data are mapped and combined into a CMP score which is used during the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) project scoring process. The last CMP mapping update was completed in 2024/2025 STBG cycle.

As part of the CMP program, Fresno COG received \$20,000 from the FHWA Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Program in spring 2015 to deploy automated pedestrian and bicycle counting equipment and encourage non-motorized count collection efforts in the MPO planning areas. Member agencies have been using the portable bike and pedestrian counters in their data collection efforts for bike/pedestrian activities. Such bike/ped count data has been made available to Fresno COG. In addition, Fresno COG expanded the traffic count collection program as part of the CMP program and receives traffic count data from its member agencies for over 750 count locations throughout the county.

Fresno COG implements CMP strategies such as rideshare, vanpool, public transit, bike/pedestrian infrastructure, ITS, and land use strategies through COG's other programs. Fresno COG staff also developed interactive map of Fresno County Travel Time Index and Travel Time Reliability by NPMRDS & REPLICIA 2023 speed data.

Products

1. Congestion monitoring dashboard in conjunction with statewide PeMS
2. 2025/2026 Bike/ped counts from member agencies
3. Traffic counts for 2025/2026
4. Interactive map of congestion and travel time reliability based on 2025 NPMRDS data

Tasks

- 172.01 Maintain the congestion monitoring dashboard (monthly)
- 172.02 Continue to provide bike/pedestrian counters to member agencies for their data collection efforts (monthly)
- 172.03 Provide speed and crash mapping to the STBG project selection process for scoring purposes (January-March 2026)
- 172.04 Continue to collect traffic counts on the regional transportation system (monthly)

172.05 Analysis NPMRDS data and develop interactive congestion and travel time reliability map (January – February 2026)

172 Congestion Management Process															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
172.01 Maintain the Congestion Monitoring Dashboard	■		8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
172.02 Provide bike/ped counters to member agencies and receive bike/ped counts	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
172.03 Update speed and crash mapping for the STBG scoring process	■		30							■	■	■			
172.04 Continue to collect traffic counts on regional transportation system	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
172.05 Develop interactive congestion map	■		2							■	■				

172 Congestion Management Program

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26
Salaries	4,015	10,885	7,090	7,090
Benefits	1,271	3,971	2,659	2,659
Overhead	3,385	12,827	7,451	7,451
Total Staff Costs	8,671	27,683	17,200	17,200
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8,671	27,683	17,200	17,200
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				1,973

173 Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan

Objective

To complete a regional VMT mitigation program implementation plan for Fresno County and to develop the VMT modeling estimation and evaluation process for that regional program.

Discussion

SB 743 (2013) is a tool to implement SB 375 through projects on the ground. SB 743 encourages development in the infill areas and discourages greenfield projects, resulting in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reductions. SB 743 requires that level-of-service (LOS), used in measuring transportation impacts in CEQA, be replaced with another metric that will “promote reduction of greenhouse gas emission, the development of multi-modal transportation system and a diversity of land use development.” The Office of Planning and Research (OPR) recommended VMT as the new metric. For land use projects, OPR identified VMT per capita, VMT per employee or net VMT for transportation analysis. For roadway capacity projects, lead agencies have the discretion to choose the metric to evaluate the transportation impacts. Since July 1, 2020, when SB 743 took effect, many jurisdictions in Fresno County have taken action to approve policies regarding SB 743 implementation. Fresno COG developed the [SB 743 Implementation Regional Guidelines in 2020](#), which provides tools for local governments to implement SB 743 should they decide to endorse the recommendations in the Guidelines. Fresno COG has received many requests to conduct VMT analysis based on the procedures recommended in the Regional Guidelines and has run the Activity-Based Model (ABM) to produce VMT estimates for development projects. However, due to limited mitigation measures with quantifiable VMT reduction credits, many projects found to have VMT impacts higher than the established threshold could not move forward.

It is believed that a regional-level VMT mitigation program will be most effective in providing the pathways for VMT reduction. In 2023, Fresno COG finalized the [Regional VMT Mitigation Program Feasibility Study](#) that explored options such as VMT mitigation bank, VMT mitigation exchange, regional VMT impact fees, etc., and identified pros and cons for the various techniques. The study outlined a framework for potential implementation of such a regional VMT mitigation program. As a follow up to the feasibility study, staff are recommending a Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan which seeks to establish a regional VMT mitigation program in Fresno County.

The overall efforts of this project are consistent with the RTP/SCS goals of VMT/GHG reduction and will further the state’s climate goals and the other overarching goals in the California Transportation Plan. When clarity is provided to developers and stakeholders regarding VMT mitigation, a path for projects to move forward is made possible. The plan seeks to develop and establish a VMT mitigation program to provide certainty for developers and project sponsors on their CEQA mitigation plans during the environmental clearance process of their projects.

This project will culminate in a Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan that provides for the establishment of a regional program in the Fresno County region. A stakeholder committee will be formed to help guide the implementation plan. The plan will develop an initial project list of VMT reducing projects within Fresno County. It will also develop a robust modeling process framework and tools for VMT estimation and evaluation of projects.

This program is funded by SB 1 planning grant (formula). The grant starts in FY 2024-25 with funds expiring Feb. 28, 2027. All the project activities align with the following SB 1 Sustainable Communities grant-specific objectives:

- Encourages local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- Contributes to the State’s GHG reduction targets and other State goals, including but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines
- Addresses disadvantaged communities’ needs
- Assists in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives of sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health, and social equity

Previous Work

Fresno COG has developed SB 743 Implementation Regional Guidelines, which has been endorsed by several jurisdictions in Fresno County. The Regional Guidelines include a VMT baseline for each member jurisdiction; thresholds for different projects; an on-line

VMT calculation tool and a screening map; and a modeling procedure to calculate per capita VMT using COG’s ABM model. The SB 743 guidelines was updated in FY 2024/25, following the update of COG’s ABM model.

In 2023, Fresno COG completed the Regional VMT Mitigation Program Feasibility Study that explored and identified pros and cons for the various techniques. The study outlined a framework for potential implementation of such a regional VMT mitigation program.

Products

1. Regional VMT Mitigation Program Stakeholder Meeting Notes
2. Regional VMT Mitigation Program Modeling Estimation and Evaluation Process Framework and Tools
3. Regional VMT Mitigation Program Policy and Jurisdiction Framework
4. Regional VMT Mitigation Program Initial Project List

Future Products

Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan

Tasks

- 173.01 Develop RFP
- 173.02 Consultants Interviews and Scoring
- 173.03 Consultant approval by Policy Board
- 173.04 Project kick-off/Stakeholder Committee meeting
- 173.05 Develop VMT Mitigation Program Modeling Estimation and Evaluation Process Framework and Tools
- 173.06 Develop VMT Mitigation Program Policy and Jurisdictional Framework
- 173.07 Develop VMT Mitigation Program Initial Project List

Future Tasks

- 173.08 Final Plan (September 2026)
- 173.09 Presentation to the TTC, PAC and Policy Board (October 2026)

173 Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan																
Task Description	COG	CONSULT	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
173.01 Develop RFP	■		2	■	■	■										
173.02 Consultants Interviews and Scoring	■		2				■									
173.03 Consultant approval by Policy Board	■		3					■								
173.04 Project kick-off/Stakeholder Committee meeting	■	■	3						■							
173.05 Develop VMT Mitigation Program Modeling Estimation and Evaluation Process Framework and Modeling Tools		■	30							■	■					
173.06 Develop VMT Mitigation Program Policy and Jurisdictional Framework		■	30									■	■			
173.07 Develop VMT Mitigation Program Initial Project List		■	30											■	■	

173 Regional VMT Mitigation Program

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	RMRA 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	363	17,639	10,020	8,871	1,149
Benefits	97	5,529	2,920	2,585	335
Overhead	294	20,002	9,890	8,756	1,134
Total Staff Costs	754	43,170	22,830	20,212	2,618
Direct Costs					
Consultants	50,120	314,000	314,000	277,984	36,016
Grant Administration		10,187	10,187	9,019	1,168
Total Direct Costs	50,120	324,187	324,187	287,003	37,184
TOTAL	50,874	367,357	347,017	307,215	39,802
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	RMRA 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
VMT Mitigation	36,016	277,984	36,016
Total Consultants	36,016	277,984	36,016

Objective

The TradePort California project (formerly, California Inland Port) is a public-private platform to transform the California logistics system to become the cleanest, most sophisticated supply chain system in the world. TradePort California would establish higher efficiencies through new strategic mobility hubs, sustainable technologies, and business partnerships. The Port will be a multi-modal network of integrated clean and automated truck, rail, and cargo facilities underpinning a next-generation ecosystem of goods movement and radically boosting California's economic competitiveness. This approach would be a paradigm shift from current conditions, and serve to cut greenhouse gases, improve air quality, reduce road congestion, increase traffic safety, increase investment and jobs, and forever reshape California's extraordinarily large intra-state freight movement system.

The Regional Infrastructures Accelerator (RIA) program aims to help designate projects that will serve defined geographic areas, with the USDOT providing technical resources and funds for planning and development activities to expedite project delivery through the Build America Bureau's loan programs and other innovative financing methods, including public-private partnerships.

Background and Discussion

Container-on-truck methods used to transport goods between Valley consumption and production centers and seaports is highly inefficient, resulting in increased costs and air pollution. Key facts show:

- I-5 and SR-99 carry up to 80,000 trucks per day, many traveling to San Pedro port's complex
- Lack of local Valley container storage facility necessitates empty containers be picked up from and returned to seaport locations (doubles needed trips)
- Regulations on truck operators limit shipping distance

By shifting most of the cargo truck traffic off the highway and roadway system, preliminary analysis performed by the San Joaquin Valley Air District and the California Air Resources Board show a potential 93% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions along with increased safety and decreased road congestion. After conducting four feasibility studies, the project team found that to initially attract private sector investment, it may be optimal to conduct preliminary environmental on select sites.

The primary stakeholders on this project represent a unique blend of public and private partners, all committed to increasing the competitiveness of the San Joaquin Valley: The ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Oakland, and Stockton; Union Pacific Railroad; BNSF Railroad; The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; South Coast Air Quality Management District; San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Kern County, Kings County, Tulare County, Fresno County, Madera County, Stanislaus County, San Joaquin County); Sacramento County; Sacramento Area Council of Governments; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; and the Central Valley Community Foundation. The project has received endorsements and/or resources from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Air Resources Board (CARB), California Department of Food and Agriculture (CFDA), Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz), and Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Project's objectives

- Support job creation and investment growth by fundamentally repositioning the San Joaquin Valley's economic competitiveness
- Create a more robust, efficient distribution system with a specific focus on high-value manufacturing, e-commerce, and the agriculture sectors
- Reducing shipping costs within global supply chains through direct intermodal rail service to/from the San Pedro seaports
- Significantly reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the number of truck trips from the seaports complex in the Los Angeles region to the Central Valley and the Bay Area
- Reduce highway congestion, and road maintenance expense; accident-avoidance savings; all of this reducing cost

This system of projects is designated as an "emerging project" by CalSTA and the USDOT due to its long-term benefits to help the supply chain crisis of 2021. It is also designated as a "Regional Infrastructure Accelerator" by the Build America Bureau at the USDOT.

- Freight planning efforts are addressed in work element 163
- Freight performance conditions and management are addressed in work element 171
- Caltrans programs addressing freight and corridor connectivity are addressed in work element 220

California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Two and California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Three were completed in 2021/22 and 2023/24 OWP, respectively.

Previous Work Completed

Other freight planning efforts completed by Fresno COG include:

- California Inland Port Project Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Phase 5 Summary (2023)
- California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Three (2023)
- California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Two (2021)
- Reverse Triangle Study (2020)
- SJV Interstate 5 Corridor Study (2017)
- San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR-99 Goods Movement Study (2016)
- State Route 198 Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan (2016)
- Finalized Site Suitability Matrix
- Update preliminary business model

Products

1. Project Kick-off Meeting Minutes
2. DBE reports
3. Monthly Invoices – ongoing through June 2025

Tasks

- 175.01** Project administration – Provide progress reports and invoices to USDOT on a monthly or quarterly basis. Fresno COG will manage and administer the grant project according to the executed cooperative agreement between the USDOT and Fresno COG. (Ongoing)
- 175.04** Industry & Railroad Coordination – Perform intermodal facility design and preliminary engineering, utilities engineering and design, traffic analysis and roadway design, and conduct preliminary environmental analyses and mitigation as needed. (Ongoing)
- 175.05** Public engagement – Open communication with public and community stakeholders to meaningful engage with concerns and comments on the plan development, project website updates, noticing, and workshops (February 2025-June 2026)
- 175.06** Request for project sites and selection –Soliciting to all counties within project area. Comprise Site Selection Committee with both private and public sector stakeholders (April 2024-September 2025)
- 175.07** Project site readiness analysis – Conduct traffic analysis and environmental assessment (September 2025-June 2026)
- 175.08** Plan development -Development of plan with all deliverables, public and private sector comment incorporation (Ongoing)

175 TradePort California RIA															
Task Description	COG	CONSULT	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
175.01 Project Administration	■		6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
175.02 Finalization of site suitability matrix		■	1	■											
175.03 Update preliminary business model		■	5	■											
175.04 Industry & Railroad Coordination		■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
175.05 Public engagement		■	6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
175.06 Request for project sites and selection		■	6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
175.07 Project site readiness analysis		■	50	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
175.08 Plan development		■	18	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

175 Inland Port RIA

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	Fed RIA
Salaries	11,417	21,399	18,445	18,445
Benefits	3,001	6,317	5,045	5,045
Overhead	9,233	23,930	17,953	17,953
Total Staff Costs	23,651	51,646	41,443	41,443
Direct Costs				
Consultants	0	1,625,000	1,510,643	1,510,643
Grant Administration		48,354	6,911	6,911
Total Direct Costs	0	1,673,354	1,517,554	1,517,554
TOTAL	23,651	1,725,000	1,558,997	1,558,997
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	Fed
Consultants		
Trade Port Phase	1,510,643	1,510,643
Total Consultants	1,510,643	1,510,643

178 Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Managed Lane Study

Objective

To determine if current travel demand in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area would deem managed lanes an effective solution to reduce congestion and recommend alternatives for managed lanes' locations, and a timeline for phased implementation.

Discussion

The Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) includes four major freeways, which includes SR99, SR41, SR168, and SR180, serving as major transportation facilities for statewide goods movement and the FCMA's almost 700,000 residents. Congestion along the four major routes is reaching levels that have normally been associated with the bigger metropolitan regions in northern and southern California. Congestion increases air pollutants, leads to more greenhouse gas emissions, and reduces the reliability of the transportation system. The corridors included in this study also provide access to three national parks and serve as critical corridors to the movement of people and goods around the entire San Joaquin Valley.

SAFETEA-LU, and the subsequent MAP-21 and FAST Act require that Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) – urban areas with population over 200,000 – “shall address congestion management through a process that provides for safe and effective management and operation, based on a cooperatively developed and implemented metropolitan wide strategy, of new and existing transportation facilities ... through the use of travel demand reduction and operation management strategies.”

Managed lanes provide a solution to managing congestion and improving safety on urban freeway networks and are utilized widely throughout the State. “Managed lanes” is an umbrella term for freeway lanes that are managed as either express, high occupancy vehicle (HOV), high occupancy toll (HOT), designated for clean air vehicles, or park and ride. Managed lanes are used as a viable alternative, and in some cases the only alternative, that meet federal air quality conformity standards for capacity increasing projects in non-attainment areas, which the Fresno region is in.

These activities align with the SB 1 Sustainable Communities grant-specific objectives: contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets; encourages local and regional transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS); and assists in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program overarching objectives: Sustainability, Preservation, Innovation, and Economy.

Managed lanes are consistent with the RTP/SCS' goals of VMT/GHG reduction and will further the state's climate goals and the other overarching goals such as safety & efficiency in the California Transportation Plan. As the FCMA population continues to grow, managed lanes will be an essential solution to manage congestion and encourage alternative forms of transportation, such as carpooling and transit. This project will review existing plans and future conditions, develop managed lanes strategies as well as their implementation plan. All activities will involve stakeholders and public engagement for the project's success.

This program is funded by SB 1 planning grant (formula). The grant starts in Fiscal Year 2023-24 with funds expiring Feb. 28, 2026.

Previous Work

- Consultant Procurement. Fresno COG will develop & issue RFP for the managed lanes study and select a consultant team
- Project initiation and Steering Committee Formation – Working with Fresno COG, the consultant team will identify a Steering Committee that will provide guidance throughout the study process.

Products

1. RFP for Managed Lanes Study
2. Summary report identifying existing plans and policies that will guide the study
3. Planned improvements report
4. List of Goals and Objectives of the study
5. Managed Lanes Strategies Report
6. Managed Lanes Implementation Plan
7. Funding recommendations

- 8. Plan, summary, and presentation
- 9. Final report

Tasks

- 178.01 Review existing plans – To understand the growth potential and impacts for communities identifies along the study corridors, the consultant team will review all existing land use and transportation plans and studies, and summarize the visions, goals and planned improvements identifies in those plans. (July 2025-August 2025)
- 178.02 Review future conditions – The consultant team will create an inventory of planned improvements along the study corridors and review the predicted traffic forecasts from the Fresno COG Activity-Based Model (ABM) (August-September 2025)
- 178.03 Develop Goals and Objectives – Based on input from the Steering Committee and information gathered in previous tasks, the consultant team will develop a set of goals and objectives for the study area. (October 2025-November 2025)
- 178.04 Develop managed lanes strategies – Based on the information gathered in previous tasks, the consultant team will develop managed lanes strategies for the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area. (December 2025-February 2026)
- 178.05 Develop a managed lanes implementation plan – Based on the results of Task 178.06, the consultant team will develop a managed lanes implementation plan for Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area. (February-April 2026)
- 178.06 Develop funding recommendations for the recommended planned improvements (April 2025)
- 178.07 Public Engagement – The consultant team will develop a public engagement plan for the study and collect feedback from the public and stakeholders. (September 2025-MArch 2026)
- 178.08 Draft and final report – The consultant team will provide an opportunity to the public and stakeholders to provide input and comments into the draft study and respond and/or incorporate comments into the final study report. (April 2026)
- 178.09 Presentations – The consultant team will present the completed study findings and recommendations to Fresno COG’s Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board for final acceptance. (April 2026)

178 Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Managed Lane Study			2025/2026												
Task Description	COG	CONSULT	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
178.03 Review Existing Plans	■		5	■	■										
178.04 Review Future Conditions	■	■	4		■	■									
178.05 Develop Goals and Objectives		■	13				■	■							
178.06 Develop Managed Lanes Strategies		■	13						■	■	■				
178.07 Develop a Managed Lanes Implementation Plan		■	5								■	■	■		
178.08 Develop funding recommendation		■	20										■		
178.09 Public Engagement		■	10			■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
178.10 Draft and Final Report		■	5										■		
178.11 Presentations		■	10										■		

178 MANAGED LANES STUDY

Budget	Actual Cost	Adopted Budget	Annual Budget	RMRA	LOCAL
Account	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2023/24	FUNDS
Salaries	1,710	4,201	4,146	3,670	476
Benefits	453	1,221	1,326	1,174	152
Overhead	1,385	4,682	4,182	3,702	480
Total Staff Costs	3,548	10,104	9,654	8,546	1,108
Direct Costs					
Consultants	0	200,000	200,000	177,060	22,940
Grant Administration	0	4,372	918	813	105
Total Direct Costs	0	204,372	200,918	177,873	23,045
TOTAL	3,548	214,476	210,572	186,419	24,153
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	RMRA	LOCAL
		2023/24	FUNDS
Consultants			
Managed Lane Study	200,000	177,060	22,940
Total Consultants	200,000	177,060	22,940

179 Complete Streets Planning

Objective

To establish a regional complete streets policy that will improve and enhance the mobility and safety of all users of the streets and roads regardless of their age, ability, gender, or mode of transportation.

Discussion

Historically, roadways were designed to accommodate automobiles and performance metrics such as level of service (LOS) were used to measure the effectiveness of the transportation system. Other non-auto users of the transportation system such as pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders experienced difficulty and vulnerability navigating such an auto-centric transportation network. Due to such automobile-oriented design, safety becomes a significant issue and concern for non-auto users. People who cannot operate or do not own a vehicle experience inconvenience getting around and reaching their destinations. In addition, gas-powered cars have brought air pollution and climate challenges that threaten the health and existence of our communities. To address these issues, the transportation industry has started to shift focus and is developing policies and guidelines to prioritize people over cars on our street network. Complete streets is a concept that the transportation system accommodates users of all modes, including cars, buses, pedestrians, cyclists, trucks, etc. It promotes the safety and mobility of people of all ages and abilities. When implemented systemwide, it will provide better transportation options for people, and it will be safer and easier for people to get around in all modes of transportation. Subsequently, it will reduce air pollution as well as greenhouse gas emissions from cars.

Given the various purposes the roadway system serves and the unique local context each roadway/street is in, implementation of a complete streets policy should be context sensitive. Factors such as urban vs. rural, regional vs. local, industrial vs. residential, school vs. commercial, etc. should be taken into consideration when the complete streets policy is enforced. Historic factors should be considered where appropriate, and community input should be solicited as part of the roadway development process. A complete streets policy should be implemented throughout the lifecycle of a project, i.e., planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The local governments in Fresno County have various policies in place with regards to complete street implementation. However, one common issue in the region has attracted the attention of the practitioners and elected officials and has manifested itself as the top priority for the implementation of complete streets; that is safe routes to schools. School children are one of the most vulnerable populations when streets were built for cars. They become the victims of tragic accidents due to lack of protected facilities such as sidewalks and crosswalks; when climate events such as extreme precipitation hit, the school routes are flooded (without proper drainage system), leaving the kids without access to school. The lack of safe routes to schools becomes one of the barriers for children to receive education and hinders their ability to achieve their full potential in the future. Such issues are more prevalent in disadvantaged communities in the region and warrants more attention as it is also a social equity issue.

Through the efforts of this work element, Fresno COG will establish a regional complete streets policy within two years that will be implemented by local agencies and Fresno COG through various plans and programs. A Safe Routes to Schools Subcommittee will be convened to tackle the safe routes to schools issue that is at the top of community concerns.

Previous work

In 2023-24, Fresno COG staff met with school districts in Fresno County to discuss a Safe Routes to Schools/Active Transportation Plan Planning Process. Fresno COG collected an inventory of Safe Routes to Schools needs from school districts to include in the ATP Update. Fresno COG staff also met with member agencies' staff to review the inventory. A Safe Routes to Schools Subcommittee was appointed to facilitate Safe Routes to Schools.

Products

1. Complete street training materials provided to local agency staff
2. Safe Routes to Schools Subcommittee recommendation
3. Safe Routes to Schools Inventory of Needs

Tasks

- 179.01 Collect crash data for pedestrian/cyclist-related accidents. July- August 2025
- 179.02 Map school routes and conduct sidewalk inventory of the routes. August 2025
- 179.03 Establish Complete Streets Committee. September 2025
- 179.04 Develop complete streets policy and provide training to local agency staff. October 2025-January 2026
- 179.05 Safe Routes to Schools Task Force discusses issues and makes policy and funding recommendations. October 2025 – January 2026

179 Complete Street															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
179.01 Collect crash data for pedestrian/cyclists related accidents	■		5	■	■										
179.02 Map school routes and conduct sidewalk inventory of the routes	■		23		■										
179.03 Establish Complete Street Committee		■	1			■									
179.04 Develop complete street policy and provide training to local agency staff		■	50				■	■	■	■					
179.05 Task Force discuss issues and make policy and funding recommendations	■		21				■	■	■	■					

179 Complete Streets Planning

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FHWA CS 2.5% 2024/25	FHWA CS 2.5% 2025/26
Salaries	23,646	20,191	20,522		20,522
Benefits	6,423	6,226	5,857		5,857
Overhead	19,254	22,809	20,161		20,161
Total Staff Costs	49,323	49,226	46,540	0	46,540
Direct Costs					
Consultants	0	0	0		
Grant Administration	0	214	7,855	5,000	2,855
Total Direct Costs	0	214	7,855	5,000	2,855
TOTAL	49,323	49,440	54,395	5,000	49,395
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

180 Air Quality Transportation Planning

Objective

The Air Quality Transportation Planning work element provides for a coordinated transportation and air quality planning process. Both the federal and California clean air acts require that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state implementation plans (SIPs) and establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether they conform.

Discussion

Fresno County is classified as non-attainment for ozone and PM-2.5, and in attainment/maintenance for PM-10. Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act. Transportation conformity to a state implementation plan (SIP) means that on-road transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, federal regulations require that regional transportation plans (RTPs), federal transportation improvement programs (FTIPs) and federally funded or approved highway and transit activities demonstrate transportation conformity.

Regional Transportation Plan Conformity

Transportation conformity is intended to ensure that federal funding and approval are given to those transportation activities that support SIP purposes and goals. Conformity ensures that these transportation activities do not degrade air quality and that they support NAAQS attainment. The MPO and the US DOT (FHWA/FTA) have a responsibility to ensure that the RTP conforms to the SIP.

The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Interagency consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors' Association-Interagency Consultation Group (IAC).

County	NAAQS	Area Name	Nonattainment in Year	Redesignation to Maintenance	Classification	Whole or Part County
Fresno County	1-Hour Ozone (1979)-NAAQS revoked	San Joaquin Valley, CA	92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04	//	Extreme	Whole
Fresno County	8-Hour Ozone (1997)-NAAQS revoked	San Joaquin Valley, CA	04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14	//	Extreme	Whole
Fresno County	8-Hour Ozone (2008)	San Joaquin Valley, CA	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	//	Extreme	Whole
Fresno County	8-Hour Ozone (2015)	San Joaquin Valley, CA	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	//	Extreme	Whole
Fresno County	Carbon Monoxide (1971)	Fresno, CA	92 93 94 95 96 97	06/01/1998	Moderate > 12.7ppm	Part
Fresno County	PM-10 (1987)	San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, CA	92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07	12/12/2008	Serious	Whole
Fresno County	PM-2.5 (1997)	San Joaquin Valley, CA	05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	//	Serious	Whole
Fresno County	PM-2.5 (2006)	San Joaquin Valley, CA	09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	//	Serious	Whole
Fresno County	PM-2.5 (2012)	San Joaquin Valley, CA	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	//	Serious	Whole

Previous work

During 2022-23:

- Updates/presentations/information to member agencies on revisions, amendments, and guidance developed from federal and California clean air legislation
- Emissions travel forecasts
- Provided updated travel factors to the SJVAPCD
- Provided SED/TAZ information for the 2012 PM2.5 standard SIP
- Annual CMAQ Improvement Program Report for fiscal year 2021-22
- Project-level conformity determinations (hot-spot assessments) for various member agencies
- Attended Statewide Conformity Working Group meetings
- Attended California Federal Programming Group meetings
- Attended San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group meetings

- Attended San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Meetings
- Attended California Air Resources Board Meetings
- Participate as a steering committee member of the South-Central Fresno AB617 community

Products

1. New motor vehicle emission budgets in support of State Implementation Plans (SIPs), new national ambient air quality standards, and updates to EMFAC (EMissions FACTor-ARB's mobile source model) as part of new transportation air quality determinations
2. San Joaquin Valley COG Directors Association-Interagency Consultation Group (IAC) meeting materials for addressing pertinent transportation modeling, air quality modeling, and transportation conformity analysis issues
3. Annual CMAQ Improvement Program Report
4. Project-level conformity determinations (hot-spot assessments)
5. Conformity analysis including model runs for each regionally significant FTIP amendment, and RTP
6. Implementation of federal air quality regulations as part of Fresno COG planning processes and programming
7. Interregional IAC meetings and Statewide Air Quality Conformity Working Group meeting materials
8. Valley air quality workshops
9. Programming of new CMAQ projects through Fresno COG member agencies
10. Board approval documentation of new CMAQ Guidelines
11. Presentation updates to Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Policy Board regarding air quality regulatory actions and Fresno COG planning processes
12. Documents, plans, presentations, meeting notes resulting from the AB617 process
13. Public remarks at SJVAPCD or CARB meetings
14. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) 2023-24 call for projects: Process involved Receiving and reviewing all applications, scoring committee documentation, and approval of recommended projects lists through the Fresno COG's TTC, PAC, and Board

Tasks

- 180.01 Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements (monthly)
- 180.02 Provide technical support and assistance on applicable transportation planning issues to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) (monthly)
- 180.03 Participate with the other Valley MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley COG Director's Association- IAC to address pertinent transportation modeling, air quality modeling, and conformity analysis issues (monthly)
- 180.04 Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, FTIP, and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), required by laws and regulations (ongoing monthly as needed)
- 180.05 Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board (monthly)
- 180.06 Work with the SJVAPCD and other agencies in determining whether there are TCMs, reasonably available control measures (RACM) and/or best available control measures (BACM), which could be pursued for congestion reduction or inclusion in attainment demonstration plans (ongoing as needed)
- 180.07 Participate in goods movement studies along with the SJVAPCD, MPOs, and other government agencies (as needed)
- 180.08 Continue with the ongoing public education process and work to develop outreach programs on conformity, air quality, and other transportation issues (monthly as needed)
- 180.09 Assist local agencies with emissions calculations and offer general support for projects funded through the CMAQ program (monthly as needed)
- 180.10 Work with the SJVAPCD and California Air Resources Board to jointly evaluate EMFAC model and California mobile source control measures on motor vehicle emissions projections (ongoing as needed)
- 180.11 Identify methods, procedures, and/or alternatives to analyzing the effect of transportation modes, infrastructure, and land use patterns on air quality (monthly)
- 180.12 Participate in local, regional, and statewide AB617 air quality planning efforts (monthly)

180 Air Quality Transportation Planning															
Task Description	COG	PARTNER	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
180.01 Monitor state/federal guidance	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.02 Tech assist to SJVAPCD	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.03 Interagency Consultation Group	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.04 Conformity determinations	■	■	22	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.05 Submit travel forecasts	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.06 TCMs/RACM/BACM	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.07 Truck movement studies	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.08 Public education	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.09 CMAQ emissions	■	■	20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.10 Evaluate EMFAC updates	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.11 Evaluate emission impacts	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
180.12 AB617 participation	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

180 Air Quality/Trans. Planning

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	33,788	43,175	46,972	18,789	14,092	14,091
Benefits	12,872	16,897	17,441	6,976	5,233	5,232
Overhead	29,880	51,866	49,232	19,693	14,770	14,769
Total Staff Costs	76,540	111,938	113,645	45,458	34,095	34,092
Direct Costs						
Agency Pass Thru	56,480	73,196	73,196		46,821	26,375
Total Direct Costs	56,480	73,196	73,196	0	46,821	26,375
TOTAL	133,020	185,134	186,841	45,458	80,916	60,467
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				5,214	9,281	
			Total	FTA 5303	FHWA PL	LOCAL FUNDS
Agency Pass Through						
Air Quality Liason - San Joaquin COG			73,196	0	46,821	26,375
Total Consultants			73,196	0	46,821	26,375

181 Climate Action Plan

Objective

To create a regional climate action plan that conduct GHG inventory in the region and lay out a course of action to reduce the GHG emissions from all sectors, which will position the region for the second phase of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant with \$4.6 billion of implementation funding.

Discussion

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), EPA was appropriated with \$5 billion to reduction GHG emission nationwide. EPA created the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program for the IRA funding with a planning phase and an implementation phase. Among the entities eligible for the planning phase, Fresno Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of the entire Fresno County, is one of the 67 most populous MSAs nationwide that are eligible for \$1 million planning grant each. The planning grant is non-competitive and is available if entities submit applications as required by EPA's (CPRG) program guidelines. As the lead agency for the Fresno region, Fresno COG, in partnership with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the City of Fresno, submitted an application package to EPA in May 2023 that included a workplan, budget and timeline.

The CPRG requires three main deliverables: a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), and a status report. The PCAP, which is due on March 1, 2024, is required to have a GHG inventory of the region, a list of GHG reduction measures, and a benefit analysis for the low-income and disadvantaged communities. The CCAP, due in summer/fall of 2025, will include a comprehensive GHG inventory, projection by sectors and reduction targets. It will also include an inclusive list of GHG reduction measures, a benefit analysis for the entire region as well as for the low-income/disadvantaged communities. It will also provide funding as well as workforce development impact analysis as part of the comprehensive plan. The third deliverable, the Status Report, is due in summer/fall of 2027. It is expected to provide updates to most of the components in the CCAP. All three phases of the project require extensive public outreach that involves coordination with the local governments, sector leaders, and the public. The project puts significant efforts in the outreach to the low-income/disadvantaged communities as climate change has a disproportionate impact on such communities.

The development of a Regional Climate Action Plan is a pre-requisite for eligibility for EPA's \$4.6 billion CPRG implementation grant. The NOFO for the implementation grant will be published in the summer/fall of 2023. Agencies can refer to the GHG reduction measures in the PCAP when applying for the implementation grant. Although Climate Action Plan is optional in California, more and more local governments have included such an element in the local general plans. The Fresno County Regional Climate Action Plan can serve as a starting point for local agencies' climate action planning efforts, and will help local governments develop staff capacity in this area.

Previous work

Priority Climate Action Plan

Products

1. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
2. Status Report

Tasks

- 181.01 Develop the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) (December 2025)
- 181.02 Perform regional benefit analysis and analysis for the low-income/disadvantaged communities (March 2025-June 2025)
- 181.03 Conduct public outreach (ongoing, monthly)
- 181.04 Funding analysis (October 2025)
- 181.05 Conduct workforce development impact assessment (October 2025)
- 181.06 Project Administration (ongoing, monthly)

181 Climate Action Plan				2025/2026											
Task Description	C O G	C O N S U L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
181.01 Develop CCAP		■	30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
181.02 Perform benefit analysis for low income/disadvantaged communities		■	15	■	■	■	■	■							
181.03 Public outreach		■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
181.04 Funding Analysis		■	10						■	■					
181.05 Workforce development impact assessment		■	20								■	■	■	■	
181.06 Project Administration	■		15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

181 Climate Action Plan

Budget	Actual Cost	Adopted Budget	Annual Budget	0 EPA
Account	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	ASAP
Salaries	13,290	9,530	10,058	10,058
Benefits	3,493	2,691	2,681	2,681
Overhead	10,746	10,552	9,736	9,736
Total Staff Costs	27,529	22,773	22,475	22,475
Direct Costs				
Consultants	149,965	690,000	315,101	315,101
Grant Administration	0	100,347	15,823	15,823
Total Direct Costs	149,965	790,347	330,924	330,924
TOTAL	177,494	813,120	353,399	353,399
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

EPA

Total	ASAP
Consultants	
Climate Action Plan	315,101
Total Consultants	315,101

182 Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis

Objective

Develop an Extreme Heat Plan for Fresno County. The plan will include an extreme heat vulnerability analysis, which will provide valuable data for future adaptation and mitigation responses to extreme heat induced by climate change. The plan will also identify native and drought-tolerant tree canopy and vegetative cover improvement projects in communities most vulnerable to extreme heat based on the extreme heat vulnerability analysis and bike and pedestrian traffic analysis. This plan will inform general plans, other long-range plans, and the design and retrofit of future and present infrastructure. The parties involved in this project will be Fresno COG, the 16 local governments in Fresno County, community organizations, and the general public.

Discussion

Fresno COG was awarded a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant in Fiscal Year 2024-25 to conduct a Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis. The study will conduct an extreme heat vulnerability analysis that includes transit-dependency, zero-vehicle households, and projected temperature rise, as indicators for vulnerability to determine which areas in Fresno County are most vulnerable to extreme heat. Location analysis will be conducted using data from the vulnerability analysis and traffic analysis to develop a list of vulnerable corridors. Drought-tolerant tree canopy and vegetative cover improvement projects will be identified for the most vulnerable corridors.

Extreme heat could lead to long-term health problems from heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke, heart attacks, and heart failure, as well as respiratory illnesses attributed to poor air quality exacerbated by extreme heat. Transit-dependent populations could suffer from heat-related illnesses when walking to or waiting at the bus stop. Populations that rely on walking and bicycling could also be disproportionately impacted by heat-related illnesses when commuting to and from grocery stores, appointments, and school. Identifying tree canopy and vegetative cover projects for vulnerable communities will have far-reaching co-benefits on public health, air quality, stormwater runoff, and mode-shift, once the projects are implemented helping COG and the region reach GHG, VMT, and air quality goals.

Senate Bill 379 and the General Plan Guidelines direct local jurisdictions to address climate adaptation and resiliency in the safety elements of their general plans. The proposed project will provide valuable information that jurisdictions can incorporate into their safety and conservation elements with regard to the transportation network. The plan will also inform policies and projects to be included in future climate adaptation plans and Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategy, which supports RTP Guidelines recommendations for MPOs to address climate adaptation within their plans. This project starts in FY 2024-25 with funds expiring June 30, 2027.

Fresno COG, with the assistance of a consultant team, will be responsible for this project. The stakeholders in the Working Group include all the 16 local governments in Fresno County, community groups, tribal representatives, business representatives, and the general public

Previous Work

The Fresno County Regional Transportation Network Vulnerability Assessment (TNVA) analyzed the impacts of different climate hazards on the region's transportation network assets and identified strategies mitigation of the impacts. Extreme heat was identified as one of the major climate hazards for the region and it is projected that there will be a high increase in events and intensity. In outreach for the TNVA, 70% of all respondents and 79% of low-income respondents listed "tree plantings along roadways and sidewalks" most frequently as the transportation improvement most important for addressing extreme weather and climate change. This project will identify which communities and corridors in the county are most vulnerable to extreme heat and identify tree canopy and vegetative cover projects that can mitigate extreme heat, and recommendations to implement and maintain such projects.

Products

- Meeting notes
- Request for proposals
- Working group roster
- Public outreach plan
- Public outreach summary memo

- Climate adaptation plans, policies, and guidelines related to extreme heat summary
- Extreme heat vulnerability analysis memo

Future Products

- Pedestrian and bicyclist traffic analysis and location analysis summary memo
- Draft tree canopy and vegetative cover projects list
- Planning level costs for identified shade improvement projects
- Project profiles for five projects
- Project fact sheets for five projects
- Draft plan and public comments
- Final plan with incorporated public comments
- PowerPoint presentation and final report

Tasks

- 182.01 Conduct pedestrian and bicyclist traffic analysis and location analysis (July-September 2025)
- 182.02 Develop a draft list of tree canopy and vegetative cover projects (October-November 2025)
- 182.03 Develop planning level costs for identified shade improvement projects (December 2025-January 2026)
- 182.04 Select five projects in the most vulnerable areas and develop project profiles (January-March 2026)
- 182.05 Develop the draft plan and publish the draft plan for public review (April-June 2026)
- 182.06 Presentation and Policy Board acceptance (July 2026)

Ongoing Tasks

- 182.07 Project oversight (through June 2027)
- 182.08 Requests for reimbursement (through June 2027)
- 182.09 Quarterly reporting (through June 2027)

182 Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis				2024/2025												2025/2026												26/27
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	JUL				
				O	E	A	E	A	A	U	U	E	C	O	E	A	E	A	A	Y	U	N						
182.01 Project kick-off meeting	■		1%	■																								
182.02 Develop RFP for consultant services	■		1%	■	■																							
182.03 Consultant selection and contract execution	■	■	1%			■	■																					
182.04 Collaboration and community engagement	■	■	22%					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
182.05 Review existing plans, guidelines & policies	■	■	5%					■	■																			
182.06 Conduct extreme heat analysis		■	12%						■	■	■																	
182.07 Conduct pedestrian and bicyclist traffic analysis and location analysis	■	■	16%									■	■	■														
182.08 Develop draft list of tree canopy and vegetative cover projects		■	8%											■	■													
182.09 Develop planning level cost for the identified shade improvement projects		■	11%													■	■											
182.10 Select five projects in the most vulnerable areas and develop project profiles	■	■	15%														■	■	■									
182.11 Develop the draft plan and publish the draft plan for public review		■	4%																		■	■	■					
182.12 Presentation and Policy Board acceptance	■	■	1%																							■		
182.13 Project oversight (through June 2027)	■		1%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
182.14 Requests for reimbursement (through June 2027)	■		1%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
182.15 Quarterly reporting (through June 2027)	■		1%	■		■				■					■							■						

182 Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	State Hwy Account 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	0	0	3,869	3,425	444
Benefits	0	0	1,091	966	125
Overhead	0	0	3,791	3,356	435
Total Staff Costs	0	0	8,751	7,747	1,004
Direct Costs					
Consultants	0	238,000	198,000	175,289	22,711
Grant Administration	0	12,000	33	29	4
Total Direct Costs	0	250,000	198,033	175,318	22,715
TOTAL	0	250,000	206,784	183,065	23,719
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	Account 2024/25	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
Extreme Heat Analysis	198,000	175,289	22,711
Total Consultants	198,000	175,289	22,711

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

210 Measure C Reauthorization Implementation

Objective

To provide the organizational structure, planning and staffing for an expenditure plan that guides the Measure C half-cent sales tax measure.

Fresno COG continues to provide planning and financial services for several Measure C programs including the: Regional Transportation Program, Senior Scrip Program, Carpool Incentive Program, Commuter and Agricultural Worker Vanpool Subsidy programs and the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program. Fresno COG staff also administers the Measure C Transit-Oriented Development Program, the New Technology Reserve Fund and provides staff support to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee.

Discussion

In its role as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County, Fresno COG is legislatively responsible for preparing an expenditure plan funded through a local sales tax measure dedicated to transportation. Measure C provides dedicated transportation funding revenues to address regional and local needs through 2027.

Previous work

- 2021-22 renewal effort
- Executive Committee agendas and minutes
- Technical Advisory Committee minutes and agendas
- Renewal Measure policies
- Draft expenditure plan

Products

1. Strategic Implementation Plan
2. Public transportation infrastructure study
3. Senior Scrip, Measure C Carpool Incentive, Commuter and Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program, and the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program implementation plans and strategies
4. Measure C Regional Transportation Plan update
5. Measure C Regional Transportation Short-Term Program
6. Updates to the Measure C Strategic Implementation Plan
7. Update to the Regional Transportation Program component of Measure C Expenditure Plan
8. Programming updates to the Measure C expenditure program in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
9. Staff support for the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee
10. List of recommended projects to award screened by the New Technology Multidisciplinary Advisory Group and approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board to FCTA Board
11. New Technology reserve fund projects
12. TOD program cycle 12 projects & call for projects for cycle 13

Tasks

- 210.01 Update Measure C Strategic Implementation Plans for Measure C's regional subprograms, as needed (monthly)
- 210.02 Address other implementation requests and requirements as issues arise (monthly)
- 210.03 Administer sixth funding cycle, reconvene the TOD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and review the 2019 TOD program guidelines and policies after the sixth funding cycle is completed (monthly)
- 210.04 Oversee and document the Measure C Senior Scrip Program, Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program, Commuter and Agricultural Worker Vanpool Programs, New Technology Reserve Fund and Carpool Incentive Program (monthly)

- 210.05 Staff support and administration for all aspects of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee, including meetings, recruitment, communications, and annual report to the public support (monthly)
- 210.06 Administer and monitor New Technology reserve funding projects (monthly)
- 210.07 Administer New Technology reserve fund grant cycle (monthly)
- 210.08 Provide leadership, staff support and planning expertise for the initial Measure C3 renewal effort and steering committee throughout the fiscal year (monthly)
- 210.09 Issue call for projects for TOD program cycle 12 & project scoring/recommendation (January - June 2025)

210 Measure C Reauthorization Implementation															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
210.01 Update Strategic Implementation Plans as needed	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.02 Address other implementation requests and requirements	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.03 Administer current funding cycle, and review TOD Program Guidelines and Policies	■	■	7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.04 Oversee and document the Measure C: Taxi Scrip Program, Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program, Commuter and Agricultural Worker Vanpool Programs, New Technology Reserve Fund and Carpool Incentive Program.	■	■	40	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.05 Staff and Administer the Citizens Oversight Committee	■	■	7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.06 Administer and monitor New Technology Reserve Funding Projects	■	■	4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.07 Administer current funding cycle of the New Technology Reserve Fund Grant	■	■	4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.08 Measure C III renewal effort	■	■	15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
210.09 Issue TOD call for projects for cycle 12; project scoring & recommendation	■		7							■	■	■	■	■	■

210 Measure "C" Extension

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	99,930	149,671	187,921	187,921
Benefits	32,089	51,224	62,445	62,445
Overhead	84,537	173,453	191,355	191,355
Total Staff Costs	216,556	374,348	441,721	441,721
Direct Costs				
Consultants	1,000	75,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Agency Pass Thru	420,859	2,233,575	1,368,342	1,368,342
Total Direct Costs	421,859	2,308,575	3,118,342	3,118,342
TOTAL	638,415	2,682,923	3,560,063	3,560,063
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants		
Measure "C" Update	0	
Facilitator - DKS/Provost & Pritchard		
Program Mgr - DKS/Provost & Pritchard	199,630	199,630
Public Outreach-Tripepi Smith	649,931	649,931
Public Survey/Polling-FM3	750,000	750,000
Research	149,250	149,250
Total Consultants	1,748,811	1,748,811
Agency Pass Thru		
FSU Transportation Institute	1,028,248	1,028,248
FCRTA Electric Vehicles	340,094	340,094
Total Agency Pass Thru	1,368,342	1,368,342

211 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Objective

To inform the public and ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan.

Discussion

The 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan calls for a Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) to review spending under the transportation sales tax. The committee may receive, review and recommend any action or revision to plans, programs, audits or projects that is within the scope of its purpose stated above.

Previous work

Staff support for the 13-member Citizen Oversight Committee, formed in March 2007 with members appointed by the Measure C's Fresno County Mayors' Select Committee. Oversight Committee meetings are held on as-needed basis, not typically occurring more than once per month or nine per year.

Products

1. Local agency budget reports
2. Citizen Oversight Committee formal annual report to the public
3. Monthly meeting agendas, minutes, attachments
4. Nomination forms used to recruit new members
5. Citizen Oversight Committee webpage

Tasks

- 211.01 Prepare, publish, and print meeting agendas and materials, notifying the committee and interested parties of agenda packet availability (September 2025-May 2026)
- 211.02 Design, publish, email, review and submit Citizen Oversight Committee local agency reporting budget forms for all local agencies receiving Local Measure C pass-through funds. Form update/redesign begins in June and updated forms are received through December for committee review.
- 211.03 Provide Citizen Oversight Committee members with information and staff support needed to write and publish their formal annual report to the public between (September to December 2025)
- 211.04 Recruit new members to fill available positions due to term expiration or resignation, as needed (monthly)
- 211.05 Communicate with Citizen Oversight Committee members regarding committee business via phone and email (monthly)
- 211.06 Work as liaison between local agencies and Citizen Oversight Committee members (monthly)
- 211.07 Update the Fresno COG website with current meeting and committee information, as needed (monthly)
- 211.08 Communicate with FCTA regarding issues and concerns of the committee, and supply the committee with FCTA information and reports (ongoing, as needed)

211 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee															
Task Description	C O G	F C A	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
211.01 Meeting agendas, materials	■	■	30			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
211.02 COC local agency reporting forms	■	■	25	■	■	■	■	■	■						■
211.03 Annual report assistance	■	■	5			■	■	■	■						
211.04 Recruiting new members	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
211.05 Communication with COC members	■	■	15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
211.06 Liaison between COC and locals	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
211.07 Update Fresno COG website	■	■	4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
211.08 Liaison between FCTA and COC	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

211 Measure "C" Oversight Committee

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	4,306	3,049	4,880	4,880
Benefits	1,393	963	1,563	1,563
Overhead	3,650	3,465	4,924	4,924
Total Staff Costs	9,349	7,477	11,367	11,367
Direct Costs				
Other Misc Expense	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Direct Costs	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	9,349	8,477	12,367	12,367
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

212 Measure C Carpool Incentive and Commuter Vanpool Subsidy Programs

Objective

The objective of this work element is to encourage carpooling and commuter vanpooling in Fresno County.

Discussion

The 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan funds the carpool incentive and vanpool subsidy programs. Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), charged Fresno COG with administration, oversight and implementation of the Measure C carpool and vanpool programs. The commuter vanpool program provides an equal opportunity for both public and private industry applicants, as well as potential public/private partnerships, offering subsidies and reimbursements for new and existing vanpools originating within Fresno County. The Carpool Incentive Program offers Fresno County commuters an opportunity to earn carpooling points that they may redeem for a variety of items and experiences by registering for the Measure C Carpool Incentive Program online at www.valleyrides.com and submitting carpool logs through the program's system. Awards are provided pending submission and approval of required online information. Participants also qualify for the annual grand prize giveaway.

Previous work

Fresno COG has operated the Measure C Carpool Incentive Program since 2009, awarding participants up to \$4,000 in prizes per month and hosting a grand prize giveaway annually. In 2019, staff launched a new Valleyrides.com rideshare platform to host the Measure C Carpool Program, provide ride-matching functions for car, van, and bike pools, merging it with the sjv511.org commuter information website. In 2022, staff launched the new "Point Program" reward system for commuters who submit ride logs into the Carpool Incentive Program's online database. Fresno COG staff also contracted with Southwest Strategies for extensive marketing and advertising of the Measure C programs, and to rebrand the programs and update the [Valleyrides](http://Valleyrides.com) homepage. Fresno COG annually provides subsidies and reimbursements to more than 60 commuter vanpools serving Fresno County residents.

Products

1. Measure C Carpool/Vanpool) incentive program rules, regulations, and forms
2. Measure C Carpool incentive awards reporting
3. Measure C Carpool commuter log reports
4. [Valleyrides](http://Valleyrides.com) website, rideshare registrations, [ridematch](http://ridematch.com) and outreach portal
5. Social media posts, brochures, flyers, tabling materials, advertisements, follow-up analysis reports
6. Summary analysis report of marketing and advertising efforts from Southwest Strategies
7. Measure C Commuter Vanpool subsidy monthly requests for reimbursement
8. Measure C Commuter Vanpool applications

Tasks

- 212.01 Evaluate previous fiscal years' programs and events for needed updates to incentive systems (monthly as needed)
- 212.02 Publicize the programs via website, email, social media, community events, presentations, e-newsletters, media and other cost effective means available (monthly)
- 212.03 Evaluate Southwest Strategies contracted work from the previous fiscal year (September 2025)
- 212.04 Assist employers who wish to start or promote rideshare programs within their companies throughout the year (monthly)
- 212.05 Maintain program webpages as needed (monthly)
- 212.06 Receive and evaluate vanpool applications (monthly)
- 212.07 Field calls from the public, answer emails and assist walk-in traffic on a continuous basis (monthly)
- 212.08 Notify recipients and sign agreements/forms with vanpool providers, as received. (monthly)
- 212.09 Coordinate all aspects of the Measure C Carpool Incentive awards including validating winners' information, dispersing awards, documentation (daily/monthly)
- 212.10 Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies and reimbursements (monthly)
- 212.11 Submit Measure C funding claim forms to the Fresno County Transportation Authority (monthly)
- 212.12 Year-end reports (July 2026)

212 Measure C Carpool Incentive and Commuter Vanpool Subsidy Programs															
Task Description	C O G	F C T A	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
212.01 Evaluate programs	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.02 Publicize programs	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.03 Evaluate Southwest Strategies	■		5	■											
212.04 Employer assistance	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.05 Maintain websites	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.06 Vanpool applications	■	■	15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.07 Calls, emails walk-in traffic	■	■	7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.08 Notify/sign providers	■	■	8	■	■									■	■
212.09 Carpool incentive prizes	■	■	14	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.10 Monthly vanpool invoices	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.11 Claim forms to FCTA	■	■	4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
212.12 Annual Reporting	■		2	■											

212 Measure "C" Ride Share/Van Pool

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	23,544	21,494	18,222	18,222
Benefits	7,297	6,758	5,692	5,692
Overhead	19,749	24,393	18,277	18,277
Total Staff Costs	50,590	52,645	42,191	42,191
Direct Costs				
Consultants	0			
Supplies/Printing	8,939	10,000	10,000	10,000
Software Support & Maint	27,985	40,000	40,000	40,000
Promotion/Outreach	73,610	75,000	80,000	80,000
Prizes & Awards	45,272	80,000	80,000	80,000
Commuter Van Pool Subsidy	212,186	350,000	350,000	350,000
Grant Specific Travel	131	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Direct Costs	368,123	556,000	561,000	561,000
TOTAL	418,713	608,645	603,191	603,191
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

214 Measure C Senior Scrip Program

Objective

To administer the Measure C Senior Scrip Program, enhancing senior transportation services for persons 70 years of age and older who live within Fresno County.

Discussion

Measure C funds the Senior Scrip Program by allowing participants to purchase up to \$200 worth of paper or electronic scrip for \$50 each month. Seniors receive either form of Scrip at a 25% cost and Measure C subsidizes the remaining 75% value to provide transportation for Fresno County resident seniors of all income levels. The scrip is used as a form of legal tender to pay for taxi fares with approved Taxi providers in Fresno County and Lyft-Uber fares provided through GoGoGrandparent. The program is evaluated yearly to determine if it meets intended goals for increased ridership and quality service. The Senior Scrip program should provide an equal opportunity for potential public and private partnerships. Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) charged Fresno COG with administering the Measure C Senior Scrip Program.

Previous work

Fresno COG developed implementing guidelines for the Senior Scrip Program in February 2008 allowing seniors to register for the program and purchase up to \$100 in hard copy scrip books each month for a maximum of \$25. Staff added an online purchase option in 2019 that allows credit card electronic scrip purchases to be used on Lyft and Uber rides through a partner company. This allowed Senior Scrip program users to access both electronic scrip (e-scrip) for Lyft and Uber and hard copy scrip (paper scrip) for taxis. In 2023, Fresno COG staff contracted with Southwest Strategies for extensive marketing and advertising of the Measure C programs.

Products

1. Senior Scrip program database management system
2. Outreach program materials and webpage
3. Analysis report of Southwest Strategies marketing and advertising efforts
4. Agreements with GoGo Grandparent, taxi companies and Fresno Economic Opportunity Commission to provide transportation services, and with local agencies for the sale of scrip to seniors
5. Annual reports

Tasks

- 214.01 Evaluate reporting procedures and monitor online database for accuracy (monthly, as needed)
- 214.02 Publicize the Senior Scrip program via website, email, e-newsletters, social media, community events, traditional media and other means available to all Fresno County residents (monthly)
- 214.03 Post all related information and forms on websites and keep site updated (monthly)
- 214.04 Field calls from the public, assist walk-in traffic, and answer emails (monthly)
- 214.05 Address complaints received from participants regarding taxi companies/transportation providers using Fresno COG rules/consequences, and complaint procedures, along with the City's established rules and fines (monthly, as needed)
- 214.06 Receive and evaluate all applications for Senior Scrip Program and proxy designation forms (monthly)
- 214.07 Monitor scrip usage and replenish stock as needed (monthly, as needed)
- 214.08 Receive and process mail orders, invoices, reimbursements, and sales. Review transportation provider claims for accuracy and reimbursement (monthly)
- 214.09 Maintain partnership with various local vendors to act as currency distributors, collecting applications, and preparing quarterly vendor invoice statements (quarterly, as needed)
- 214.10 Complete annual reporting (July 2025)
- 214.11 Maintain partnership with various Senior Scrip providers: Taxi companies, GoGo Grandparent on behalf of Uber and Lyft and other independent providers; renew contracts, process, and pay invoices and accompanying collected scrip (monthly)
- 214.12 Evaluate Southwest Strategies contracted work from previous fiscal (September 2025)

214 Measure C Senior Scrip Program															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
214.01 Reporting procedures	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.02 Publicize program	■	■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.03 Post on websites	■	■	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.04 Answer calls and emails	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.05 Participant complaints	■	■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.06 Review applications	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.07 Swipe usage/stock	■	■	7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.08 Process orders /reimbursement	■	■	35	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.09 Partnership with vendors	■	■	8			■			■			■			■
214.10 Annual reports	■	■	2	■											
214.11 Partnership with providers	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
214.12 Contract Evaluation	■	■	2	■											

214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	41,153	36,161	35,895	35,895
Benefits	12,563	11,337	11,135	11,135
Overhead	34,397	41,010	35,945	35,945
Total Staff Costs	88,113	88,508	82,975	82,975
Direct Costs				
Supplies/Printing	896	40,000	40,000	40,000
Software Support & Maint	943	15,000	15,000	15,000
Promotion/Outreach	75,904	75,000	80,000	80,000
Taxi Scrip	419,516	700,000	700,000	700,000
Grant Specific Travel	128	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other Misc Expense	3,758	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Direct Costs	501,145	896,000	841,000	841,000
TOTAL	589,258	984,508	923,975	923,975
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

215 Measure C Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program

Objective

To administer the Measure C Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program.

Discussion

The 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan funds a farmworker vanpool program, which Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) charged Fresno COG with administering and implementing. Fresno COG refers to the program as the Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program because workers in other agricultural related fields are also eligible to participate in the program. It provides an equal opportunity for both public and private industry competition as well as potential public/private partnerships. The program offers subsidies and reimbursements for new and existing agricultural worker vanpools that originate within Fresno County.

Previous work

The program began in March 2008 with program information extended to the media, farm labor contractors, and all Fresno COG contacts via email and hard-copy letter, as well as on Fresno COG's website and on Valleyrides.com, Fresno COG's ridesharing website. A grassroots outreach program was conducted from 2018-2020 in partnership with multiple non-profit organizations to increase active awareness and participation. General outreach continues.

Products

1. Vanpool subsidy program applications for agricultural worker reimbursement
2. Valleyrides website ag worker subsidy webpages
3. Valleyrides website's Spanish translation for rideshare registration, ride-match, outreach portal
4. Outreach materials and webpage
5. Annual usage report
6. Claim Forms
7. Vanpool company agreements
8. Southwest Strategies marketing materials and invoice

Tasks

- 215.01 Evaluate reporting procedures (monthly)
- 215.02 Publicize the Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program via website, email, community events, social media, traditional media, news articles, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including native American tribes (monthly)
- 215.03 Maintain multilingual website information (monthly, as needed)
- 215.04 Receive, evaluate, document, and process all applications (monthly)
- 215.05 Notify recipients and sign agreements/forms with vanpool providers (monthly)
- 215.06 Receive, evaluate, document and process monthly invoices (monthly)
- 215.07 Submit claim forms to the FCTA (monthly, as needed)
- 215.08 Annual reports of the program accomplishments (July 2025)
- 215.09 Field calls and answer emails regarding the program (monthly)
- 215.10 Evaluate Southwest Strategies contracted work from previous fiscal year (September 2025)

215 Measure C Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
215.01 Reporting procedures	■	■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.02 Publicize the program	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.03 Post on websites	■	■	4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.04 Vanpool applications	■	■	29	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.05 Notify/sign providers	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.06 Process monthly invoices	■	■	27	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.07 Claim forms to FCTA	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.08 Generate reports	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
215.09 Answer calls and emails	■	■	7	■											
215.10 Contract Evaluation	■		2			■									

215 Measure "C" Farm Worker Van Pool

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	5,635	5,094	3,677	3,677
Benefits	1,809	1,618	1,165	1,165
Overhead	4,767	5,795	3,701	3,701
Total Staff Costs	12,211	12,507	8,543	8,543
Direct Costs				
Supplies/Printing	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Software Support & Maint	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Promotion/Outreach	73,479	30,000	30,000	30,000
Farm Worker Van Pool Subsidy	189,429	385,000	385,000	385,000
Total Direct Costs	262,908	422,000	422,000	422,000
TOTAL	275,119	434,507	430,543	430,543
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

220 Transportation Program Development

Objective

To identify short-range transportation improvements in compliance with federal and state requirements.

Discussion

State law and federal regulations require regional transportation planning agencies to prepare transportation improvement programs (TIPs). TIPs are formulated on two levels: state and federal. No transportation project can receive either federal or state funds unless it appears in an appropriate TIP.

The federal TIP is a short-range transportation capital improvement program covering a minimum of four years. It is updated as needed to satisfy federal requirements, but no less than every four years. The first four years include commitments of funding and additional years are included for informational purposes only. The federal TIP is a fiscally constrained document. It must undergo a separate air quality conformity determination to ensure the short-range projects do not slow transportation control measures or degrade air quality. The federal TIP must also conform to the longer-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and must incorporate appropriate projects from the congestion management process (CMP). All transportation modes are included in the federal TIP.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is also a short-range transportation capital improvement program. This program encourages decision making through partnerships. Each Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) submitted for inclusion shall be based on the regional transportation plan developed and updated pursuant to Government Code Section 65080, and a regionwide assessment of transportation needs and deficiencies. Each regional agency adopts and submits its RTIP to the Commission and Caltrans no later than Dec. 15 of each odd-numbered year. State law requires the Commission to update the STIP biennially, in even-numbered years, with each new STIP adding two new years to prior programming commitments for the biennial five-year plan.

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) provides funding to statewide competitive funding programs including Active Transportation Program (ATP), Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, Local Partnership Program and planning grant programs. The Active Transportation Program has a statewide competitive component and a regional competitive program component. The regional competitive program component is incorporated in the FTIP.

Federal funds including the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) are the cornerstones for transportation funds distributed to regions. Through a regional bid process, special emphasis is afforded transportation projects that meet the common goals of Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Previous Work

- Maintained STBG/CMAQ/ATP appropriation process
- Provided for consistent presentation of federal TIP by eight Valley transportation planning agencies
- Maintained a tracking system for STBG, CMAQ, CRP, and ATP projects to ensure federal funds are either encumbered or reappropriated within the region in a timely manner
- Implemented policies and procedures for reprogramming surplus STBG and CMAQ funds
- Participated in statewide California Federal Programming Group meetings on a monthly and/or quarterly basis
- Prepared "local" obligation plans for STBG, CMAQ, and ATP Programs to track regional obligation progress in meeting AB 1012 requirements. The plan also included other projects with federal funding as requested by Caltrans
- Prepared an annual listing of transportation projects for which federal funds were obligated during the previous fiscal year
- Continued use of FTIP amendment procedures that authorize administrative modifications and specific types of formal amendments in lieu of Policy Board approval
- Convened the programming taskforce on an as-needed basis to advise COG staff regarding a programming process to assist member agencies' timely delivery of projects
- Continued use of adopted expedited project selection procedures (EPSP) and post-programming adjustments to ensure project delivery
- Continued support to local agencies in their use of project tracking software (FresnoTrak)

- Developed scoring criteria and updated the guidelines and applications for Fresno COG’s regionally competitive ATP, ST, and CMAQ programs
- Issued cycle six of the regional, competitive Active Transportation Program
- Staff served on the evaluation team for the state’s ATP
- Staff served as FCOG representative for RTPA group meetings and CTC meetings
- Served on statewide working groups to develop state guidelines for all statewide competitive programs
- Held programming sub-committee meetings to discuss updates to CMAQ/CRP/STBG

Products

1. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (four years of programming every two years) cycle approved in December 2026
2. Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendments
3. Expedited project selection procedures (EPSP) used to advance or delay eligible project components and post-programming adjustments for cost overruns
4. Air quality conformity determination for Fresno County
5. STBG/CMAQ/ATP program updates including publishing funding amounts and assisting with project liaison
6. Policies and procedures for monitoring and reprogramming surplus STBG and CMAQ funds
7. Local obligation plans for STBG, CMAQ, and other federal-administered funding programs and submittal of regional funding obligation report to Caltrans to ensure OA project delivery. March 2026
8. Annual federal funding obligation listing submittal. December 2025.
9. Consistent ITS architecture maintenance from all eight Valley regional transportation planning agencies
10. FTIP document compliance certifications
11. Tribal government outreach materials and correspondence
12. Meeting materials for RTPA group meetings, CTC meetings and statewide working group participation

Tasks

- 220.01 Prepare, analyze and approve FTIP amendments and administrative modifications; transmit to state and federal agencies for approval. (semi-monthly, as needed)
- 220.02 Prepare, analyze and submit the annual federal funding obligation listing. (December 2026)
- 220.03 Maintain and update the programming project tracking system (FresnoTrak) (monthly)
- 220.04 Attend and participate in all Caltrans and FHWA-administered workshops and help develop performance-based planning and programming metrics (monthly)
- 220.05 Participate in the California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) and related subgroups (monthly)
- 220.06 Work with San Joaquin Valley MPOs to provide for ITS architecture maintenance (monthly)
- 220.07 Prepare and document project information suitable to making necessary air quality conformity findings (monthly)
- 220.08 Track and provide for the implementation of new project proposals from member agencies and other eligible public agencies (March 2025-March 2026)
- 220.09 Establish project priorities using locally adopted criteria; revise project selection procedures as necessary for all regional competitive programs; Different program cycles vary (monthly)
- 220.10 Track any funding augmentation as related to programming and delivery of projects (monthly)
- 220.11 Coordinate, consult and collaborate with all member agencies to ensure project delivery for all projects (monthly)
- 220.12 Hold biannual OA meetings with all member agencies and complete annual obligation plan submittal to Caltrans (September 2025; February 2026)
- 220.13 OA quarterly reports
- 220.14 Review and track Caltrans proposed programs including but not limited to ITIP, HSIP, and SHOPP (monthly)
- 220.15 Prepare FTIP document compliance certifications (monthly)
- 220.16 Coordinate, consult and collaborate with all tribal governments (monthly)
- 220.17 Participate in the statewide RTPA group, subgroups and technical working groups, monitor regional, state and federal transportation issues, including potential and current transportation-related funding programs and opportunities (monthly)
- 220.18 Represent Fresno COG at California Transportation Commission meetings (semi-monthly).

220 Transportation Program Development

Task Description	C O G	T R I B E S	% of WORK	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
220.01 Process TIP amendments	■		12	■		■		■		■		■		■	
220.02 Annual obligation listing	■		2						■						
220.03 Maintain programming tracking system	■		14	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.04 Performance-based planning and programming metrics	■		4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.05 Participate in CFPG and subgroups	■		4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.06 Valley coordination & ITS architecture maintenance	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.07 Air quality conformity	■		5							■	■	■	■		
220.08 Provide support for new project applications	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
220.09 Establish priority/project selection	■		12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.10 Solicit new projects	■		3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.11 Support member agencies to ensure project delivery	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.12 OA meetings and obligation plan	■		5				■	■			■	■	■		
220.13 OA quarterly report	■		4	■			■			■			■		
220.14 Review and track Caltrans proposed programs	■		6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.15 FTIP compliance certifications	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.16 Coordinate with tribal government	■	■	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.17 Participate in state working groups/monitor programs	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
220.18 Participate in CTC Meetings	■		3		■		■		■	■		■		■	■

220 Transportation Prog Development

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26	State PPM	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	164,952	115,178	147,051	0	147,051	
Benefits	56,129	36,509	44,186	0	44,186	
Overhead	141,566	130,967	146,162	0	146,162	
Total Staff Costs	362,647	282,654	337,399	0	337,399	0
Direct Costs						
Software Support & Maint	66,539	70,558	73,381	11,780	61,601	
Grant Specific Travel	0	3,000	3,000		0	3,000
Total Direct Costs	66,539	73,558	76,381	11,780	61,601	3,000
TOTAL	429,186	356,212	413,780	11,780	399,000	3,000
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				1,351		

	Total	FHWA PL	State PPM	LOCAL FUNDS
Software Support & Maint				
Fresno Track - Echointeractive	73,381	11,780	61,601	0
Total Software Support & Maint	73,381	11,780	61,601	0

SERVICES AND GENERAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

310 Intergovernmental Coordination

Objective

Fresno COG shall promote coordination, cooperation and communication among local agencies, Fresno COG, tribal governments, federal and state agencies on planning matters. It will enable various partners, including Native-American tribes, to participate in the regional planning process, provide information to the public on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports and seek advice on COG's planning activities.

Fresno COG will also allow local agencies and the public to review and comment on federal grant proposals through the local clearinghouse process and coordinate Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program applications, if needed, from member agencies and other organizations that qualify for the grant programs but require Fresno COG to be the lead applicant.

Discussion

Fresno COG helps coordinate among various governmental agencies at the local, tribal, state, and federal level in multiple ways. The state has designated Fresno COG as the local clearinghouse for the Fresno County region with the responsibility to review and comment on local applications for federal assistance. The process is designed to provide an opportunity for interjurisdictional coordination of federally assisted activities within Fresno County.

Fresno COG also supports the state's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program that provides annual funding for transportation related landscaping, public land acquisition, and roadside rest and recreational projects.

Consistent with state and federal guidelines, Fresno COG has provided ongoing consultation with the Native American tribes to strengthen the government-to-government relationship that has been established between Fresno COG and the Indian tribal governments. The Native American tribes in Fresno County receive the following information by telephone, mail, email, or in-person visits: the Fresno County Transportation Guide, the Regional Directory, newsletters, workshop invitations and various grant notices. Occasionally they have responded by sending a representative to attend the meetings, but not in a consistent manner.

To strengthen the relationship between Native American tribes and Fresno COG, a staff person has been assigned responsibility for Native American tribal government activities. This staff member is responsible for ensuring that any pertinent information affecting the tribes is transmitted in a timely manner. Fresno COG has adopted a formal tribal consultation plan (see Appendix N). Fresno COG will continue to provide staff support to the Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 as needed.

Previous work

- Maintained a coordinated planning process involving local, tribal, state and federal agencies
- Monitored and provided analysis to members regarding federal transportation bills, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), FAST ACT and MAP-21 provisions and notices of proposed rulemaking
- Reviewed and commented on major federal and state assistance programs to the Fresno COG Policy Board
- Provided support for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program to member and other interested agencies.
- Monitored and provided analysis to members on AB 1012 apportionment and obligational authority delivery
- Provided staff support to the Association for Beautification of Highway 99. Helped complete the 2016 update to the Highway 99 Beautification Master Plan. Coordinated Association meetings in 2018-19
- Continued ongoing consultation with native-American tribal governments in Fresno County
- Continued to provide information that may have potential effects on a tribe's land to the tribes in a timely manner
- Updated and approved Fresno COG's Tribal Coordination Plan in 2019
- Coordinated Caltrans transportation planning grant applications, as needed, from member agencies and other organizations that qualify for the grant programs but require the Fresno COG to be the lead applicant
- Coordinated interagency consultation with Madera County, Merced County, and the National Parks Conservation Agency on the National Parks Transit Study
- Provided member agency assistance on grant opportunities through the membership of Efficientgov Grantfinder service

- Consulted with resource agencies, state and local agencies responsible for land use management, environmental protection, conservation, historic preservation and Native-American tribal governments concerning the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan
- Participated in the 2018-21 San Joaquin Valley Technical Assistance Team for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

Products

1. Planning certification report
2. Required products, e.g., OWPs; RTPs; RTIPs, MJHEs, & FTIPs
3. Native American tribal and government-to-government coordination
4. Monthly legislative reports and bill and policy analysis to local agencies
5. Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications
6. Areawide Clearinghouse reports

Tasks

- 310.01 Carry out Fresno COG's process of dissemination, coordination and involvement, evaluation, and review and comment on federally assisted program and projects (monthly)
- 310.02 Participate in environmental document review processes, as appropriate, when applicable to the regional planning process (monthly, as needed)
- 310.03 Carry out the review and coordination process for state plans and programs as they relate to local and regional plans and as an overall impact on the region (monthly)
- 310.04 Execute agreements with other single purpose planning organizations to ensure complete and coordinated review.
- 310.05 Act as liaison with various federal, state, tribal, and local agencies (monthly)
- 310.06 Participate with and communicate with other regional agencies on planning matters (monthly)
- 310.07 Carry out committee activities/tasks, including coordinating, participating, and reviewing regional planning process (as needed)
- 310.08 Encourage public representation within the Fresno COG committee structure (monthly)
- 310.09 Fulfill delegated clearinghouse responsibilities (monthly, as needed)
- 310.10 Provide that all regional planning conforms with the provisions of the NEPA-404 MOU (monthly, as needed)
- 310.11 Coordination and collaboration with Native American tribal governments in Fresno County both at the staff and Policy Board levels, including attempts to negotiate MOUs with those tribes not presently covered by an MOU (monthly, as needed)
- 310.12 Provide staffing for the Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 (as needed)
- 310.13 Continue to consult with local agencies through FresnoTrak regarding federally aided projects in the FTIP and RTP (monthly)
- 310.14 Provide staff support for the San Joaquin Valley technical assistance team as part of the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities grant program (monthly, as needed)
- 310.15 Coordinate grants management program (monthly, as needed)

310 Intergovernmental Coordination															
Task Description	COG	PARTNERS	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
310.01 Maintain COG process	■		11	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.02 Review environmental documents	■		4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.03 Review state plans	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.04 Execute review agreements	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.05 Liaison with government agencies	■	■	12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.06 Coordinate with regional agencies	■		11	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.07 Staff COG committees	■		13	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.08 Encourage public participation on committees	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.09 Local Clearinghouse review	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.10 Conform with NEPA 404 MOU	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.11 Consult with Native American tribes	■	■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.12 Staff for SR 99 Committee	■		4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.13 FresnoTrak coordination	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.14 AHSC technical assistance	■		8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
310.15 Grants management program	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

310 Intergovernmental Coordination

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	25,509	39,557	39,722	39,722
Benefits	7,130	11,924	10,983	10,983
Overhead	20,899	44,450	38,754	38,754
Total Staff Costs	53,538	95,931	89,459	89,459
Direct Costs				
Agency Pass Thru	31,413	59,616	59,616	59,616
Total Direct Costs	31,413	59,616	59,616	59,616
TOTAL	84,951	155,547	149,075	149,075
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Agency Pass Thru		
Fresno County		
Intergovernmental	45,616	45,616
Fresno Intergovernmental	4,000	4,000
Clovis Intergovernmental	10,000	10,000
Total Agency Pass Thru	59,616	59,616

311 Public Information and Participation

Objective

To provide the public with information on projects, meetings, plans and reports, and seek input from the public on Fresno COG's planning activities. This work element highlights the COG's desire to encourage public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with federal requirements, including public participation in plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. Fresno COG's 2024 Public Participation Plan and supporting outreach strategies will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

Discussion

Fresno COG complies with all public notification requirements of the California Public Records Act, the California Environmental Quality Act and Assembly Bill 52, as well as applicable state and federal laws. For additional information on those requirements and Fresno COG's application of them see the Fresno Council of Governments 2024 Public Participation Plan.

Fresno COG continues to expand all its websites' interactive natures, providing the public with an opportunity to view and comment on projects, programs and plans online. Fresno COG's websites also provide information, links, public meeting agenda packets and information, calendar listings, opportunities to submit public comment or get involved in a plan or project, documents, surveys, public hearings, news releases and the Fresno COG Regional Directory, Policy Board directory, staff directory and Transportation Guide. Fresno COG's website contains links to other governmental, transportation and air quality-related sites. In 2017-2018 and again in 2024 the fresnocog.org website was updated. In September 2019, Fresno COG's commuter website, Valleyrides.com, launched with improved carpool and vanpool matching and incentive software that was updated in 2024. In 2020, Fresno COG launched a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update website, PlanFresno.com, which is dedicated to RTP development and plan documents exclusively for RTPs. Also, in 2020 Fresno COG began using PublicInput's online platform to build a Community "Hub" that houses information regarding current projects welcoming public participation. The platform allows Fresno COG to create a dedicated website for projects, integrating public comments and input into a database of reportable information.

Fresno COG actively pursues community engagement through social media interactions. COG's social media accounts include Facebook (Fresno COG and Valleyrides), Instagram, X, LinkedIn, NextDoor and YouTube. Fresno COG is committed to listening to and engaging the public throughout our planning processes, and further commits to providing an environment that is both conducive and receptive to public participation during the planning process.

Fresno COG also uses its public information program to disseminate pertinent transportation-related information to its member agencies. These partners receive regular mailings and emails of agendas, reports, and materials related to Fresno COG's program areas as applicable.

Previous work

- Approved 2024 Public Participation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan Public Outreach Strategy
- Public participation process involving speaking engagements; summaries of plans, programs, and technical processes; news releases, newsletters, and other informative publications; citizen participants on working committees; participation in community organization and private events; library circulation of key documents; public notices; public hearings; and the biannual conferences and forums
- Fresno COG hard copy materials and online videos explaining Fresno COG's roles and responsibilities
- Fresno COG's websites updates and maintenance completed in 2024 —www.valleyrides.com, www.fresnocog.org and www.planfresno.com
- Designed, and published hard copy and online Fresno COG annual meeting calendars
- Began conducting 2026 RTP/SCS public outreach, including: RTP Roundtable formation, online survey portal and website, mini grant applications released to community organizations to assist reaching disadvantaged communities, consultant hired to assist staff with outreach activities and another to conduct a scientific survey of the community we serve
- The first phase of RTP outreach was conducted using a survey to obtain Fresno County residents' transportation needs
- Fresno County Unmet Transit Needs comment gathering through surveys, dedicated email accounts, voicemail and social media, and public virtual and in person meetings (February – March of each year)

- E-newsletters, notifications, and reminders via Constant Contact email software
- Maintained databases and email listings of contacts
- Graphic design and editing support to staff members for a variety of projects, plans and projects
- Published public notices and conducted public hearings and meetings for FTIP, RTP, air quality conformity, Measure C, active transportation plans and programs, CycleTracks and other plans and projects as needed
- Maintained an active media listing, provided press releases to the media, answered inquiries regarding various issues.
- Documented public participation process, with amendments as necessary
- Regional Directory – updated annually
- Fresno COG’s brochure update in English and Spanish (2023)
- Annual calendar publication
- Fresno County Transportation Guide updated and published in hard copy and online in English and Spanish (2024). Almost 15,000 copies were dispersed throughout the community
- Documented outreach efforts and meetings with traditionally underrepresented and underserved populations
- Fresno COG website Agenda Builder update completed in 2024 For the 2022 ballot measure, staff provided Measure C reauthorization plan development staff support to the Fresno County Transportation Authority and the Measure C3 Executive and Technical Committees. Created the Measure C Renewal Community Outreach Plan, coordinated public outreach tasks with the Fresno County Transportation Authority, hosted several virtual and in-person community workshops
- For the 2026 Measure C renewal ballot measure COG staff provided planning, support, initial public outreach on social media, websites, etc., oversaw the committee selecting polling and public outreach consultants and served as staff lead to the outreach consultant
- Conducted outreach for the REAP 2.0 process
- Conducted outreach for the Priority Climate Action Planning process
- Provides community outreach support for many Fresno COG plans and programs
- Worked with consultants on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, the Fresno County Mobility Hub Study, the Climate Resiliency Plan and TradePort California projects
- Updated Fresno COG’s database of contacts and the tribal government contact listing
- SCS scenario public outreach in Spring 2025
- Newly redesigned Fresno COG logo, folders, stationery, identification cards, nametags, business cards, and office signage in 2024

Products

1. Coming Up at Fresno COG e-newsletters
2. Topical Constant Contact emails
3. News releases
4. Public hearing notifications posted and published
5. Public hearings and/or workshop materials
6. PowerPoint presentations regarding Fresno COG’s programs/projects
7. Annual calendar of events, printed and electronic
8. Fresno COG Regional Directory
9. Fresno COG websites: fresnocog.org, planfresno.com, valleyrides.com and agenda builder
10. Fresno COG office stationary/envelopes/business cards/staff IDs
11. Documents, surveys, outreach, and notices in multiple languages—online and hard copy
12. Updated tribal government database
13. Updated email and mailing databases
14. Community outreach workshop materials
15. Unmet Transit Needs outreach and workshop materials; comment reporting
16. Social media outreach materials for various projects as requested by staff, via organic posts and purchased ads
17. Unmet Transit Needs survey results
18. RTP outreach consultant contract and billing invoices/summaries
19. RTP Transportation Plan final document
20. SCS preferred scenario public outreach materials and community input reporting

Tasks

- 311.01 Maintain and carry out the adopted public participation process of the COG (Monthly)

- 311.02 Communicate with community and member agencies via the Coming Up at Fresno COG e-newsletter and additional topical e-news communications (Monthly as needed)
- 311.03 Prepare news releases and maintain list of media resources, answer media inquiries (Monthly, as needed)
- 311.04 Conduct public hearings and public meetings/workshops (Monthly, as needed)
- 311.05 Make presentations to local businesses and community groups monthly, as needed, requested, or scheduled
- 311.06 Provide graphic design support to all staff, as well as designing Fresno COG and Measure C public outreach materials (ongoing)
- 311.07 Conduct outreach on various Fresno COG plans, projects or activities as requested throughout the fiscal year through a variety of online and media sources as well as community partnerships and committees (Monthly)
- 311.08 Publish an annual calendar of meetings/events in January of each year (December 2025)
- 311.09 Respond to public comment (Monthly, as needed)
- 311.10 Revise and publish online Fresno COG Regional Directory (January-June 2026)
- 311.11 Maintain Fresno COG’s websites, social media accounts and databases (Monthly)
- 311.12 Update and reorder Fresno COG brochures, folders, stationery, identification cards and business cards, as needed (Monthly)
- 311.13 Conduct news conferences, as needed, on behalf of Fresno COG or partnering agencies (Monthly, as needed)
- 311.14 Staff the Social Service Technical Advisory Committee, the Environmental Justice Subcommittee and Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee (Monthly, as needed)
- 311.15 Conduct outreach efforts and provide informational materials in languages other than English (Monthly, as needed)
- 311.16 Annual update of the database listings for tribal governments and unacknowledged tribal communities with a specific outreach strategy for reaching and working with tribal governments (July-October 2025)
- 311.17 Annual update of Fresno COG’s email/ mailing databases of environmental justice contacts, community-based organizations, and neighborhood associations (January - June 2025)
- 311.18 Conduct RTP community outreach and reporting throughout the plan update process (January – December 2025)
- 311.19 Design and layout the RTP draft and final documents (January – March 2026)
- 311.20 Conduct SCS Preferred Scenario public outreach and reporting (September – November 2025)

311 Public Information and Participation															
Task Description	C O G	P A R T N E R	% Of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
311.01 Conduct public process	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.02 E-news communication	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.03 Media relations	■	■	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.04 Public hearings/meetings	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.05 Presentations	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.06 Graphic design	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.07 Outreach on plans/programs/activities	■	■	8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.08 Publish annual calendar	■		2						■	■					
311.09 Respond to public comments	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.10 Regional Directory	■		3							■	■	■	■	■	■
311.11 Maintain Fresno COG websites/databases	■		7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.12 Fresno COG printed materials	■		4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.13 News conferences/interviews	■	■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.14 SSTAC/EJ Subcommittee/COC	■		4			■		■		■	■	■	■	■	■
311.15 Outreach and materials translation and provision	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.16 Annual database updates	■		2	■	■	■	■								
311.17 Annual update	■		2	■	■	■	■								
311.18 RTP Transportation Community Outreach	■		8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
311.19 RTP draft and final documents	■		9							■	■	■			
311.20 SCS Scenario Outreach			9			■	■	■							

311 Public Participation

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	89,418	96,045	93,891	23,473	61,979	8,439
Benefits	29,083	30,798	30,063	7,516	19,845	2,702
Overhead	75,881	109,517	94,738	23,684	62,539	8,515
Total Staff Costs	194,382	236,360	218,692	54,673	144,363	19,656
Direct Costs						
Supplies/Printing	18,439	20,000	45,000		20,000	25,000
Software Support & Maint	64,137	40,000	50,000		30,000	20,000
Workshops		8,000	10,000		8,000	2,000
Promotion/Outreach	10,660	25,000	25,000		21,000	4,000
Translation/Interpretation						
Services		4,500	40,000		5,000	35,000
Total Direct Costs	93,236	97,500	170,000	0	84,000	86,000
TOTAL	287,618	333,860	388,692	54,673	228,363	105,656
LTF MATCH 11.47%						
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				6,271	26,193	

313 Environmental Justice Activities

Objective

To ensure that Fresno County's low-income and minority populations included in the transportation planning process by implementing environmental justice (EJ) and Title VI principles and Fresno COG's Tribal Consultation Plan.

Discussion

Presidential Executive Order 12898 and the BIL directed every federal agency to make environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing the effects of programs, policies, and activities on "minority populations and low-income populations." In addition, federal-aid recipients are required to certify, and the U.S. Department of Transportation must ensure non-discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and many other laws, regulations, and policies.

MPOs serve as the primary forum where state DOTs, tribal governments, transit providers, local agencies and the public develop local transportation plans and programs that address a metropolitan area's needs. MPOs can help local public officials understand how Title VI and environmental justice requirements improve planning and decision making. Furthermore, tribal consultation protocols are further detailed in Appendix N.

The Environmental Justice Report responds to federal guidelines by helping agencies do the following:

1. Make better transportation decisions that meet the needs of all people
2. Design transportation facilities to fit harmoniously within communities
3. Enhance the public-involvement process, strengthen community-based partnerships and provide minority and low-income populations with opportunities to learn about and improve the quality and usefulness of transportation in their lives
4. Improve data collection, monitoring and analysis tools that assess the needs of, and analyze the potential impacts on minority and low-income populations
5. Partner with other public agencies and private programs to leverage transportation-agency resources to achieve a common vision for communities
6. Avoid disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority and low-income populations
7. Minimize and/or mitigate unavoidable impacts by identifying concerns early in the planning phase and providing offset initiatives and enhancement measures to benefit affected communities and neighborhoods

Previous work

- Forwarded all funding opportunities to tribal agencies.
- Continued to provide technical data support for grant applications as needed.
- Met with tribes to develop projects for federal and state mobility and housing grant applications
- Coordinated with tribes on ongoing transportation projects
- Conducted Environmental Justice and Title VI analysis for 2022 RTP
- Provided data and map of environmental justice area, disadvantaged communities to support Regional ATP update.
- Submitted Title VI Program to Caltrans
- Updated definition of disadvantaged communities/EJ areas to be used in 2026 RTP and Environment Justice analysis
- Updated performance measures/ indicator to be used in 2026 RTP Environment Justice analysis
- Undergoing Justice 40 analysis for FTIP projects funded
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Products

1. Update to Title VI program (May 2025)
2. Update tribal consultation listing (June 2025)
3. Grant application assistance to tribes for transportation-related funding (June 2025)
4. Update Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) EJ Analysis Chapter (Nov 2026)
5. EJ Subcommittee meetings for RTP EJ Analysis (June 2026)
- 6.

Tasks

- 313.01 Monitor, document and continue implementing environmental justice, Title VI, DBE rules and regulations and Tribal Consultation Plan. Revise and submit Title VI Program (July 2024-May 2025)
- 313.02 Government-to-government coordination - Maintain communications with tribal communities. Ensure and document tribal consultation and coordination regarding all planning documents. Consider tribal government concerns about projects outside tribal jurisdiction that have the potential to impact Native American cultural resources or communities (monthly)
- 313.03 Conduct outreach efforts to and provide informational materials in other languages as deemed necessary, continue to find partnerships for grant and project opportunities that address EJ populations (monthly)
- 313.04 Conduct environmental justice & Title VI analysis for RTP & FTIP (monthly, as needed)
- 313.05 Maintain the Environmental Justice Subcommittee to review processes and documents and provide advisory comments as needed. FCOG will complete 2026 RTP/SCS EJ Analysis Chapter and discuss the EJ analysis result with EJ Subcommittee.

313 Environmental Justice Activities															
Task Description	C O G	CO NS LT	% of WORK	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
313.01 Monitor, document and continue implementation	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
313.02 Government-to-government coordination for programs and projects	■		20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
313.03 Conduct outreach/public participation, grant and project partnership	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
313.04 Conduct environmental justice & Title VI analysis for RTP & FTIP as necessary	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
313.05 EJ subcommittee, and possible new EJ indicators for RTP	■		30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

313 Environmental Justice

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26
Salaries	12,123	16,523	12,416	12,416
Benefits	3,356	4,880	3,474	3,474
Overhead	9,912	18,479	12,145	12,145
Total Staff Costs	25,391	39,882	28,035	28,035
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25,391	39,882	28,035	28,035
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				3,216

320 Technical Assistance

Objective

To provide member agencies, outside agencies and consultants with specialized technical assistance services. Non-member agencies and others are assisted on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Discussion

Fresno COG staff provide specialized technical assistance services to its member agencies and others. These services are generally related to computer applications for traffic modeling, demographics, and related database maintenance. These services can also include fiscal management support, computer applications support, traffic engineering studies, and special planning studies. Internal staff capabilities generally determine the kinds of technical assistance available. Under special circumstances, consultants or other agencies' services may be used.

General assistance is available to any member agency on an informal basis; however, projects requiring significant commitment of staff resources or external resources will be screened by staff and reported to the Board prior to initiation. This program is fully funded with local resources.

Previous work

- Reimbursable traffic model runs for traffic impact studies
- Participated in oral interview panels for a variety of local agency recruitments
- Established and helped maintain financial systems for local agencies
- Special traffic studies for member agencies
- Special model runs for member agency traffic studies
- Traffic model runs in support of the general plans and specific plans analysis
- Prepared pollution reduction calculations for member agency CMAQ applications
- Provide the safety related support for Replica application, to County
- Provide support for SB743 related resources to city of Fresno
- Bicycle and pedestrian plans
- Provided member agencies with portable bike/pedestrian counters for collecting bike/walk activity data
- Posted information to Fresno COG's website at member agencies request and provided graphic design services
- Continually provide circuit planner/engineer assistance (project development liaison)

Products

1. Special projects as determined by individual members or non-member users
2. Bicycle/pedestrian use information on selected trails, bike lanes and sidewalks

Tasks

- 320.01 Specialized services and/or assistance to member agencies and non-member organizations (Monthly, as needed)
- 320.02 "Circuit planner" and "circuit engineer" consulting assistance to member agencies (Monthly upon request)
- 320.03 Portable bike/pedestrian counters for member agencies and technical assistance (Monthly, upon request)

320 Technical Assistance															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
320.01 Provide technical assistance	■		40	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
320.02 Circuit planner and engineer consulting assistance	■		55	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
320.03 Provide bicycle/pedestrian counters to member agencies	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

320 Technical Assistance to Members

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	40,990	48,080	45,043	45,043
Benefits	11,703	15,032	13,487	13,487
Overhead	33,742	54,492	44,734	44,734
Total Staff Costs	86,435	117,604	103,264	103,264
Direct Costs				
Consultants	103,349	200,000	170,000	170,000
Total Direct Costs	103,349	200,000	170,000	170,000
TOTAL	189,784	317,604	273,264	273,264
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants		
Circuit Planner/Engineer	170,000	170,000
Total Consultants	170,000	170,000

350 Fresno Regional Data Center

Objective

To serve as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and assist member agencies and the public in obtaining, analyzing, and using Census and other demographic data in support of the areawide transportation planning process. Provide support for traffic simulation modeling requirements, including updating, and developing alternative socio-economic scenarios for new projects and land-use scenarios from consultants and member agencies, and providing data support for COG-prepared transportation reports and plans.

Discussion

As part of the Affiliate State Census Data Center for Fresno County, Fresno COG responds to requests for Census information from member agencies and the public. Staff also coordinate with the Bureau of the Census to disseminate Census reports, announcements, and maintain Census geography. Fresno COG has established a page on its website that provides data by jurisdiction, as well as links to U.S. Census data and other information for use by member agencies, other governmental entities, and the public.

Fresno COG will monitor the American Community Survey. In addition to general maintenance and support functions, this work element includes data for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan that defines the fair share allocation of housing growth in the County, as well as the general improvement of the models' performance.

Previous work

- Fulfilled data requests from governmental agencies, businesses, academic institutions, and the public in support of transportation-related work and demographic data needs
- Maintained socioeconomic data to support traffic modeling and future growth allocation.
- An updated demographics page on the Fresno COG website that provides access to the most up-to-date data from U.S. Census, State Department of Finance, and other sources
- Interactive web maps of ACS data, to allow comparing each census tract in Fresno County with County average.
- Developed city profile report for member agencies with latest Census and ACS data.
- Various maps, data tables, and other support materials for Fresno COG-prepared reports and plans Attended California State Data Center (SDC) Annual Meeting and Census Bureau Webinars
- Updated base year socioeconomic and land use data for transportation model (ABM) update.
- Updated vital statistics and employment data analysis for demographic and employment forecast update

Products

1. Socioeconomic information for Fresno COG-prepared reports and plans, most notably for the 2026 RTP/SCS
2. Special census reports in response to member agency and public requests for transportation data
3. Affiliate State Census Data Center Annual Report
4. Updated demographic information and interactive maps for COG website as available, most notably from the latest ACS
5. Demographic and socioeconomic information in support of land use and travel demand model update
6. Demographic, land use statistics and GIS products in support of planning activities by FCOG
7. Interactive dashboards for TIP/RTP project progress tracking
- 8.

Tasks

- 350.01 Provide products and services in fulfillment of the responsibilities of the Fresno Regional Data Center; disseminate Census 2020 and other special census reports; collect, analyze, and disseminate demographic and socioeconomic data to member agencies and the public to support transportation planning and research (monthly, as needed)
- 350.02 Develop and maintain socioeconomic and demographic data critical to traffic modeling; provide support for reports and modeling projects (monthly, as needed)

350 Fresno Regional Data Center															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
350.01 Maintain Regional Data Center	■		50	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
350.02 Support transportation reports and model	■		50	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

350 Fresno Regional Data Center

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26
Salaries	39,634	33,788	35,036	16,467	18,569
Benefits	10,462	9,544	10,473	4,922	5,551
Overhead	32,079	37,412	34,783	16,348	18,435
Total Staff Costs	82,175	80,744	80,292	37,737	42,555
Direct Costs					
Total Direct Costs		0	0	0	0
TOTAL	82,175	80,744	80,292	37,737	42,555
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				4,328	4,881

360 One Voice and Valley Voice Advocacy

Objective

This work element provides local agencies with information on federal and state legislation, regulations, guidelines, and policies that affect Fresno COG and our member agencies. The One Voice Advocacy effort unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek annual federal and state funds and advocate for projects and legislative priorities of regional significance. Valley Voice brings together elected officials from each of the eight San Joaquin Valley counties and the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to advocate for infrastructure projects and legislative priorities that will benefit the San Joaquin Valley.

Discussion

One Voice

Since 2003, Fresno COG has sponsored a group of member agency elected officials, public administrators, and selected staff to advocate in Washington DC for several regionally significant projects and priorities identified by Fresno COG member agencies and various stakeholders. This effort is known as Fresno COG's One Voice. The trip was not held from 2020 through 2023 due to the pandemic. But trip plans resumed for a 2024 Washington D.C. trip.

Valley Voice

Fresno COG also participates in Valleywide advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C. along with the other seven Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council. This advocacy effort, termed "Valley Voice" brings together elected officials from each of the eight San Joaquin Valley counties (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern) and the Executive Directors and staff representing each of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies.

Fresno COG Legislative Reporting and Analysis

Fresno COG staff devotes significant time to ongoing legislative activities including, but not limited to, monthly reports detailing pending state and federal legislation in current sessions, bill analysis, regular correspondence to state and federal representatives communicating positions on bills of interest by the Policy Boards, draft bill language, and an annual Fresno COG legislative platform and SJV Regional Policy Council legislative platform.

Previous work

Fresno COG has organized 18 annual (2003-2019) One Voice advocacy trips to Washington D.C., seven annual (2006-2012) One Voice advocacy trips to Sacramento and coordinated with other Valley COGs for Valley Voice advocacy trips to Sacramento (2008-2022) and Washington D.C. (2009-2022, except in 2012). Owing to the COVID pandemic, Valley Voice trips in 2020 and 2021 occurred virtually.

Fresno COG created its first legislative platform in 2008 that outlined the COG's priority legislative and policy issues for advocacy during that year. It is updated annually.

Products

1. One Voice community advocacy trip materials
2. Valley Voice trip materials
3. Appropriations requests and other funding applications following a Washington D.C. visit
4. Administrative and regulatory relief requests prior and following a Washington D.C. visit
5. Follow-up Valley Voice action initiatives
6. Monthly legislative reports, bill analysis, and regular correspondence to state, federal, and local agency representatives on legislation and policy areas of interest to the Fresno COG
7. Fresno COG and SJV legislative platform

Tasks

- 360.01 Maintain 2025 and develop 2026 Fresno COG legislative platform (November-December 2025)
- 360.02 Regional priorities selection for Fresno COG One Voice to Washington D.C. (November 2025-February 2026)
- 360.03 Meeting logistics, sponsorships, and materials for Fresno COG One Voice to Washington D.C. (January-April 2026)
- 360.04 Travel and trip implementation for Fresno COG's One Voice to Washington D.C. if needed (March-April 2026)
- 360.05 Washington D.C. trip follow-up if needed (May-June 2026)
- 360.06 Legislative platform for Valley COGs' Valley Voice to Sacramento (December 2025-January 2026)
- 360.07 Delegate briefings for Valley COGs' Valley Voice to Sacramento (January-February 2026)
- 360.08 Meeting logistics and materials development Valley Voice to Sacramento (February-March 2026)
- 360.09 Travel associated Valley Voice to Sacramento (March 2026)
- 360.10 Develop legislative platform and projects Valley Voice to Washington D.C. (July-September 2025)
- 360.11 Delegate briefings for Valley Voice to Washington D.C. (October 2025-January 2026)
- 360.12 Meeting logistics and materials development for Valley Voice to Washington D.C. (January-April 2026)
- 360.13 Travel associated with Valley COGs' Valley Voice to Washington D.C. (May 2026)
- 360.14 Monthly legislative reports and bill and policy analysis to federal, state, and local representatives and agencies (monthly)

360 One Voice and Valley Voice Advocacy																
Task Description	C O G	C O N S I D E R E D	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	
360.1 Develop legislative platform	■		7					■	■							
360.2 Call for regional priorities One Voice D.C.	■		5					■	■	■						
360.3 Logistics and materials for Washington D.C	■	■	17								■	■				
360.4 Travel and meet with delegation, Washington D.C.	■	■	5									■	■			
360.5 Washington D.C. One Voice trip follow up	■	■	7											■	■	
360.6 Establish legislative priorities for Valley Voice Sacramento	■	■	10						■	■						
360.7 Delegate briefings for Valley Voice Sacramento	■	■	5							■	■					
360.8 Logistics and materials for Valley Voice Sacramento	■	■	10								■	■				
360.9 Valley COGs travel to Sacramento	■	■	5									■				
360.10 Identify legislative requests for Valley COGs Washington D.C.	■	■	5	■	■	■										
360.11 Delegate briefings for Valley COGs for Washington D.C.	■	■	4				■	■	■	■		■				
360.12 Develop meeting materials for "Valley Voice" to Washington D.C.	■	■	8							■	■	■	■			
360.13 Travel for Valley Voice to Washington D.C.	■	■	5											■		
360.14 Monthly legislative reports and bill and policy analysis to federal, state, and local representatives and agencies.	■		7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

360 One Voice Advocacy

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
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Salaries	20,301	31,420	23,008	23,008
Benefits	6,735	10,930	8,431	8,431
Overhead	17,312	25,140	9,607	9,607
Total Staff Costs	44,348	67,490	41,046	41,046
Direct Costs				
Consultants	37,687	40,000	40,000	40,000
Supplies/Printing	570	4,113	4,113	4,113
Grant Specific Travel	22,693	24,509	24,509	24,509
Other Misc Expense		3,802	3,802	3,802
Total Direct Costs	60,950	72,424	72,424	72,424
TOTAL	105,298	139,914	113,470	113,470

LTF MATCH 11.47%

TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants		
Simon & Simon	28,000	28,000
STANCOG	12,000	12,000
Total Consultants	40,000	40,000

REGIONAL COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE AND HOUSING

420 Fresno Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan/Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element

Objective

This element addresses an update of the Fresno Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan to estimate and allocate regional housing needs and assist member agencies with the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element in Fresno County.

Discussion

Councils of Governments are required to prepare Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plans, which include determinations for housing allocations specific to each jurisdiction. These housing allocations include the housing needs of all income levels while avoiding further impacting communities with current relatively high proportions of lower income households.

Cities and counties are required to prepare and adopt a general plan that addresses the development of their jurisdiction. The housing element, required by state law since 1969, is a component of the general plan and includes a local jurisdiction’s strategy to address and attain state housing goals. Housing elements must identify housing needs, resources, and constraints as well as quantifiable objectives for the construction, conservation, and rehabilitation of housing units and a housing program to implement the jurisdiction’s objectives.

State law requires that existing and projected housing needs of all income levels be documented. The state also mandates that each city and county address the housing needs of all segments of the community in their respective general plan’s housing element. Fresno County jurisdictions are developing a sixth cycle multi-jurisdictional housing element.

Previous work

Fresno COG adopted the sixth cycle Fresno Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan in November 2022. The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element (MJHE) is underway and is expected to be completed in November 2024.

Products

- Environmental Documents for the Multi-jurisdictional Housing Element
- Adoption of the Housing Element for each jurisdiction
- Final Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element

Tasks

- 420.01 Review and accept Environmental Documentation for all jurisdictions participating in Multi-jurisdictional Housing Element (April-September 2024)
- 420.02 Review completed and adopted housing elements for each jurisdiction participating in the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. (April-September 2024)
- 420.03 Review and accept Final Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element (August-November 2024)

420 Regional Coordination of Transportation, Land Use and Housing															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S I D E R E D	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
420.01 Environmental documentation	■	■	35	■	■	■									
420.02 Review adopted housing elements	■	■	35	■	■	■									
420.03 Final Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element	■	■	30		■	■	■	■							

420 Regional Housing Needs

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	1,526	6,714	2,305	2,305
Benefits	397	2,320	640	640
Overhead	1,231	7,800	2,251	2,251
Total Staff Costs	3,154	16,834	5,196	5,196
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs	1,614,061	150,000	0	0
TOTAL	1,617,215	166,834	5,196	5,196
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

422 Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Objective

To administer the statewide Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program on the Fresno County regional level.

Discussion

REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership among the state, its regions, and local entities to accelerate infill development, housing, and VMT reductions in ways that advance equity.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million state and federal investment to advance regional plans by funding activities that accelerate infill housing and reductions in per capita VMT, increase housing supply, and affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH). REAP 2.0 seeks to facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. The program is administered by California HCD in partnership with the Governor's office of planning and research, the strategic growth council, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The REAP 2.0 program is funded through \$500 million from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 and \$100 million from the State General Fund. This investment builds on the 2019 Regional Early Action Planning Grant program (REAP 1.0), which provided an initial round of \$125 million in flexible planning funds to regional governments to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the sixth cycle of the housing element, including regional housing need allocations.

Most of the funds (85 percent) will flow directly to the state's 18 MPOs, with an assumption that some or most of the funds will sub granted to eligible entities (cities, counties, transit/transportation agencies) in their metropolitan region. The remaining funds are split into a set aside for non-MPO regions for smaller counties and tribal entities, as well as for a special innovation set aside for all eligible entities.

Fresno COG received \$13.6 million in funding for projects in the region that meet REAP 2.0 objectives. However, due to budget cuts from the Governor's office, there is a possibility that REAP 2.0 funding will be reduced from \$13 million to \$6.5 million. Projects will be awarded based on these two funding scenarios.

As part of the selection process, Fresno COG worked with Southwest Strategies Consultants to develop an application & scoring rubric as well as provide outreach to stakeholders. Fresno COG issued a call for projects and received eight applications. A scoring committee consisting of representatives from various agencies was responsible for reviewing and scoring the projects in January 2024.

Products

1. Final member agency contracts
2. Meeting agendas and minutes
3. Required reports

Tasks

- 422.01 Finalize contracts with member agencies receiving REAP 2.0 funds (July – October)
- 422.02 Required reporting to administering agencies California HCD, Governor's office of planning and research, Strategic Growth Council, and the California Air Resources Board (as needed, monthly)
- 422.03 Meetings with local agencies and administering agencies regarding funding, project status, etc. (as needed, monthly)
- 422.04 Program management (monthly)

421 Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 (REAP 2.0) Grant Program															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L N T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
422.01 Finalize contracts	■			■	■	■	■								
422.02 Reporting to administering agencies	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
422.03 Agency meetings	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
422.04 Program management	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

422 REAP 2.0

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	16,186	12,804	2,785	2,785
Benefits	5,528	4,627	830	830
Overhead	13,904	15,050	2,763	2,763
Total Staff Costs	35,618	32,481	6,378	6,378
Direct Costs				
Consultants	0	13,000,000	12,663,924	12,663,924
Promotion/Outreach	67,274	50,000	0	0
Grant Administration	0	426,252	29,331	29,331
Total Direct Costs	67,274	13,476,252	12,693,255	12,693,255
TOTAL	102,892	13,508,733	12,699,633	12,699,633
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

820 Valley Coordination Activities

Objective

To promote coordination, cooperation, and communication among the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs, including Fresno COG, and other federal, state and local governments, related to various regional planning processes.

Previous work

The San Joaquin Valley MPOs coordinated in multiple activities and documents, examples of which include:

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council – an advisory association of 16 elected officials comprising two Board members from each of the eight Valley MPOs – is guided by the executive directors’ committee, which develops the agendas and circulates materials to the public. The group met quarterly in 2023-24.

Executive Directors’ Committee

The executive directors committee met monthly in 2023-24 to discuss issues, programs, and projects of common concern and potentially, common action. They include federal and state air quality-related requirements, pending legislation, coordinated transportation planning efforts, the California high-speed rail project, grant programs and others.

San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement

The San Joaquin MPOs prioritize projects and identify institutional arrangements and funding for goods movement projects.

Regional Transportation Plans

The Valley’s MPOs have jointly developed a common chapter for each agency’s regional transportation plan since the early 1990s. In that chapter Valleywide issues are highlighted and discussed. These issues generally include air quality, high-speed rail, State Route 99 and the need for additional east-west corridors, Amtrak passenger service, the new requirements of SB 375 and any other common discussion items.

State Route 99 Coordination

Fresno COG, along with staff from the other seven MPOs and Caltrans, have updated the original SR 99 Business Plan, including an updated list of Valley projects on this important north/south trade corridor, a financial plan on how best to make these projects a reality, and highlights the successes since the original Business Plan. In 2021-22, staff continued supporting projects in the Business Plan and undertook developing an update that included a “Highway 99 Summit” in Tulare.

Intercity Rail

Fresno COG is a member of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (Authority) that provides regional governance/management of the San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service among Bakersfield-Fresno-Stockton-Sacramento-Oakland. Staff stayed abreast of JPA developments.

San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference/Networking

The annual SJV Regional Policy Conference offers a productive opportunity for networking among Valley MPO staff and elected officials. Fresno COG attended the conference each year.

Valley Air Quality Coordination

Valley air quality coordination has been established to ensure a comprehensive approach to transportation and air quality planning among the eight regional planning agencies and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The goal is to attain and subsequently maintain federal and state air quality standards.

This coordinated approach also includes submitting vehicle miles traveled forecasts to the SJVAPCD in developing emission budgets, updating existing plans, and developing attainment demonstration plans; joint evaluation of transportation control measures (TCMs); working with local transit agencies and Caltrans to enhance transit services; and working with the SJVAPCD on any studies or projects that work to assure that reductions in criteria pollutants are achieved as well as continuing the ongoing public education programs.

The Valley MPO directors have included funding in their individual budgets to continue the contract for a Valleywide air quality coordinator to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling is accomplished in a consistent and timely basis. San Joaquin COG is the lead agency for the group on air quality and is responsible for administering the contract.

Regional Energy Planning

The eight valley RPAs have led a regional planning effort dating back to 2010 regarding the economic development opportunities of energy that exists in the San Joaquin Valley. The Valley is poised to capture jobs and industry investments, and potentially become a net energy producer and exporter if investment strategies are implemented accordingly and regional assets are appropriately aligned.

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Funding

Under AB 101 (2019), the eight Valley RPAs formed a 24-member working group to administer approximately \$19 million in housing planning funds through the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The funding is intended to enable local jurisdictions to prepare for anticipated new housing requirements under the state's sixth-cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment. In 2020-21, Fresno COG was appointed as the fiscal agent for the Valleywide REAP program. This work is specifically identified under WE 421 and WE 422.

Shared Mobility Services for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley

A University of California, Davis analysis of existing public transportation conditions in the rural SJV and development of concept programs laid the groundwork for the creation of three rural transportation pilot programs: [Miocar](#), an electric carsharing program with vehicle hubs at affordable housing complexes in Tulare and Kern counties; [VOGO](#), a volunteer ridesharing service; and [Vamos](#), a Mobility-as-a-Service app that facilitates trip planning and ticket purchasing across the valley's many transit services.

Products

1. Agendas and minutes from regularly scheduled Regional Policy Council and Executive Directors' Committee meetings
2. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley meeting agendas/minutes
3. Information and documentation for federal transportation legislation reauthorization
4. Policies related to regional transportation needs, including SR 99 and high-speed rail
5. Ongoing air quality efforts in the San Joaquin Valley; state implementation plans (SIPs), SJVAPCD rule development process, and conformity determinations
6. New motor vehicle emission budgets for state implementation plans (SIPs)
7. Reasonably available control measures (RACM), as needed, for SIPs
8. San Joaquin Valley MPO Directors' Association-Interagency Consultation Group (IAC) agendas and minutes to address pertinent transportation modeling, air quality modeling, and transportation conformity analysis issues
9. Comments on proposed air quality plans, rules, regulations and new standards
10. Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant application – SJV TradePort study
11. Valleywide Overall Work Program covering shared work responsibilities and financial commitments among the eight SJV COGs

Tasks

- 820.01 Coordinate Regional Policy Council and Executive Directors' Committee meetings, including tracking minutes and other relevant records (monthly)
- 820.02 Track legislation, advocacy (monthly)
- 820.03 Participate in meetings of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and work on grant-funded projects (quarterly)
- 820.04 Participate in the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference with Valley MPOs and Regional Policy Council (January-April 2025)
- 820.05 Continue to work with Valley MPOs to ensure Valley's recognition in Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (monthly)
- 820.06 Work with Caltrans and other MPOs on plans, projects, and other needs associated with SR 99 (monthly)
- 820.07 Participate in meetings related to high-speed rail and intercity rail, as associated with Valleywide efforts (monthly)
- 820.08 Investigate alternative methods of coordination of Valleywide activities (monthly)
- 820.09 Ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to transportation and air quality planning with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (monthly)
- 820.10 Manage the Valleywide corporate licensing for the modeling software; continue to work with valley MPOs on model improvement, including land use and transportation models (monthly)

820 Valley Coordination Activities															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
820.01 Regional meetings	■	■	20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.02 Track legislation, advocacy	■	■	17	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.03 CA Partnership	■	■	5			■			■			■			■
820.04 SJV Policy Conference	■	■	11							■	■	■	■		
820.05 MAP-21/FAST Act monitoring	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.06 SR 99	■	■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.07 High-speed/intercity rail	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.08 Coordination support	■	■	6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.09 Valley air quality coordination	■	■	16	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
820.10 Valleywide corporate licensing coordination	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

820 Valley RTPA Coordination

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	22,094	12,785	10,160		10,160
Benefits	6,828	3,580	2,876		2,876
Overhead	18,520	14,130	9,964		9,964
Total Staff Costs	47,442	30,495	23,000	0	23,000
Direct Costs					
Consultants	122,681	145,000	148,463	15,000	133,463
Workshops	5,253	85,000	5,000		5,000
Promotion/Outreach		5,000	5,000		5,000
Other Misc Expense	374				
Total Direct Costs	128,308	235,000	158,463	15,000	143,463
TOTAL	175,750	265,495	181,463	15,000	166,463
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				1,721	

	Total	FTA 5303	LOCAL FUNDS
Consultants			
Valley MPO Coordinator	133,463	15,000	118,463
Attorney	15,000		15,000
	148,463	15,000	133,463

ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

910 Fresno COG Administration

Objective

To effectively administer Fresno COG's planning program and fiscal operations.

Discussion

Fresno COG administrative functions include managing work activity identified in the Overall Work Program. This work element also includes fiscal management activities related to budget preparation, financial records maintenance, quarterly progress reporting, legal and auditing services.

Previous work

Fresno COG administrative functions, including fiscal management activities, legal and auditing services

Products

1. Organized files on personnel management
2. Current administrative manual
3. Organized financial records
4. Payroll and warrants
5. Grant applications
6. Quarterly reports/annual report to funding agencies and COG Board
7. Reimbursement claims
8. Formal policies and procedures manual
9. COG Board and committee orientation package
10. Monthly staff meetings
11. Agendas, minutes, physical arrangements, scheduling, support, and communications for the COG Policy Board, the Policy Advisory Committee and other advisory committees

Tasks

- 910.01 Program management: (monthly)
- a. Maintain administrative manual
 - b. Maintain personnel files
 - c. Meet and confer with staff regarding wages, benefits and working conditions
 - d. Prepare grants and contracts
 - e. Coordinate development and administration of OWP and budget
 - f. Ensure program adherence to applicable federal and state regulations and directives to include affirmative action plan and DBE objectives
 - g. Monitor program delivery under the OWP
 - h. Coordinate annual audits and response to audits
 - i. Provide legal counsel when necessary
 - j. Hold monthly internal staff meetings
- 910.02 Fiscal management and reporting (monthly)
- a. Maintain unified accounting system
 - b. Prepare monthly progress reports and quarterly fiscal reports to be submitted to the COG Board for review and approval, and reimbursement claims
 - c. Prepare bi-weekly payroll and monthly warrants

910 Fresno COG Administration														
Task Description	COG	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
910.01 Program Management	■	60	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
910.02 Fiscal Management/Reporting	■	40	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

910 COG Administration

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	103,898	72,031	75,790	75,790
Benefits	32,633	24,158	24,589	24,589
Overhead	87,426	82,972	76,713	76,713
Total Staff Costs	223,957	179,161	177,092	177,092
Direct Costs				
Software Support & Maint	33,695	10,000	10,000	10,000
Grant Specific Travel		5,000	5,000	5,000
Membership/Dues	18,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Board Renumeration	17,229	22,000	22,000	22,000
Temporary Help	1,610	4,000	4,000	4,000
Other Misc Expense	10,216	5,000	5,000	5,000
Equipment	56,066	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Direct Costs	136,816	117,000	117,000	117,000
TOTAL	360,773	296,161	294,092	294,092
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

	Total	LOCAL FUNDS
Membership Dues		
CALCOG	21,000	21,000
Total Membership Dues	21,000	21,000
Equipment		
Computers	15,000	15,000
Office Equipment	10,000	10,000
Sequoia Room Upgrade	25,000	25,000
Total Equipment	50,000	50,000

911 Overall Work Program & Budget Development

Objective

To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs

Discussion

Fresno COG staff prepares the OWP in cooperation with local agency staff to reflect federal/state funding priorities as well as local agency needs. It serves to document Fresno COG’s planning activities and includes the annual program budget and line-item budget.

The OWP is prepared in cooperation with the State and transit operators as specified in 23 CFR 450.308(c). Fresno COG’s advisory committees – including the Technical Transportation Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and Social Services Technical Advisory Committee – represent transit operators, Caltrans and community-based organizations, among Fresno COG’s member jurisdictions. In conjunction with Fresno COG’s Policy Board, these committees and the public are invited to recommend plans or studies they would like to see included in the OWP.

Previous Work Completed

- FHWA approved the final FY 2024-25 OWP in June 2024
- Formal and administrative amendments

Products

2025/26 Fresno COG Overall Work Program and budget

Tasks

- 911.01 Review federal and state OWP guidelines (November-December 2025)
- 911.02 Conduct public outreach pursuant to Fresno COG Public Participation Plan (January 2026-February 2026)
- 911.03 Identify local project needs (December 2025-February 2026)
- 911.04 Adopt OWP following local agency, federal and state review (May 2026)
- 911.05 Process OWP amendments (monthly as necessary)
- 911.06 Monitor fiscal resources and maintain sufficient reserves to ensure stable services on a year-to-year basis (monthly)
- 911.07 Construct OWP around ongoing revenue sources, with carryover funding and discretionary grants for one-time projects only (monthly)

911 Overall Work Program and Budget Development															
Task Description	C O G	C O N S L T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
911.01 Review OWP guidelines	■		10					■	■						
911.02 Public outreach	■		20							■	■				
911.03 Identify local project needs	■		40						■	■	■				
911.04 Adopt OWP	■		5												■
911.05 Process amendments	■		15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
911.06 Monitor fiscal resources	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
911.07 Maximize OWP funding	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

911 Overall Work Program

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	FTA 5303 2025/26	FHWA PL 2025/26
Salaries	28,221	27,955	30,397	15,198	15,199
Benefits	9,501	9,629	10,889	5,445	5,444
Overhead	24,155	32,449	31,554	15,777	15,777
Total Staff Costs	61,877	70,033	72,840	36,420	36,420
Direct Costs					
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	61,877	70,033	72,840	36,420	36,420
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				4,177	4,177

912 Local Transportation Funds Administration

Objective

To. Administer the Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund following the California Transportation Development Act (TDA).

Discussion

Fresno COG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for administering the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), and State Transit Assistance Fund (STA) in Fresno County. These funds, based on a portion of the state sales tax, are generally available to local agencies for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, social service transportation, and street and roads projects. Fresno COG's responsibility is to ensure the funds are apportioned, allocated and expended in accordance with current statutory and administrative code requirements. To aid the process, staff assist in claim preparation, monitors related legislative activity, and monitors expenditures via audits.

In addition, Fresno COG determines Section 8879.55a(2) allocations for the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA); the California Transit assistance Fund (CTAF), and the Low Carbon Transit Operator Program (LCTOP). Caltrans administers PTMISEA and LCTOP are administered by Caltrans. Homeland Security administers CTAF.

Products

1. Records of LTF, and STA apportionments, claim approvals, and allocations
2. Monthly legislative reports
3. Fiscal and triennial performance audits
4. Social Service Transportation Advisory Council Meetings/public hearing (re: WE 120)
5. Unmet Transit Needs - staff report (re: WE 120)
6. Allocate Section 8879.55a2 PTMISEA, CTAF, LCTOP

Tasks

- 912.01 Fulfill RTPA responsibilities, including: apportionment, unmet transit need hearings and findings and audits (monthly)
- 912.02 Monitor related legislative activity (monthly)
- 912.03 Assist in claim preparation with local agencies (monthly)
- 912.04 Review claims for conformance with TDA law, the Regional Transportation Plan, and short-range transit plans (monthly)
- 912.05 Maintain appropriate financial activity records (monthly)
- 912.06 Conduct Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meetings/public hearing (re: WE 120) (May 2025)
- 912.07 Update unmet transit needs staff report and conduct public hearing (re: WE 120) (May 2025)
- 912.08 Contract for appropriate fiscal and triennial performance audits (monthly)
- 912.09 Allocate PTMISEA, CTAF and LCTOP (monthly)

912 Local Transportation Funds Administration															
Task Description	CO G	C O N S L I D E N T	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
912.01 Comply with RTPA Require.	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.02 Monitor legislative activity	■		10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.03 Assist in claims prep.	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.04 Review TDA claims	■		9	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.05 Maintain financial records	■	■	50	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.06 SSTAC meetings & hearings	■		1											■	
912.07 Update Unmet Trans. Needs	■		1											■	
912.08 Fiscal and performance Audits	■	■	18	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.09 Allocate PTMISEA, CTAF and LCTOP	■		1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

912 Transportation Funds Admin.

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	14,095	59,312	21,992	21,992
Benefits	4,759	20,968	7,652	7,652
Overhead	12,073	69,314	22,657	22,657
Total Staff Costs	30,927	149,594	52,301	52,301
Direct Costs				
County Counsel	20,575	27,000	29,000	29,000
Program Audits	66,234	168,280	189,229	189,229
County Auditor Controller	10,046	9,000	11,000	11,000
Total Direct Costs	96,855	204,280	229,229	229,229
TOTAL	127,782	353,874	281,530	281,530
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

913 SB 125 Formula TIRCP & ZETCP Administration

Objective

To administer the SB 125 Formula-Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) & Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) in Fresno County.

Discussion

Fresno COG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for administering the SB 125 Formula-Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) & Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) in Fresno County. TIRCP was created by Senate Bill 862 in 2014 to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California’s intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. Senate Bill 125 amended the Budget of 2023 to appropriate \$4 billion of General Fund to the TIRCP over the next two fiscal years and establishes the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) with \$1 billion in GGRF and PTA funding over the next four fiscal years. ZETCP will provide funds for zero-emission transit equipment, transit facility and network improvement projects such as those that support replacing aging vehicle fleets with zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and associated fueling or charging infrastructure or facility modifications.

A maximum of 1% of total multi-year SB 125 formula funds are allocated to Fresno COG for administration of SB 125 funding across both TIRCP and ZETCP, and for planning expenses related to preparing and implementing the initial short-term financial plan, annual updates to the short-term financial plan, and the long-term financial plan. Fresno COG’s total TIRCP and ZETCP SB 125 allocation is \$119,707,058 of which \$1,197,071 will be set aside for administration of the program by Fresno COG over a five-year period.

Products

1. Regionally representative transit operator data, fleet management plans, revenue collection plans, existing service plans and schedules
2. Allocation Package Detailed Project Description
3. Records of TIRCP, and ZETCP apportionments, claim approvals, and allocations.
4. Annual Progress Reports

Tasks

- 912.01 Provide regionally representative transit operator data, fleet management plans, revenue collection and service plans (July 2025)
- 912.02 Allocation Package Detailed Project Description (June 2026)
- 912.03 Maintain appropriate financial activity records (monthly)
- 912.04 Annual Progress Report (December 2025)

913 SB 125 Formula TIRCP & ZETCP Administration															
Task Description	COG	CONSULT	% of Work	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
912.01 Provide regionally representative transit operator data	■		5	■											
912.02 Allocation Package Detailed Project Description	■		50												■
912.03 Maintain appropriate financial activity records	■		5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
912.04 Annual Progress Report	■		40						■						

913 TIRCIP - ZETCP

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	0	0	9,468	9,468
Benefits	0	0	3,166	3,166
Overhead	0	0	9,656	9,656
Total Staff Costs	0	0	22,290	22,290
Direct Costs				
Grant Administration		239,415	528,514	528,514
Total Direct Costs	0	239,415	528,514	528,514
TOTAL	0	239,415	550,804	550,804
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

920 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration

Objective

To provide, under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Discussion

The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration (FCRTA) was formed in 1979 as a joint powers agency responsible for rural transit operations. It comprises Fresno County and 13 rural incorporated cities. FCRTA and Fresno COG maintain an annual fiscal year contract for administrative, fiscal and support services. This fiscal year, the agency will be led by its general manager, operations manager, accounting manager, and a senior transit planner.

Previous Work

In its continued support for sustainable transportation, FCRTA, the California Energy Commission, CALSTART, Valley Air District and Caltrans celebrated having installed 13 new charging stations now open to the public that include back-up energy storage for emergency services. FCRTA has taken major steps toward obtaining electric vehicles for the vehicle fleet including the addition of six electric vehicle (EV) vans, seven EV buses and 25 EV sedans, which are being prepared for revenue service. FCRTA also installed solar-powered bus shelters to existing benches that lack shade in rural and disadvantaged areas.

Products

1. FCRTA resolutions related to transit operations for funding of operations and capital.
2. Organized files and correspondence.
3. Contractual agreements between FCRTA, rural incorporated cities, nonprofit corporations, other municipalities
4. Annual Budget and Program.
5. National Transit Database Report, State Auditors Controllers Report, FCRTA portion of Transit Productivity Evaluation, Triennial Performance Audit.
6. Accounting records, financial statements, and annual audit reports.

Tasks

- 920.01 Participate with Fresno COG in the rural public transportation planning process (monthly)
- 920.02 Participate with Fresno COG in monitoring and evaluating rural transit systems (monthly)
- 920.03 Participate with Fresno COG in the Social Service Transportation Planning process (monthly)
- 920.04 Coordinate with: Caltrans; Fresno County and each rural incorporated city; further the implementation of the updated Regional Transportation Plan and Rural Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Area of Fresno County; Measure C Expenditure Plan (March-September)
- 920.05 Prepare and administer grants in conjunction with transit service implementation (monthly)
- 920.06 Prepare, Adopt, and amend the Annual Budget (February-June)
- 920.07 Negotiate and execute service agreements with rural cities, non-profit corporations, private transit providers and other municipalities (April-June)
- 920.08 Act as broker for the fleet of public transportation vehicles (monthly)
- 920.09 Maintain DBE/MBE/WBE/DVBE files (monthly)
- 920.10 Acquire fixed assets (monthly)
- 920.11 Coordinate with Regional Rideshare Program and Taxi Scrip Program (monthly)
- 920.12 Comply with state/federal air quality requirements (monthly)
- 920.13 Respond to the Americans with Disabilities Act, FTA Drug and Alcohol Substance Abuse, FTA Safety and Security reporting requirements, and comply with Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients (monthly)
- 920.14 Maintain records of financial transactions (monthly)
- 920.15 Issue warrants for payment of service (monthly)
- 920.16 Comply with audit requirements pursuant to the Transportation Development Act (monthly)
- 920.17 Prepare FCRTA portion of the Transit Productivity Evaluation (August-January)

- 920.18 Prepare National Transit Database Report (monthly)
- 920.19 Prepare State Auditors Controllers Report (December-January)
- 920.20 Cooperate with and coordinate with agencies and organizations that are alternative energy advocates such as CARB, Electrify America and SJV Clean Cities Coalition (monthly)
- 920.21 Attend meetings as required and attend relevant transit industry conferences such as CalACT and CTA (Monthly).
- 920.22 Maintain and update FCRTA Website (monthly)

920 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration															
Task Description	C O G	F C R T A	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
920.01 Participate in planning process		■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.02 Monitor rural transit systems		■	10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.03 Participate in CTSA process		■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.04 Update SRTP		■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.05 Prepare & administer grants		■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.06 Prepare annual budget		■	10								■	■	■	■	■
920.07 Negotiate service contracts		■	5										■	■	■
920.08 Broker fleet transit services		■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.09 Maintain DBE Files		■	1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.10 Acquire fixed assets		■	7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.11 Coordinate with rideshare		■	1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.12 Air quality compliance		■	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.13 ADA, drug & alcohol, & safety & security response		■	2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.14 Maintain finance records	■		15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.15 Issue warrants	■		2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.16 Comply with TDA audit	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.17 Prepare productivity report	■	■	5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.18 Prepare NTD Report		■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.19 Prepare State Auditors report		■	2						■	■					
920.20 Coordinate alt. energy entities		■	1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.21 Attend required meetings	■	■	3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
920.22 Maintain FCRTA website		■	1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

920 FCRTA Administration

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	499,130	746,004	780,581	780,581
Benefits	142,184	241,315	260,209	260,209
Overhead	0	0	0	0
Total Staff Costs	641,314	987,319	1,040,790	1,040,790
Direct Costs				
Other Misc Expense	19,345	19,345	20,796	20,796
Total Direct Costs	19,345	19,345	20,796	20,796
TOTAL	660,659	1,006,664	1,061,586	1,061,586
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

930 Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration

Objective

Provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA).

Discussion

The Fresno County Transportation Authority is responsible for administering and allocating Measure C's sales tax revenue. Fresno COG provides FCTA's salary and personnel administration.

Tasks

To provide personnel services to the Authority.

930 Authority Administration

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	1,084	1,229	1,263	1,263
Benefits	366	436	461	461
Overhead	929	1,437	1,318	1,318
Total Staff Costs	2,379	3,102	3,042	3,042
Direct Costs				
Total Direct Costs	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,379	3,102	3,042	3,042
LTF MATCH 11.47%				
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%				

940 Freeway Service Patrol

Objective

To conduct the Freeway Service Patrol program in cooperation with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, removing minor traffic incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents and vehicle emissions.

Discussion

The Fresno County Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) provides free assistance, including flat tire repair, radiator refills, and leaky hose repair, providing one gallon of fuel and removing stalled vehicles from the freeway morning and evening, during peak-hours. The program operates along approximately 30.4 miles of SR 41, SR-99, SR-168 and SR-180 in the City of Fresno.

Work Element 940 provides the necessary Fresno COG financial contribution and staff resources to achieve the activities and objectives of the Freeway Service Patrol. A 25 percent local match contribution is required by state law to continue with the FSP program. The source of this local match contribution is Transportation Development Act funds.

Previous work

- Fresno County Freeway Service Patrol memorandum of understanding (MOU) among Caltrans, Fresno COG and the California Highway Patrol, and subsequent amendment to the MOU. A comprehensive review and revision was completed in 2014
- Fresno County Freeway Service Patrol cooperative agreement between Caltrans and Fresno COG and subsequent annual amendments to the agreement
- Program supplement agreements and fund transfer agreements between Caltrans and Fresno COG for the 1998-99 through 2023-24 freeway service patrol
- Applications for federal transportation funds to provide the additional local match required for the earlier expanded FSP program
- Requests for proposals for towing services for 2018-19 through 2022-23

Products

1. FSP tow contract
2. Report, prepared with Caltrans and CHP
3. Evaluation of performance, efficacy and potential for FSP expansion or contraction

Tasks

- 940.01 Coordinate with Caltrans on a fund transfer agreement for the freeway service patrol for fiscal year 2024-25. (April-June 2025)
- 940.02 Participate with Caltrans and the CHP in monitoring, evaluating, and promoting the FSP (monthly)
- 940.03 Administer the FSP tow contract for fiscal year 2024-25 (monthly)
- 940.04 Monitor and participate as a member of the Statewide Motorist Aid Committee (formerly the FSP Statewide Oversight Committee) and appropriate subcommittees (October 2025)

940 Freeway Service Patrol																
Task Description	C O G	P A R T N E R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	
940.01 Execute FTA	■	■	10											■	■	■
940.02 Monitor/Eval/Promote FSP	■	■	40	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
940.03 Administer FSP Contract	■	■	45	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
940.04 Statewide Motorist Aid Committee	■		5				■									

940 Freeway Service Patrol

Budget Account	Actual Cost 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Annual Budget 2025/26	State FSP	LOCAL FUNDS
Salaries	2,336	4,204	2,104	1,683	421
Benefits	768	1,254	666	533	133
Overhead	1,988	4,712	2,117	0	2,117
Total Staff Costs	5,092	10,170	4,887	2,216	2,671
Direct Costs					
Supplies/Printing	310	8,500	8,500	6,800	1,700
Software Support & Maint	0	5,760	5,760	4,608	1,152
Freeway Service Patrol	730,398	731,250	731,250	585,000	146,250
Equipment	2,940	8,500	8,500	6,800	1,700
Total Direct Costs	733,648	754,010	754,010	603,208	150,802
TOTAL	738,740	764,180	758,897	605,424	153,473
LTF MATCH 11.47%					
TOLL CREDIT MATCH 11.47%					

	Total	State FSP	LOCAL FUNDS
Freeway Service Patrol			
Freeway Service Patrol	731,250	585,000	146,250
Total Freeway Service Patrol	731,250	585,000	146,250

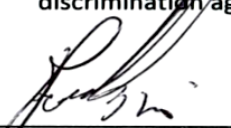
Appendices

Appendix A- FHWA and FTA Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification

FY 2024/2025 FHWA and FTA Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR part 450, the California Department of Transportation and Fresno Council of Governments _____, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the County of Fresno _____ urbanized area(s), herby certify that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and subpart C of 23 CFR part 450;
- 2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- 6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- 9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities



MPO Authorizing Signature
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director

Title
4/4/24

Date

Caltrans District Approval Signature

Title

Date

March 2024

Appendix B-FTA Certifications and Assurances

Certifications and Assurances

Fiscal Year 2024

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FTA ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Signature pages alternate to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS.)

Name of Applicant: Fresno Council of Governments

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of all categories: (*check here*) .

Or,

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of the categories it has selected:

Category	Certification
01 Certifications and Assurances Required of Every Applicant	_____
02 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans	_____
03 Tax Liability and Felony Convictions	_____
04 Lobbying	_____
05 Private Sector Protections	_____
06 Transit Asset Management Plan	_____
07 Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews and Bus Testing	_____
08 Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program	_____
09 Formula Grants for Rural Areas	_____
10 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants and the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program	_____
11 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs	_____

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Certifications and Assurances

Fiscal Year 2024

- 12 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs
- 13 State of Good Repair Grants
- 14 Infrastructure Finance Programs
- 15 Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing
- 16 Rail Safety Training and Oversight
- 17 Demand Responsive Service
- 18 Interest and Financing Costs
- 19 Cybersecurity Certification for Rail Rolling Stock and Operations
- 20 Tribal Transit Programs
- 21 Emergency Relief Program

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Fresno Council of Governments

Name of the Applicant:

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the federal fiscal year, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

The Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during the federal fiscal year.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

Certifications and Assurances

Fiscal Year 2024

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature _____

Date: 4/4/24

Name **Robert Phipps**

Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Fresno Council of Governments

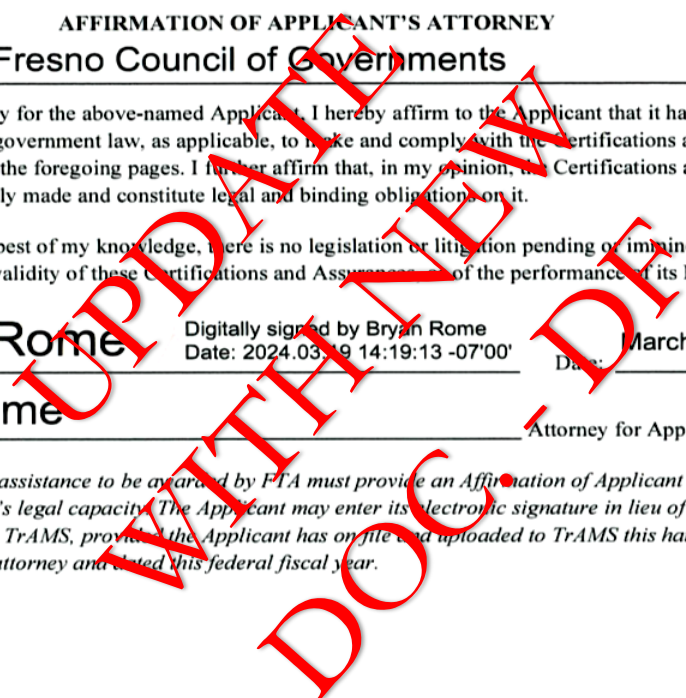
As the undersigned Attorney for the above-named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances or the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature **Bryan Rome** Digitally signed by Bryan Rome Date: 2024.03.19 14:19:13 -07'00' Date: March 19, 2024

Name **Bryan Rome** Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within TrAMS, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to TrAMS this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.



Appendix C-Debarment and Suspension Certification

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 California Department of Transportation Debarment and Suspension Certification

As required by U.S. DOT regulations on governmentwide Debarment and Suspension

(Nonprocurement), 49 CFR 29.100:

- 1) The Applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its contractors, subcontractors and subrecipients:
 - a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - b) Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
 - d) Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, and local) terminated for cause or default.
- 2) The Applicant also certifies that, if Applicant later becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1) above, it will promptly provide that information to the State.
- 3) If the Applicant is unable to certify to all statements in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this certification, through those means available to Applicant, including the General Services Administration's ***Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)***, Applicant shall indicate so in its applications, or in the transmittal letter or message accompanying its annual certifications and assurances, and will provide a written explanation to the State.

March 2024

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

SIGNATURE PAGE

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature  Date 4/4/24
Printed Name Robert Phipps

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has the authority under state and local law to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, these certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations of the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances or of the performance of the described project.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For Fresno Council of Governments (Name of Applicant)
Signature Bryan Rome Digitally signed by Bryan Rome
Date: 2024.03.19 14:18:18 -07'00' Date March 19, 2024
Printed Name of Applicant's Attorney Bryan Rome

March 2024

Appendix D - Planning Funds - Eligible Uses

As the name indicates, transportation planning funds (FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303) are to be used for activities associated with the Metropolitan planning process (23 CFR 450). A wide variety of regional transportation planning activities are eligible for transportation planning funds. This list is illustrative, not inclusive.

Regional planning studies and activities:

- Participate in Federal and State Clean Air Act transportation related air quality planning activities.
- Identify and analyze issues relating to integration of transportation and community goals and objectives in land use, housing, economic development, social welfare and environmental preservation.
- Develop and/or modify tools that allow for better assessment of transportation impacts on community livability.
- Consider alternative growth scenarios that provide information on compact development and related infrastructure needs and costs.
- Participate in appropriate local level mandates.
- Involve the public in the transportation planning process.
- Establish and maintain formal consultation with Native American Tribal Governments enabling their participation in local and state transportation planning and project programming activities.
- Identify and document transportation facilities, projects and services required to meet regional and interregional mobility and access needs.
- Define solutions and implementation issues in terms of the multimodal transportation system, land use and economic impacts, financial constraints, air quality and environmental concerns (including wetlands, endangered species and cultural resources).
- Assess the operational and physical continuity of transportation system components within and between metropolitan and rural areas, and interconnections to and through regions.
- Identify the rights of way for construction of future transportation projects, including unused rights of way needed for future transportation corridors and facilities including airports and intermodal transfer stations.
- Investigate methods to reduce vehicle travel and to expand and enhance travel services.
- Incorporate transit and intermodal facilities, bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways in plans and programs where appropriate.
- Conduct transit needs assessments and prepare transit development plans and transit marketing plans as appropriate.
- Consider airport ground transportation and transportation to ports, recreational areas and other major trip-generating sites in planning studies as appropriate.
- Develop life cycle cost analyses for all proposed transportation projects and services, and for transportation rehabilitation, operational and maintenance activities.

Regional planning consensus efforts:

- Participate with regional, local and state agencies, the general public and the private sector in planning efforts to identify and plan policies, strategies, programs and actions that maximize and implement the regional transportation infrastructure.
- Conduct collaborative public participation efforts to further extend transportation planning to communities previously not engaged in discussion.
- Create, strengthen and use partnerships to facilitate and conduct regional planning activities among California Department of Transportation (Department), MPOs, RTPAs, Native American Tribal Governments, transit districts, cities, counties, the private sector and other stakeholders.
- Develop partnerships with local agencies responsible for land use decisions to facilitate coordination of transportation planning with land use, open space, job-housing balance, environmental constraints, and growth management.
- Utilize techniques that assist in community-based development of innovative transportation and land use alternatives to improve community livability, long-term economic stability and sustainable development.
- Work with appropriate agencies and developers to reach agreement on proper mitigation measures, and strategies to finance, implement and monitor these mitigation measures; after mitigation measures are implemented and determined to be effective, report status to project sponsors.
- Use partners to identify policies, strategies, programs and actions that enhance the movement of people, goods, services and information.
- Ensure that projects developed at the regional level are compatible with statewide and interregional transportation needs.

- Review the regional project screening process, ranking process, and programming guidelines ensuring comprehensive cost/benefit analysis of all project types are considered.
- Develop and implement joint work programs with transportation and air quality agencies, including transit operators, to enhance coordination efforts, partnerships, and consultation processes; eliminate or reduce redundancies, inefficient or ineffective resource use and overlapping review and approvals.
- Identify and address issues relating to international border crossings, and access to seaports, airports, intermodal transportation facilities, major freight distribution routes, national parks, recreation areas, monuments and historic sites, military installations; and military base closures.
- Conduct planning and project activities (including corridor studies, and other transportation planning studies) to identify and develop candidate projects for the FY 2008/2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
- Preserve existing transportation facilities, planning ways to meet transportation needs by using existing transportation facilities more efficiently, with owners and operators of transportation facilities/systems working together to develop operational objectives and plans which maximize utilization of existing facilities.
- Involve federal and state permit and approval agencies early and continuously in the regional transportation planning process to identify and examine issues to develop necessary consensus and agreement; collaborate with Army Corps of Engineers, National Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies responsible for permits and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) approvals and with state resources agencies for compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Document environmental and cultural resources, and develop and improve coordination between agencies using Geographic Information Services (GIS) and other computer-based tools.

Regional planning documents, consistent with federal and state requirements:

- Regional Transportation Plans (RTP)
- Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)
- RTP and TIP environmental compliance
- Overall Work Programs (OWP) and Amendments
- Overall Work Program Agreements (OWPA) and Amendments
- Master Fund Transfer Agreements (MFTA)
- Corridor studies

As the name indicates, transportation planning funds (FHWA PL, FTA Section 5303) are to be used for Metropolitan transportation planning process. They cannot be used for project implementation, such as rideshare activities or transit administration, or non-transportation planning Transportation Development Act (TDA) administration. FHWA PL cannot be used for project development such as project initiation documents (PIDs), and project study reports (PSRs) though these activities can be funded with other federal sources. For example, studying whether a traffic impact fee would benefit transportation in the region and even determining appropriate fee levels are acceptable uses, but implementation of the traffic impact fee program goes beyond planning and is not an acceptable use.

In addition, if an agency does not adhere to the Contract and Procurement process outlined in 49 CFR, Part 18.36, federal planning funds cannot be used.

Appendix E- Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) Definitions and Areas of Particular Importance

Definitions:

Indirect costs – Those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited, e.g. cost of renting the office space/building, audit services, postage, utilities, and misc. supplies.

Direct costs – Any cost that can be specifically identified to a final cost objective, e.g. direct labor costs of engineers, project related travel, photocopies, rental of equipment and consultants.

Central Service Cost Allocation Plan – Documentation identifying, accumulating, and allocating or developing billing rates based on the allowable costs of services provided by a government unit on a centralized basis to its departments and agencies. The costs of these services may be allocated or billed to users.

Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan – A narrative description of the procedures that will be used in identifying, measuring and allocating all administrative costs to all of the programs administered or supervised by State public assistance.

Indirect Cost Rate Proposal – Documentation prepared by a governmental unit or component thereof to substantiate its request for the establishment of an indirect cost rate.

Cost Allocation Plan – The Central Service Cost Allocation Plan, Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan, and Indirect Cost Rate Proposal.

Indirect Cost Rate Calculation –

$$\frac{\text{Indirect Cost}}{\text{Direct Salaries + Fringe Benefits}}$$

Examples:

Allowable Costs – Audit services, communications, compensation for indirect personnel services, depreciation, rent and travel.

Unallowable Costs – Alcoholic beverages, bad debts, contingencies, contributions and donations, entertainment, lobbying, equipment and other capital expenditures, certain advertising and public relations costs, certain memberships, and general government expenses.

Areas of Particular Importance:

The following items tend to be areas that are of particular importance when reviewing OWPs and its related invoices. If you have any questions regarding a cost on an invoice, please contact HQ Regional Planning staff prior to approval:

- Conflict of Interest
- Inappropriate billings
- Unsupported Direct Labor costs
- Billing of Indirect costs with no approval rate or billing incorrect rate
- Small agencies that share staff and/or accounting systems with other agencies.
- Inaccurate treatment of overtime and the effective hourly rate
- Independent audit-or- (Certified Public Accountant) performing routine accounting functions and providing an opinion on the financial statements.

The following two websites provide additional information about the ICAP procedure and definitions:

CFR Part 225.55:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg/2005/083105_a87.pdf

2 CFR Part 225.55 has information on definitions, State/Local-Wide Central Service Cost Allocation Plans (Attachment C), Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plans (Attachment D), and the State and Local Indirect Cost Rate Proposals (Attachment E)

Local Assistance Procedures Manual, Chapter 5 Accounting/Invoice Section 5.14 - Obtaining Approval for Indirect Costs:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/prog_p/p05accin.pdf

Please contact Caltrans Audits & Investigations staff if there are any questions about the ICAP procedure.

Attachment A1

Fresno Council of Governments
2025/26 Budget

	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs	Ineligible Costs	Other Program Costs	Total Budget
Salaries	1,683,331 ▼	643,835 ▼	13,526 ▼	1,001,741 ▼	3,342,433 ▼
Fringe Benefits	526,972 ▼	300,637 ▼	5,343 ▼	350,389 ▼	1,183,342 ▼
Total	2,210,303	944,473	18,869	1,352,130	4,525,775
	A4a	A3a	A3b	A3c	A4e
Indirect Costs					
Telephone		12,000			12,000
Insurance		8,000			8,000
Postage		4,000			4,000
Printing Supplies		35,000			35,000
Office Supplies		32,000			32,000
Publ. & Subscript.		5,100			5,100
Advertising & Legal Notice		22,000			22,000
Computer Supplies		40,000			40,000
Office Lease		268,000			268,000
Bldg. Operating Expense		87,350			87,350
Copier Lease		18,000			18,000
Repair & Maint.		22,000			22,000
Travel Expenses		58,500			58,500
Audit		40,314			40,314
Total Indirect		652,264		0	652,264
		A5a			
Depreciation		31,321			31,321
		A6e			
Subtotal Indirect Costs		1,628,058			
		A1a			
Other Direct Costs				29,713,432 ▼	29,713,432
				A5b	
ICAP Carry Forward		61,275			61,275
		A6b			
Total Budget	2,210,303	1,689,333	18,869	31,065,562	34,984,067
	A1b				A5d

Attachment A2

Fresno Council of Governments
Cost Carry Forward Provision

Fiscal Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25		2025/26
Approved Rate	70.33%	66.58%	86.34%	Proposed Rate	76.43%
Indirect Calculation					
Prior year Carry Forward	228,429	80,334	284,437	Prior year Carry Forward	61,275
Indirect Costs Per Single Audit	1,251,234	1,208,108	A6c	Estimated Indirect Costs	1,628,058
Total Indirect Costs	1,479,663	1,288,442		Total Indirect Costs	1,689,333
		A6a			
Recovered Costs (Direct Salaries +Benefits) (* Approved Rate)	1,195,226	1,227,167		Estimated Direct Salaries + Benefits	2,210,303
					A1b
Future Year Carry Forward	284,437	61,275			
	A6c	A6b			
Direct Salaries + Benefits (Per Single Audit)	1,699,454	1,843,146			
		A6d			

Attachment A3

Fresno Council of Governments
2025/26 Indirect Cost Plan

Adjustment for Ineligible Activities

Executive
Director

Salary	214,579
Benefits	84,758
Total Salary & Benefits	299,337

Annual Hours	1,745
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Salary Rate	122.97
Benefit Rate	48.57

Ineligible Activities	
One Voice Advocacy	110
Other Activities	
Total Ineligible Hrs.	110

Ineligible Salaries	13,526
Ineligible Benefits	5,343
Ineligible Costs	18,869

	Professional Staff	FCRTA Staff	FAX Staff	Ineligible Activities	Support Staff	Total Staff
Salaries & Benefits	2,210,303	1,040,791	311,339		963,342	4,525,775
	A4a	A4b	A4c		A4d	A4e
Executive Director adj.				18,869	(18,869)	0
Executive Assistant adj.				0	0	0
Subtotal	0	0	0	18,869	(18,869)	0
Adj Salaries & Benefits	2,210,303	1,040,791	311,339	18,869	944,473	4,525,775
				A3b	A3a	
FCRTA Staff		1,040,791				
FAX Staff		311,339				
Total Other Program Costs		1,352,130				
		A3c				

Appendix F- Key Federal Contract and Procurement Requirements

Per 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 18.36:

(1) Grantees and sub grantees will maintain a contract administration system which ensures that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(2) Grantees and sub grantees will maintain a written code of standards of conduct governing the performance of their employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer or agent of the grantee or sub grantee shall participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when:

- (i) The employee, officer or agent,
- (ii) Any member of his immediate family,
- (iii) His or her partner, or
- (iv) An organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award. The grantee's or sub grantee's officers, employees or agents will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub agreements. Grantee and sub grantees may set minimum rules where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal intrinsic value. To the extent permitted by State or local law or regulations, such standards or conduct will provide for penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions for violations of such standards by the grantee's and sub grantee's officers, employees, or agents, or by contractors or their agents. The awarding agency may in regulation provide additional prohibitions relative to real, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest.

(3) Grantees and sub grantees will maintain records sufficient to detail the significant history of a procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(4) Grantees and subgrantees will use time and material type contracts only--

- (i) After a determination that no other contract is suitable, and
- (ii) If the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.

(5) Grantees and subgrantees alone will be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the grantee or sub grantee of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. Federal agencies will not substitute their judgment for that of the grantee or sub grantee unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, State, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

(6) Grantees and sub grantees will have protest procedures to handle and resolve disputes relating to their procurements and shall in all instances disclose information regarding the protest to the awarding agency. A protestor must exhaust all administrative remedies with the grantee and sub grantee before pursuing a protest with the Federal agency. Reviews of protests by the Federal agency will be limited to:

- (i) Violations of Federal law or regulations and the standards of this section (violations of State or local law will be under the jurisdiction of State or local authorities) and
- (ii) Violations of the grantee's or sub grantee's protest procedures or failure to review a complaint or protest. Protests received by the Federal agency other than those specified above will be referred to the grantee or sub grantee.

(7) Grantees will have written selection procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures will ensure that all solicitations: (i) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description shall not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured, and when necessary, shall set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a "brand name or equal" description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of a procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offerors shall be clearly stated; and (ii) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

Appendix G - Deputy Directive Complete Streets – Integrating the Transportation System

Memorandum

To: ALL CALTRANS STAFF

Date: December 6, 2021

From: TOKS OMISHAKIN
Director

Subject: **DIRECTOR'S POLICY 37 – COMPLETE STREETS HIGH-PRIORITY IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS**

Purpose

This memo outlines specific high-priority actions that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will initially take to immediately implement the goals described in the newly adopted Director's Policy 37 (DP-37) on Complete Streets.

- **Develop Contextual Design Guidance**
 - HQ Division of Design will work with the Division of Transportation Planning and the Director's Office Sustainability team to create guidance that will detail the Caltrans' minimum expectations for complete streets facilities by place type.
 - The contextual design guidance will build off existing guidance, and develop new guidance where needed, as well as leverage the place types developed under the Smart Mobility Framework.
 - Target Completion: Fiscal Year 2022/23, Quarter 2
- **Champion Design Flexibility among Project Development Teams**
 - HQ Division of Design will roll out the Safety, Equity, and Climate Action Roadshow to train project team members on the current state of the practice, as well as encourage and support designers to leverage design flexibility in their decision-making in order to design for safe, equitable, and climate-focused outcomes.
 - Target Completion: Initial Rollout in Fiscal Year 2021/22, Quarter 3
- **Update Processes for the Complete Streets Decision Document (CSDD)**
 - HQ Division of Design will revise the CSDD to designate District Directors as the final signatories of all CSDDs. District-Designated Complete Streets Coordinators will collect CSDDs and send them annually to Headquarters Division of Design for archiving and reporting.
 - Target Completion: Fiscal Year 2021/22, Quarter 3

"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"

- **Develop Process for Including Complete Streets in Highway Maintenance Projects (Pavement and Bridge)**
 - HQ Division of Maintenance, with support from the Director's Office Sustainability team, Office of Complete Streets in Project Delivery, and District Maintenance and Complete Streets Coordinators, will develop a process for tracking the inclusion of complete streets elements in Major Highway Maintenance (Pavement and Bridge) projects. District Directors will be final signatories for projects that do not incorporate complete streets elements.
 - Target completion: Fiscal Year 2021/22, Quarter 3
- **Launch Complete Streets Hub to facilitate cross-functional collaboration**
 - The Director's Office Sustainability team will work with HQ Divisions of Transportation Planning and Design to launch the Complete Streets Hub to provide a centralized repository of complete streets resources and support internal collaboration on complete streets issues. This effort will include a new Onramp site, cross-functional trainings, and information sharing forums.
 - Target completion: Initial Rollout in Fiscal Year 2021/22, Quarter 3
- **Develop Biennial Updates to Complete Streets Action Plan**
 - The Director's Office Sustainability team will coordinate the creation of a new, standalone biennial Complete Streets Action Plan with Headquarters Divisions and Districts. The Action Plan will identify additional actions beyond those identified within this memo that are needed to fully implement DP-37.
 - Target completion: Initial Update in Fiscal Year 2021/22, Quarter 4

All Caltrans employees should also be empowered by DP-37 to take the actions needed in their function to advance complete streets, even if not explicitly described in this memo.



TOKS OMISHAKIN
DIRECTOR

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Date

author/typist

DOTS2 # (if DOTS assignment)

Cross-reference DOTS2 # (if any)

Appendix H - Certification of Restriction on Lobbying

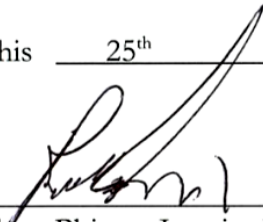
CERTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

I, Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director, hereby certify on behalf of the Fresno Council of Governments that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1351, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$ 10,000 and not more than \$ 100,000 for each such failure.

Executed this 25th day of April, 2024.

By: 
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director
Fresno Council of Governments

Appendix I - Resolution of Approval

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

In the Matter of:)
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM)
AND LINE ITEM BUDGET)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND
LINE ITEM BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County by the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Code of Regulations (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) (Federal Highway Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended pursuant to the joint regulations - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 450; Title 49, Part 613); and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG is the State designated Areawide Clearinghouse to coordinate the evaluation and review of Federal and Federally assisted programs and projects as required by the Presidential Executive Order 12372; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG is required by Federal and State funding agencies to prepare and submit an Overall Work Program pursuant to the Department of Transportation, Intermodal Planning Group Region IX Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG submits required annual certificates and assurances to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG staff has sought input from member agencies including transit operators, and the State with respect to proposed work to be performed to satisfy Federal and State requirements, in addition to local priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program cites activities to which Fresno COG commits to satisfy various Federal regulations including equal opportunity and fair employment practices and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Overall Work Program has been prepared to meet Federal and State requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program is considered to be a guide for work activity and may be considered for amendment by the Fresno COG Policy Board during the 2024-25 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG has prepared a line item budget which is consistent with the Overall Work Program, and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program has been circulated through the Areawide Clearinghouse process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG adopts the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Line Item Budget for 2024-25 including statements of commitment to satisfy all Federal and State requirements for grant approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno COG Executive Director and/or Policy Board Chairman are authorized to execute and submit certifications, assurances, applications, and agreements for funding to State, Federal and Local government agencies identified as proposed sources of funding by the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program; and execute and submit agreements with participating member agencies and auditors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG will continue to work with State and Federal funding agencies in addition to member agencies on any adjustments to the Overall Work Program and Line Item Budget which may occur subsequent to July 1, 2024.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 25th day of April, 2024.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg,
Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fresno County.

ATTEST: None.

Signed:



Alma Beltran, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of April, 2024.

Signed:



Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director

Fresno COG Policy Board Executive Minutes - EXCERPT
Thursday, September 26, 2024
5:30 PM

The meeting was held at the Fresno COG Sequoia Room

Members Attending:

Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis
Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Amarjeet Gill, City of Fowler
Councilmember Mike Karbassi, City of Fresno
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Gilbert Garcia, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director
Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 10 members representing 64.17% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma). Member Fresno County absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Beltran (Parlier), Chair.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

I. 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment No. 1 (Les Beshears) [ACTION]

Action: Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution 2024-34 approving 2024-25 Overall Work Program Amendment #1.

- Chair Beltran asked if any member wished to pull any items.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Martinez (Mendota) moved, and Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) seconded to approve consent items A-J.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fresno County.

Motion passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director

**BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34**

In the Matter of:)	RESOLUTION
AMENDING OVERALL WORK PROGRAM)	THE OVERALL WORK
AND LINE-ITEM BUDGET ITEM)	PROGRAM AND LINE
_____)	BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
)	2024-25

WHEREAS; the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County by the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Code of Regulations (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) (Federal Highway Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended pursuant to the joint regulations - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 450; Title 49, Part 613); and

WHEREAS; the Fresno COG is required by Federal and State funding agencies to prepare and submit an Overall Work Program pursuant to the Department of Transportation, Intermodal Planning Group Region IX Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS; the Fresno COG adopted the 2024-25 Overall Work Program and budget on April 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS; Fresno COG staff has proposed amendment to the 2024-25 Overall Work Program and budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG adopts the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Line-Item Budget amendment no. 1.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 26th day of September 2024.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fresno County

ATTEST:

Signed: 
Alma Beltran, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of September 2024.

Signed: 
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director

Appendix J- Spreadsheet & Budget

TOTAL REVENUES INCLUDING CARRYOVER

	Actual Cost 2023/24	Total Adopted Budget 2024/25	Total Proposed Budget 2025/26	Total Budget Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
FEDERAL	29%	31%	24%		
FTA 5303 Apportionment 2025-26			491,222	491,222	0%
FTA 5303 Apportionment 2024-25		492,060	62,871	(429,189)	-87%
FTA 5303 Apportionment 2023-24	510,980	160,306	1,702	(158,604)	-99%
FTA 5303 Apportionment 2022-23		2,083	0	(2,083)	-100%
FTA 5304	41,388	658,612	291,655	(366,957)	-56%
FTA 5339	3,323,950	4,081,099	337,146	(3,743,953)	-92%
FTA 5307	218,380	244,257	251,472	7,215	3%
FTA 5310	1,333,910	2,747,048	2,120,159	(626,889)	-23%
FHWA/PL Apportionment 2025-26		0	1,926,401	1,926,401	0%
FHWA/PL Apportionment 2024-25		1,919,787	612,874	(1,306,913)	-68%
FHWA/PL Apportionment 2023-24	1,785,542	930,831	3,000	(927,831)	-100%
FHWA/PL Apportionment 2022-23		349,258	0	(349,258)	-100%
FHWA CS 2.5% 2025-26			49,395	49,395	0%
FHWA CS 2.5% 2024-25		49,225	5,000	(44,225)	-90%
FHWA CS 2.5% 2023-24	50,120	214	0	(214)	-100%
FHWA RIA Grant	23,768	1,725,000	1,558,997	(166,003)	-10%
FHWA SS4A	0	400,000	400,000	0	0%
EPA	177,921	813,120	353,399	(459,721)	-57%
FEDERAL SUBTOTAL	7,465,959	14,572,900	8,465,293	(6,107,607)	-42%
STATE	35%	42%	44%		
STATE STIP PLANNING	393,043	399,000	399,000	0	0%
STATE FSP	589,361	607,574	605,424	(2,150)	0%
STATE TNC WAV	9,525	231,137	384,555	153,418	66%
STATE HIGHWAY ACCT 2024-25		221,325	183,065	(38,260)	-17%
STATE HIGHWAY ACCT 2023-24	10,666	431,984	0	(431,984)	-100%
STATE RMRA 2024-25 Comp.		300,000	270,629	(29,371)	-10%
STATE RMRA 2025-26			411,533	411,533	0%
STATE RMRA 2024-25		423,700	307,215	(116,485)	-27%

STATE RMRA 2023-24	671,738	260,990	186,419	(74,571)	-29%
STATE RMRA 2022-23		11,582	0	(11,582)	-100%
STATE REAP	7,417,520	16,753,861	12,699,633	(4,054,228)	-24%
STATE SUBTOTAL	9,091,853	19,641,153	15,447,473	(4,193,680)	-21%

LOCAL	37%	26%	32%		
LOCAL RESERVE DRAW		408,750	517,785	109,035	27%
LTF ADMIN.	131,846	196,846	180,628	(16,218)	-8%
LTF PLANNING	1,588,328	1,642,372	1,642,825	453	0%
MEMBER DUES	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0%
OUTSIDE SERVICES	12,250	15,000	15,000	0	0%
INTEREST EARNINGS	502,619	75,000	150,000	75,000	100%
TRANS AUTH ADMIN	2,416	3,102	3,042	(60)	-2%
TRANS AUTH PLANNING	2,015,336	5,129,772	6,239,093	1,109,321	22%
FCRTA ADMIN.	641,315	1,006,665	1,061,586	54,921	5%
VALLEY COGS	145,154	165,240	216,808	51,568	31%
FAX FTA MATCH	938	600	600	0	0%
In Kind/ Cash Match	4,344,002	3,072,112	526,199	(2,545,913)	-83%
MISC OTHER	138,762	443,872	663,380	219,508	49%
LOCAL SUBTOTAL	9,562,966	12,199,331	11,256,946	(942,385)	-8%
TOTAL REVENUES	26,120,778	46,413,384	35,169,712	(11,243,672)	-24%

TOTAL EXPENSES

	Actual Cost 2023/24	Total Adopted Budget 2024/25	Total Proposed Budget 2025/26	Total Budget Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
SALARIES	10%	7%	10%		
Salaries - COFCG	1,873,303	2,244,172	2,340,692	96,520	4%
Salaries - FCRTA	499,130	745,993	780,581	34,588	5%
Salaries - FAX	195,407	213,179	221,160	7,981	4%
Total Salaries	2,567,840	3,203,344	3,342,433	139,089	4%
BENEFITS	3%	2%	3%		
Vehicle Allowance/Parking Permits	43,382	46,248	47,581	1,333	3%
Retirement	330,584	480,503	497,348	16,845	4%
Health Insurance	369,734	471,032	507,132	36,100	8%
Dental/Optical	31,902	36,363	36,363	0	0%
Life, Disability, & Unemployment Ins.	25,611	29,387	30,594	1,207	4%
Workers Comp	12,896	16,187	15,859	(328)	-2%
FICA/Medicare	37,613	46,449	48,465	2,016	4%
BENEFITS SUBTOTAL	851,722	1,126,169	1,183,342	57,173	5%
INDIRECT OVERHEAD	2%	1%	2%		
Telephone	10,731	12,000	12,000	0	0%
Insurance	5,513	8,000	8,000	0	0%
Postage	2,555	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Printing Supplies	17,970	35,000	35,000	0	0%
Office Supplies	19,766	32,000	32,000	0	0%
Publ. & Subscript.	1,331	5,100	5,100	0	0%
Advertising & Legal Notice	19,540	8,500	22,000	13,500	159%
Computer Supplies	40,242	40,000	40,000	0	0%
Office Lease	231,558	231,568	268,000	36,432	16%
Bldg. Operating Expense	75,963	65,000	87,350	22,350	34%
Copier Lease/Service Contracts	12,586	18,000	18,000	0	0%
Repair & Maint.	16,137	20,000	22,000	2,000	10%
Travel Expenses	34,226	58,500	58,500	0	0%
Single Audit	30,000	39,140	40,314	1,174	3%
INDIRECT OVERHEAD SUBTOTAL	518,118	576,808	652,264	75,456	13%
ICAP -Cost Carry Fwd & Depreciation	31,321	318,187	92,596	(225,591)	-71%
Total Salaries Benefits & Overhead	3,969,001	5,224,508	5,270,635	46,127	1%
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	84%	89%	85%		

Consultants	3,746,956	21,758,045	20,255,000	(1,503,045)	-7%
Supplies/Printing	31,150	91,613	116,613	25,000	27%
Software Support/Maint	423,323	410,004	498,379	88,375	22%
Workshops	5,253	108,000	25,000	(83,000)	-77%
Promotion/Outreach	368,524	345,000	260,000	(85,000)	-25%
Prizes & Awards	45,272	80,000	80,000	0	0%
Commuter Van Pool Subsidy	212,186	350,000	350,000	0	0%
Taxi Scrip	419,516	700,000	700,000	0	0%
Farm Worker Van Pool Subsidy	189,429	385,000	385,000	0	0%
Grant Specific Travel	24,124	37,509	37,509	0	0%
FTA 5339	7,060,362	6,540,034	421,433	(6,118,601)	-94%
FTA 5310	2,039,409	3,255,225	2,562,071	(693,154)	-21%
Translation/Interpretation Services	0	4,500	40,000	35,500	789%
County Counsel	24,136	42,000	39,000	(3,000)	-7%
Program Audits	75,744	178,075	199,318	21,243	12%
County Auditor Controller	10,046	9,000	11,000	2,000	22%
FCRTA Rent	19,345	0	0	0	0%
Membership/Dues	18,000	21,000	21,000	0	0%
Board Renumeration	17,229	34,000	22,000	(12,000)	-35%
Temporary Help	1,610	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Other Misc Expense	14,348	34,147	35,598	1,451	4%
Freeway Service Patrol	730,398	731,250	731,250	0	0%
Equipment	72,131	108,500	158,500	50,000	46%
Agency Pass Trough	5,872,625	4,771,788	2,313,837	(2,457,951)	-52%
Grant Administration	0	991,358	632,569	(358,789)	-36%
OTHER DIRECT SUBTOTAL	21,421,116	40,990,048	29,899,077	(11,090,971)	-27%
TOTAL EXPENSES	25,390,117	46,214,556	35,169,712	-11,044,844	-24%

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Expenditure by PROGRAM

<i>Work Element Description</i>		<i>COG</i>	<i>Programs & Services</i>	<i>Agency Total</i>
110	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODELING	15,496	0	15,496
111	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODELING	518,149	299,238	817,387
112	REGIONAL TRAFFIC MONITORING	30,800	337,200	368,000
114	INTELLIGENT TRANS. SYSTEMS	7,728	0	7,728
115	REGIONAL TRANS. MITIGATION FEE	32,487	65,089	97,576
117	GOLDEN STATE	8,954	700,000	708,954
120	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - URBAN	318,072	3,000	321,072
121	FTA GRANTS	17,092	2,983,504	3,000,596
122	REGIONAL MOBILITY HUB	15,688	350,000	365,688
131	ACCESS FOR ALL	8,343	376,212	384,555
141	PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT	14,951	312,219	327,170
150	OTHER MODAL ELEMENTS	51,499	2,000	53,499
152	HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING	10,794	0	10,794
153	AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION	21,992	15,000	36,992
155	FRESNO CNTY REG. RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY	18,183	297,551	315,734
156	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	12,026	487,974	500,000
163	FREIGHT PLANNING	8,687	0	8,687
164	AIRPORT ACCESS SURVEY	0	464,851	464,851
170	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN	952,797	559,542	1,512,339
171	TRANSP PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	31,559	0	31,559
172	CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	17,200	0	17,200
173	REGIONAL VMT MITIGATION PROGRAM	22,830	324,187	347,017
175	CA INLAND PORT FEASIBILITY - PHASE V	41,443	1,517,554	1,558,997
178	MANAGED LANE STUDY	9,654	200,918	210,572
180	AIR QUALITY/TRANS. PLANNING	113,645	73,196	186,841
181	CLIMATE ACTION PLAN	22,475	330,924	353,399
182	FRESNO COUNTY EXTREME HEAT ANALYSIS	8,751	198,033	206,784
210	MEASURE "C" - EXTENSION	441,721	3,118,342	3,560,063
211	MEASURE "C" - OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	11,367	1,000	12,367
212	MEASURE "C" - RIDESHARE/VAN POOL	42,191	561,000	603,191
214	MEASURE "C" - ADA/SENIORS	82,975	841,000	923,975
215	MEASURE "C" - FARM VANPOOL	8,543	422,000	430,543
220	TRANSPORTATION PROG DEVELOPMENT	337,399	76,381	413,780
310	INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	89,459	59,616	149,075
311	PUBLIC INFO. AND PARTICIPATION	218,692	170,000	388,692
313	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	28,035	0	28,035
320	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS	103,264	170,000	273,264
350	FRESNO REGIONAL DATA CENTER	80,292	0	80,292
360	ONE VOICE ADVOCACY	41,046	72,424	113,470
420	REGIONAL HOUSING ELEMENT	5,196	0	5,196
422	REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLAN HOUSING 2.0	6,378	12,693,255	12,699,633
820	VALLEY RTPA COORDINATION	23,000	158,463	181,463
910	COG ADMINISTRATION	177,092	117,000	294,092
911	OWP & BUDGET	72,840	0	72,840
912	TRANSPORTATION FUNDS ADMIN	52,301	229,229	281,530
913	TIRCIP - ZETCP ADMIN	22,290	528,514	550,804
920	FCRTA ADMINISTRATION	1,040,790	20,796	1,061,586
930	AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATION	3,042	0	3,042
940	FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL	4,887	754,010	758,897
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>		<i>5,270,635</i>	<i>29,899,077</i>	<i>35,169,712</i>

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Work Element Description		COFCG	County	Fresno	Clovis	Total
110	REG STREETS & ROADS	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
111	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODELING	2.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.97
112	REGIONAL TRAFFIC MONITORING	0.19	1.48	0.80	0.10	2.57
114	INTELLIGENT TRANS. SYSTEMS	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
115	REGIONAL TRANS. MITIGATION FEE	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
117	GOLDEN STATE	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
120	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - URBAN	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.93
121	FTA 5310	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
122	REGIONAL MOBILITY HUB	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
131	ACCESS FOR ALL - WAY	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
141	PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
145	CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
149	SB 743 IMPACT UPDATE	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15
150	OTHER MODAL ELEMENTS	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
152	HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
153	AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
166	ON BOARD TRANSIT SURVEY	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
170	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN	4.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.98
171	TRANSP. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18
172	CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17
173	REGIONAL VMT MITIGATION PROGRAM	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26
175	INLAND PORT STUDY PHASE V	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32
178	MANAGED LANE STUDY	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06
179	COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30
180	AIR QUALITY/TRANS. PLANNING	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69
181	CLIMATE ACTION PLAN	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
210	MEASURE "C" - EXTENSION	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.30
211	MEASURE "C" - OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
212	MEASURE "C" - RIDESHARE/VAN POOL	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32
214	MEASURE "C" - ADA/SENIORS	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54
215	MEASURE "C" - FARM VANPOOL	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
220	TRANSPORTATION PROG DEVELOPMENT	1.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.73
310	INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	0.59	0.46	0.04	0.10	1.19
311	PUBLIC INFO. AND PARTICIPATION	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.45
313	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24
320	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.72
350	FRESNO REGIONAL DATA CENTER	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
360	ONE VOICE ADVOCACY	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41
411	AG FARM Lnd Mitigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
420	REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10

421	REG EARLY ACTION PLAN HOUSING	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21
422	REG EARLY ACTION PLAN HOUSING 2.0	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
814	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
820	VALLEY RTPA COORDINATION	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19
910	COFCG ADMINISTRATION	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.10
911	OWP & BUDGET	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43
912	TRANSPORTATION FUNDS ADMIN	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92
920	FCRTA ADMINISTRATION	6.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.06
930	AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATION	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
940	FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	31.94	1.94	0.84	0.20	34.92

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Expenditure by Agency

PY Calculation						Agency
Work Element Description	COFCG	County	Fresno	Clovis	Total	
110	REG STREETS & ROADS	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
111	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODELING	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.36
112	REGIONAL TRAFFIC MONITORING	0.14	0.98	0.53	0.06	1.71
114	INTELLIGENT TRANS. SYSTEMS	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
115	REGIONAL TRANS. MITIGATION FEE	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15
117	GOLDEN STATE	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
120	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - URBAN	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.45
121	FTA 5310	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
122	REGIONAL MOBILITY HUB	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
131	Access for All - WAV	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
141	PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
150	OTHER MODAL ELEMENTS	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23
152	HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
153	AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
155	REGIONAL RAIL FEASIBILITY	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
156	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
163	FREIGHT PLANNING	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
164	AIRPORT ACCESS SURVEY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
170	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN	4.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.34
171	TRANSP. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
172	CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
173	REGIONAL VMT MITIGATION PROGRAM	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
175	INLAND PORT STUDY PHASE V	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19
178	MANAGED LANE STUDY	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
179	COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21
180	AIR QUALITY/TRANS. PLANNING	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.52
181	CLIMATE ACTION PLAN	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
182	FRESNO COUNTY EXTREME HEAT ANALYSIS	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
210	MEASURE "C" - EXTENSION	2.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.01
211	MEASURE "C" - OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
212	MEASURE "C" - RIDESHARE/VAN POOL	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19
214	MEASURE "C" - ADA/SENIORS	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38
215	MEASURE "C" - FARM VANPOOL	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
220	TRANSPORTATION PROG DEVELOPMENT	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.54
310	INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	0.41	0.30	0.03	0.07	0.81
311	PUBLIC INFO. AND PARTICIPATION	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
313	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13
320	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47
350	FRESNO REGIONAL DATA CENTER	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37
360	ONE VOICE ADVOCACY	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19
420	REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
422	Reg Early Action Plan Housing 2.0	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
820	VALLEY RTPA COORDINATION	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
910	COFCG ADMINISTRATION	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.81
911	OWP & BUDGET	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33
912	TRANSPORTATION FUNDS ADMIN	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24
913	TIRCIP - ZETCP ADMIN	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
920	FCRTA ADMINISTRATION	4.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.74
930	AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATION	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
940	FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23.93	1.28	0.56	0.13	25.90

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Consolidated Planning Grant

Use of Toll Credits

Work Element Description	FTA/IMPO 5303		FTA/IMPO 5303		FHWA		FHWA		PPM		COFCG		Revenue		TOLL	
	CARRY OVER	Toll Credits	Toll	Credits	PL	CARRY OVER	PL	Toll	Credits	LTF	Other	Total	Toll	Credits	Total	Credits
111 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL	0	104,179	11,949	309,790	35,533	239,212	27,438	61,104	103,102	817,387	74,920					
112 REGIONAL TRAFFIC MONITORING	0	15,400	1,766	0	0	50,000	5,735	302,600		368,000	7,501					
114 INTELLIGENT TRANS. SYSTEMS	0	7,728	886	0	0	0	0	0		7,728	886					
120 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	0	6,732	772	0	0	0	0	64,668	249,672	321,072	772					
141 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT	0	10,794	1,238	306,084	35,108	0	0	21,086		327,170	35,108					
152 HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,345		10,794	1,238					
163 FREIGHT PLANNING	0	0	0	0	0	4,342	498	134,646		8,687	498					
170 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN	64,573	7,406	9,211	0	0	1,232,813	141,404	0		1,512,339	158,021					
171 TRANSP. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	0	31,559	3,620	0	0	0	0	0		31,559	3,620					
172 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PRG	0	17,200	1,973	0	0	0	0	0		17,200	1,973					
180 AIR QUALITY/TRANS. PLANNING	0	45,458	5,214	0	0	80,916	9,281	60,467		186,841	14,495					
220 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEV.	0	54,673	6,271	0	0	11,780	1,351	399,000		413,780	1,351					
311 PUBLIC INFO. AND PARTICIPATION	0	0	0	0	0	228,363	26,193	105,656		388,692	32,464					
313 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	0	28,035	3,216	0	0	0	0	0		28,035	3,216					
350 REGIONAL DATA CENTER	0	37,737	4,328	0	0	42,555	4,881	0		80,292	9,209					
820 VALLEY RTPA COORDINATION	0	15,000	1,721	0	0	0	0	47,757	118,706	181,463	1,721					
911 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM	0	36,420	4,177	0	0	36,420	4,177	399,000		473,879	35,347					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	64,573	7,406	56,342	615,874	70,641	1,926,401	220,958	805,329	471,480	4,773,879	355,347					

Federal Transit Assistance Grants

Work Element Description	FTA/IMPO 5339		FTA/IMPO 5310		Other		Revenue		TOLL	
	Toll	Credits	Toll	Credits	Toll	Credits	Total	Toll	Credits	Total
121 FTA GRANT PROGRAMS	0	0	337,146	0	2,120,159	207,264	3,000,596	207,264	207,264	207,264
TOTAL TOLL CREDITS										562,611

Fresno Council of Governments
2025/26 Member Dues Schedule*

MEMBER	CENSUS POPULATION 01/01/24	PERCENT	Current DUES SCHEDULE
Clovis	126,133	12.40%	4,959
Coalinga	17,107	1.68%	673
Firebaugh	8,415	0.83%	331
Fowler	7,367	0.72%	290
Fresno City	546,971	53.76%	21,502
Huron	6,348	0.62%	250
Kerman	17,256	1.70%	678
Kingsburg	13,042	1.28%	513
Mendota	12,531	1.23%	493
Orange Cove	9,516	0.94%	374
Parlier	14,368	1.41%	565
Reedley	25,653	2.52%	1,009
Sanger	26,357	2.59%	1,036
San Joaquin	3,616	0.36%	142
Selma	24,371	2.40%	958
Fresno Co.	158,380	15.57%	6,227
TOTALS	1,017,431	100%	40,000
			40,000

* Updated for DOF population estimates in May.

Expenditure by Work Element and Funding Source 2025-26

Consultants	Total	FHWA PL	FTA 5303	FTA 5304	FTA 5307	FTA 5311(f)	FHWA RIA	EPA	RMRA	SHA	SS4A	Local	Local Source	
115 RTMF Development Fee Program	50,000											50,000	RTMF	
117 Golden State	500,000											500,000	Measure C	
122 Regional Hub Mobility	350,000			291,655								58,345	LTF	
141 Pavement Management Systems	312,219	306,084										6,135	LTF	
153 Airport Land Use Commission	10,000											10,000	LTF	
155 Rail Feasibility Study	297,500								255,000			42,500	LTF	
156 Safe Routes to School	479,000										383,200	95,800	LTF	
164 Airport Access Survey	441,608								390,956			50,652	LTF	
170 Regional Transportation Plan	100,000	100,000											LTF	
170 Regional Transportation Plan	404,542	350,000										54,542	LTF	
173 Regional VMT Mitigation	314,000	0							277,984			36,016	LTF	
175 Inland Port Phase V	1,510,643					1,510,643						0	LTF	
178 Managed Lane Study	200,000		0						177,060			22,940	LTF	
181 Climate Action Plan	315,101						315,101							
182 Extreme Heat Analysis	199,000								175,289			22,711	LTF	
210 Measure "C" Extension	199,630											199,630	Measure C	
" " " "	649,931											649,931	Measure C	
" " " "	750,000											750,000	Measure C	
" " " "	149,250											149,250	Measure C	
" " " "	1,189											1,189	Measure C	
320 Technical Assistance	170,000											170,000	LTF	
360 One Voice Advocacy	28,000												28,000	Member Dues/Donations
360 One Voice Advocacy	12,000												12,000	Member Dues/Donations
422 Regional Early Action Plan 2.0	12,663,924											12,663,924	REAP	
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	148,463		15,000									133,463	Valley MPOs	
Total Consultants	20,255,000	756,084	15,000	291,655	0	0	1,510,643	315,101	1,101,000	175,289	383,200	15,707,028		
Supplies Printing														
150 Other Modal Elements	2,000											2,000	LTF	
170 Regional Transportation Plan	5,000	5,000											Measure C	
212 Measure "C" Carpool/Vanpool	10,000											10,000	Measure C	
214 Measure "C" ADA/ Seniors	40,000											40,000	Measure C	
215 Measure "C" Farm Worker Van Pool	2,000											2,000	Measure C	
311 Public Participation	45,000	20,000										25,000	LTF	
360 One Voice Advocacy	4,113											4,113	Member Dues/Donations	
940 Freeway Service Patrol	8,500			6,800								1,700	LTF	
Total Supplies & Printing	116,613	25,000	6,800	0	84,813									
Software Support/Maint.														
111 Regional Transportation Modeling	100,000	100,000											Local Source	
111 Regional Transportation Modeling	133,518	30,416										103,102	Valley MPOs	
" " " "	3,000	3,000												
" " " "	6,720	6,720												
" " " "	8,000	8,000												
212 Measure "C" Carpool/Van Pool	48,000											48,000	LTF	
214 Measure "C" ADA/ Seniors	15,000											15,000	Measure C	
215 Measure "C" Farm Worker Van Pool	5,000											5,000	Measure C	
220 Transportation Program Development	73,381	11,760	0									61,601	PPM	
311 COG View Internet Home Page	50,000	30,000										20,000	LTF	
910 COG Admin	10,000											10,000	LTF	
940 Freeway Service Patrol	5,760			4,608								1,152	LTF	
Total Software Support & Maintenance	499,379	189,916	0	4,608	303,855									

	Total	FHWA PL	FTA 5303	Local	Local Source
Workshops					
170 Regional Transportation Plan	10,000	10,000			
311 Public Participation	10,000	8,000		2,000	LTF
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	5,000			5,000	Donations
Total Workshops	25,000	18,000	0	7,000	
Promotion/Outreach					
170 Regional Transportation Plan	40,000	40,000			
212 Measure "C" Carpool/Vanpool	80,000				80,000 Measure C
214 Measure "C" ADA /Seniors	80,000				80,000 Measure C
215 Measure "C" Farm Worker Van Pool	30,000				30,000 Measure C
311 Public Participation	25,000	21,000			4,000 LTF
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	5,000				5,000 LTF
Total Promotion & Outreach	260,000	61,000	0	0	199,000
Prizes & Awards					
212 Measure "C" Carpool/Vanpool	80,000	80,000			
Total Prizes & Awards	80,000	80,000			
Commuter Van Pool Subsidy					
212 Measure "C" Carpool/Vanpool	350,000	350,000			
Taxi Scrip					
214 Measure "C" ADA/ Seniors	700,000	700,000			
Farm Worker Van Pool Subsidy					
215 Measure "C" Farm Worker Van Pool	385,000	385,000			
Grant Specific Travel					
120 Public Transportation - Urban	3,000		2,400		Local Source
212 Measure "C" Carpool/Vanpool	1,000				600 FAX Match
214 Measure "C" ADA/ Seniors	1,000				1,000 Measure C
220 Transportation Program Development	3,000				3,000 LTF
360 One Voice Advocacy	24,509				24,509 Member Dues/Donations
910 COG Administration	5,000				5,000 LTF
Total Grant Specific Travel	37,509	0	2,400	0	35,109
FTA 5339					
121 FTA 5339	421,433	337,146	84,287		
Total FTA 5339	421,433	337,146	84,287	0	
FTA 5310					
121 FTA 5310	117,000	93,600	23,400		
"	111,082	111,082			
"	185,645	185,645			
"	1,041,160	824,315	216,845		
"	393,681	393,681			
"	345,909	345,909			
"	367,594	165,927	201,667		
Total FTA 5310	2,562,071	1,220,159	441,912	207,264	
Translation/Interpretation Services					
311 Public Participation	40,000	5,000	0	35,000	LTF
County Counsel					
115 RTMF	5,000	5,000			Local Source
153 Airport Land Use Comm.	5,000	5,000			RTMF
912 TDA Administration	29,000				LTF
Total County Counsel	39,000	39,000			
Program Audits					
115 RTMF	10,089	10,089			RTMF
912 TDA Administration	189,229				LTF
Total Program Audits	199,318	199,318			

SB 1 SC Formula FCOG Project List

Project Title	Project Description	Final Work Products/Deliverables	Grant Amount	Local Match Amount	Work Element Number	Fiscal Year of Funds
AB 743 Impact Update	AB 743 Impact Analysis	Updated AB 743 Analysis	\$ 88,528	\$ 11,472	149	2024-25
On Board Transit Survey	To collect origins/destinations data for transit riders to update the RTP/SCS	On Board Transit Survey	\$ 218,565	\$ 28,318	166	2023-24
Regional VMT Mitigation Program	To do a phase 2 study to define how a regional VMT mitigation fee program would be structured.	A regional VMT mitigation study to provide a framework for program implementation.	\$ 325,222	\$ 42,151	173	2024-25
Managed Lane Study	To determine if managed lanes is feasible and identify locations	Managed Lane Study	\$ 189,876	\$ 24,600	178	2023-24
			\$ 822,191			

Appendix K - Intermodal Planning Group Comments

Thank you for summarizing comments from Caltrans, FHWA and FTA regarding Fresno Council of Governments' (Fresno COG) Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) for fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023.

As we have previously discussed, the OWP won't receive final Board approval until Fresno COG's May 28, 2022, regular meeting; however, we will provide the full OWP, without certifications and assurances, before the May 13 deadline. The certs and assurances will follow immediately after the Board meeting.

In one major change, please note that we have removed WE 166, the On-Board Transit Survey and added WE 177, the Microtransit Feasibility Study. This, too, was previously discussed with District 6 staff.

Below, please find the questions restated from your letter, as well as Fresno COG's responses to each comment in red. Fresno COG very much appreciates the kind words and encouragement that our three oversight agencies have provided and hope that the responses to issues you discovered have been thoroughly addressed.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – DISTRICT 6

Table of Contents:

Should include the California Inland Port Project Planning, Phase 4.

Thank you for the comment. The California Inland Port Project Planning, Phase 4 is now included as WE 174.

Work Element 150 – Other Modes – Aviation, Rail, Bicycling, Pedestrian:

It is recommended as part of the assistance in securing funding for bicycle and pedestrian corridor funding that Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and unincorporated communities be included as to be inclusive of all demographics Caltrans commends Fresno COG in its continued effort towards supporting active transportation.

Thank you for the comment and commendation. Fresno COG has added disadvantaged communities as a particular point of assistance for additional bicycle and pedestrian funding.

Work Element 154 – Regional Active Transportation Plan Update:

It is recommended, if not done so already, to incorporate tool/resources to identify and include DACs and communities of need.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG has added DACs to the specific list of robust public outreach and stakeholder meetings planned as part of the R-ATP.

Work Element 173 – Regional VMT Mitigation Program Study:

It is recommended that Fresno COG explore the possibility of providing incentives for infill development to further encourage more Transit-Oriented Development.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG has added the potential for additional TOD as a possible VMT mitigation measure to WE 173. In addition, Fresno COG administers the local Measure C TOD program, which provides approximately \$1 million annually for projects related to TOD development.

Appendix G – Deputy Directive Complete Streets – Integrating the Transportation System:

This Deputy Directive (DD-64-R2) has been superseded by Director's Policy (DP- 37) on complete streets.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG will replace DD-64-R2 with DP 37.

Appendix J – Spreadsheet and Budget:

On the FY 2022-23 OWP Spreadsheet, Work Element 174 Project Title is "Inland Port Study Phase V" and should be "Inland Port Study Phase IV".

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG has corrected the phase in Appendix J.

General Comments

Fresno COG and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) are commended for their continued coordination and efforts in improving mobility for many who lack transportation to essential services such as access to jobs, education, and medical services that are outside their primary area of residence. Transit services are often lifelines to elderly, disabled, low income, and students. FCRTA continues to promote and enhance transit opportunities for the most-transit dependent populations in rural areas of the County of Fresno as well as disadvantaged communities.

In coordination with the City of Fresno and City of Clovis, Fresno COG and FCRTA continue to explore other strategies to better provide transit services for the region's residents with WE 177 – Fresno County Regional Microtransit Feasibility Study. Though not included in the OWP, FCRTA utilizes grants and other funding toward electrifying its fleet and installing public charging stations. FCRTA has also begun finalizing an Electrical Grid Analysis Study to better prepare and inform the agency as it continues its electrification.

Fresno COG, through the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and special studies, not only continues to assess goods movement within the region, but also coordinates with San Joaquin Valley and Statewide partners to

explore opportunities to improve the efficiency of goods movement and its impact on regional transportation systems. Caltrans District 6 appreciates the thorough documentation of the work being done on the various phases of the Inland Port Study and related efforts:

WE 164 – CA Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Two

WE 168 – CA Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Three

WE 174 – CA Inland Port Project Planning, Phase 4

WE 175 – CA Inland Port Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demo. Program Phase 5

Thank you for your warm comments with specific regard to FCRTA and its movement toward full fleet electrification and, particularly, focus on goods movement and the impacts to regional transportation systems. Fresno COG is pretty proud of the work FCRTA does as well!

Caltrans commends Fresno COG for incorporating climate change concerns into their OWP in efforts such as modeling, regional data updates, and planning:

- WE 111 – Regional Transportation Modeling
- Fresno COG continues its commitment to model all transportation projects before they are constructed to ensure they result in a network that produces less greenhouse gases (GHG).
- WE 165 – San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey
- Fresno COG continues its efforts in working to develop a regional data set that shows origin and destination between all major cities, which will give the transportation model greater information to make better predictions.
- WE 167 – Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Program
- Fresno COG continues with their commitment to develop climate change mitigation projects that will impact disadvantaged communities.
- WE 170 – Regional Transportation Plan
- Fresno COG continuing its commitment to develop a Sustainable Community Strategy that results in an overall reduction in GHG in the future.
- WE 173 – Regional VMT Mitigation Program Study

Fresno COG continues its work to experiment with a new transportation metric to help in reducing cart travel and result in lower GHG emissions.

Thank you for your warm comments and commendations. Fresno COG's commitment to climate change concerns and solutions is reflected both in the programs we work to consider and examine, as well as the projects we select for funding.

TITLE VI – DISTRICT 6

Caltrans encourages Fresno COG to continue their efforts to comply with Title VI requirements and is commended for their continued Title VI and Environmental Justice process to involve and include all underserved groups in Fresno County.

NATIVE AMERICAN LIASON – DISTRICT 6

District 6 acknowledges Fresno COG's efforts on promoting a public involvement process by coordinating with the local tribes specifically with the Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians, Cold Springs Rancheria, and Table Mountain Rancheria. Fresno COG is encouraged to continue to enhance public participation and ensure meaningful tribal input is provided for all future transportation programs affecting Tribal governments.

Fresno COG is also commended on their adopted tribal consultation plan. Caltrans encourages Fresno COG to continue their government-to-government coordination with other local tribes of Fresno County.

Thank you for your warm comments and commendations. Please note that Fresno COG submitted its updated Title VI compliance report to Caltrans and FTA in March 2022.

OFFICE OF REGIONAL PLANNING – HEADQUARTERS

General Comments

Please ensure that Work Element (WE) titles are listed consistently throughout the OWP (main WE title, title in task schedule matrix, title in WE funding table). Individual WE titles and WE titles included in the Budget Revenue Summary are especially important.

Thank you for the comment. We will ensure that WE titles are listed consistently throughout the OWP (main WE title, title in task schedule matrix, title in WE funding table).

Fresno COG is commended for the various work being done to create more inland ports. The importance of more and better facilities away from seaports and landports of entry is well supported in the OWP, saving thousands of greenhouse gasses (GHG) and protecting the continuity of the supply chain. In the description of the improved inland port infrastructure, there is no mention of truck parking facilities. Will these new facilities include any truck parking and/or truck charging infrastructure?

Thank you for the comment. Yes, there are both truck parking facilities and charging infrastructure included in the inland port studies.

As a reminder, Caltrans will be collecting all the End Products as deliverables listed in the OWP that are funded with Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) and Sustainable Communities Competitive and Formula Grants.

Thank you for the comment. We will plan to provide all end products as requested via an .fsp site or by thumb drive.

FY 2022-23 SB1 Sustainable Communities Formula

Caltrans applauds Fresno COG's activities to carry-out the objectives of the Sustainable Communities Formula grant funds. Please ensure the SB1 List of Project with FY 2022-23 activities (WE 154 and 167) is submitted with the Final OWP.

Work Element 154 – Regional Active Transportation Plan Update:

Insert a statement, similar to WE 167, to indicate the source of funding for this WE, FY 2022-23 Sustainable Communities Formula.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Revise heading of the task schedule matrix to reflect the new WE activity, Regional Active Transportation Plan Update and no Fresno County Trails Master Plan Update.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Revise the consultant work heading in the budget to reflect the new WE activity, Regional Active Transportation Plan Update and not SJV Household Travel Survey.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Work Element 167 – Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Program:

The heading of the task schedule matrix includes FY 2021-22. This must be revised to FY 2022-23

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Specific Comments

Work Element 111 – Regional Transportation Modeling:

A consultant is identified as contributing to the work for tasks 111.03 and 111.07 but there are no funds dedicated to consultants in the WE Funding Table. Fresno COG must either identify funding for the consultant in the WE Funding Table or “Consultant” must be unchecked in the task schedule matrix.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Work Element 112 – Regional Traffic Monitoring

Work Element 114 – Fresno County Intelligent Transportation System Architecture Work Element 350 – Fresno Regional Data Center:

The Previous Work, Tasks, and Products sections for the WEs listed above appear to include the same information as what was included in the Final FY 2021-22 OWP.

The Previous Work section must be updated to include a listing of any work products that were completed during FY 2021-22. The Tasks section should be updated as appropriate to reflect the task work taking place in support of the final work products anticipated to be delivered in FY 2022-23.

The Products section must be revised to include final work products that are anticipated to be completed in FY 2022-23.

Thank you for the comments. The tasks and deliverables listed in the WEs reflect ongoing activities that occur on a monthly or annual basis and are therefore held over from the prior year.

Work Element 120 – Regional Public Transportation Planning:

The Tasks and Products sections for the WEs listed above appear to include the same information as what was included in the Final FY 2021-22 OWP.

The Tasks section should be updated as appropriate to reflect the task work taking place in support of the final work products anticipated to be delivered in FY 2022-23.

The Products section must be revised to include final work products that are anticipated to be completed in FY 2022-23.

Thank you for the comments. The tasks and deliverables listed in the WEs reflect ongoing activities that occur on a monthly or annual basis and are therefore held over from the prior year.

The 5303 amount listed in the Budget Revenue Summary (\$132,092) does not match with the 5303 amount listed in the WE funding table (\$121,584). Revise accordingly.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised

Work Element 163 – Freight Movement and Planning:

The Tasks and Products sections for the WEs listed above appear to include the same information as what was included in the Final FY 2021-22 OWP.

The Tasks section should be updated as appropriate to reflect the task work taking place in support of the final work products anticipated to be delivered in FY 2022-23.

The Products section must be revised to include final work products that are anticipated to be completed in FY 2022-23.

Thank you for the comments. The tasks and deliverables listed in the WEs reflect ongoing activities that occur on a monthly or annual basis and are therefore held over from the prior year.

Work Element 168 – California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Three:

“Detailed capital cost program report” is listed as a product with November 2023 as the completion date. Task 168.05 that is associated with this product also includes a completion date of November 2023. This completion date is outside of FY 2022-23. Based on the schedule matrix showing work being completed in March 2023, this could potentially be a typo.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Work Element 174 – California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase 4:

The fourth paragraph in the “Background and Discussion” section indicates that this is the Phase Three WE. Please verify, and update where appropriate, all sections of the WE to include Phase 4 project details.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Work Element 177 – Fresno County Regional Microtransit Feasibility Study:

We have no eligibility concerns. However, to approve this new FY 2021-22 SB1 Sustainable Communities Formula WE without conditions of acceptance, please address the following comments by May 13, 2021:

In accordance with the SB 1 Guidance for OWP Work Elements, please insert a description of SB 1 Sustainable Communities Formula, including how the activities align with the Sustainable Communities Grant Specific Objectives: to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), contributes to the State’s GHG reduction targets and other State goals, including but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines, addresses the needs of disadvantaged communities, and also assists in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives: Sustainability, Preservation, Mobility, Safety, Innovation, Economy, Health, and Social Equity.

Please update the tasks to include an anticipated completion date or frequency of activity (similar to WE 154).
Revise task numbers to reflect the task numbering included in the schedule matrix (177.1-177.11).

Thank you for the comments. These changes have been incorporated.

Work Element 180 – Air Quality Transportation Planning:

It’s recommended that Fresno COG include a list of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for which their county is designated non-attainment and/or attainment/maintenance by United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Namely, Fresno County is non-attainment for ozone and PM-2.5 and attainment/maintenance for PM-10. Please refer to U.S. EPA’s Greenbook: https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_ca.html

Thank you for the comment. This change has been incorporated.

Work Element 311 – Public Information and Participation:

Previous Work section currently reads 2020-22 and should be revised to indicate FY 2021-22.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

Work Element 820 – Valley Coordination Activities:

Ensure Products listed are what is anticipated to be delivered in FY 2022-23. Number 12 on the Products list was completed in FY 2021-22 and is included in the Previous Work section.

Thank you for the comment. This has been revised.

OWP Budget Revenue Summary:

Verify that all the WE titles are consistent between the Budget Revenue Summary and each WE individually.

WE 120 – The 5303 amount listed in the Budget Revenue Summary (\$132,092) does not match the 5303 amount listed in the WE funding table (\$121,584). Revise accordingly.

Thank you for the comments. These changes have been incorporated.

DIVISION OF RAIL AND MASS TRANSPORTATION (DRMT) – HEADQUARTERS

General Comments

As a reminder, RTPA's and MPO's should be assisting to facilitate the transportation planning process with transit agencies for activities as follows:

Rail/Transit Studies – For Work Elements that involve rail and intercity transit (or integration between passenger rail and local transit systems for first and last mile connections), we encourage coordination with HQ DRMT staff to review and make recommendations on OWP work products to ensure consistency with statewide planning documents. We specifically endeavor to coordinate and align rail and intercity bus planning with the State Rail Plan and forthcoming California Intercity Bus Study that will serve as the basis for prioritizing State investment in an integrated statewide passenger rail and intercity bus network.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG will coordinate with HQ DRMT staff to help ensure consistency with statewide planning documents.

Short and Long Range Transit Plans – RTPA's and MPO's should play a roll in the promotion and the development of these planning documents. Short and Long- Range Transit Plans identify transit projects that are ultimately programed with state and federal program resources.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG employs (part-time) two planners at Fresno Area Express who are primarily responsible for short- and long-range transit plans and shares office space with the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency. This helps ensure a consistent, hands-on approach to SRTPs and LRTPs.

Coordinated Public Transit - Human Service Transportation Plans “Coordinated Plans” - A locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people with low incomes, provides strategies for meeting those local needs, and prioritizes transportation services and projects for funding and implementation. Projects are required to be included in these plans to receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG regularly updates its coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan, which is programmed in the 2022-23 OWP under WE/task 120.18.

Unmet Transit Needs Process – The Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act (SB 325) or the “Transportation Development Act” (TDA) of 1971 requires RTPA's and MPO's engage the Unmet Transit Needs Process.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG annually conducts its unmet transit needs process and issues findings.

Zero Emission Bus/Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEB/ZEV) Transition Plans – FTA and the State of California are both requiring similar plans be developed so that the transition to “Zero Emission” is as smooth as possible. Statewide, Transit Agencies are having difficulties. While Caltrans, the California Air Resources Board, GOBIZ, the California Association for Coordinated Transportation, the California Transit Association and many others are all striving to make this transition, it is going to be a challenge. Caltrans DRMT encourages RTPA's and MPO's to engage this discussion with the local transit properties in their region.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG and the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency have developed multiple studies to examine the Fresno region's grid system in preparation for mass EV fleet conversion, as well as comprehensively considering EV charging locations. Fresno COG is also leading an effort to develop the first all-green inland port system in the nation, located at different points throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

TAM Plans, PTASP's and efforts that ensure transit State of Good Repair – Urban Transit Agencies (those that receive FTA Section 5307) are required to share with their RTPA's and MPO's the transit Targets and Performance Measures that are identified in each urban providers Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and each urban providers Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). It is then the RTPA's and the MPO's responsibility to weave this data into their region's transportation planning process and share it with DRMT.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG regularly receives TAM targets and performance measures from each of the three transit agencies in the region. That data is included into Fresno COG's transportation planning process and shared with DRMT.

Corridor plans – Both Caltrans and local agencies develop “Corridor Plans”. DRMT would like Caltrans Districts, RTPA’s and MPO’s to press for transit agency involvement in all corridor planning efforts to ensure transit is at the planning table and considered in the planning process. Ensuring transit agency involvement is critical to the State’s planning efforts – at all levels, for the overall multi-modal transportation system.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG regularly includes transit agency involvement in corridor planning efforts to help ensure transit considerations are fully addressed in the planning process.

Engaging transportation planning grants – DRMT would like to see more efforts to engage the transit mode into the overall transportation planning process. Planned transit projects or those that are identified in a formal planning document have a better chance of getting funded, especially in state and federal discretionary programs.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG routinely engages transit into its planning processes. In fact, 24 percent of the Fresno region’s local Measure C transportation sales tax is dedicated to transit projects and operations, far more than most comprehensive sales tax measures throughout the state.

The proper expenditure of TDA – The Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund are both derived from the Mills-Alquist- Deddeh Act (SB 325). This law was enacted by the California Legislature to improve existing public transportation services and encourage regional transportation coordination. DRMT would like regions to consider utilizing these funding sources to help the state and local transit meet stated transit goals.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG annually programs LTF and STA funds to help meeting local transit operations goals and conducts regular unmet transit needs hearings to ensure no needs (reasonable to meet) are going unanswered.

Local Land Use Planning and Development – Local plans, development proposals and environmental documents should be reviewed for any possible direct impacts on the transportation system with specific attention to rail and transit facilities. Ensure each proposals consistency with the mass transportation plans and any specific corridor level service expansion proposals. This could cover Bus Rapid Transit routes, grade separation improvements, rail right of way preservation/encroachment issues based on service expansion goals/proposals, and possibly development exaction for rail and transit improvements as transportation-related mitigation for project specific and cumulative impacts under CEQA.

Regional Planning entities should be looking at each of the items above if the mass transportation mode is going to be successful and help implement larger umbrella efforts like:

The California Transportation Plan (CTP) The Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) DRMT planning documents like: the State Rail Plan (SRP) the Statewide Transit Strategic Plan (STSP) and the California Intercity Bus Study (CIBS) DRMT efforts like the California Integrated Travel Program (CalITP)

Thank you for the comment.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) & FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

General Comments

Ongoing tasks are listed in parenthesis for each work element where a completion date is not defined. This is an improvement from previous submissions.

Work Elements are clearly defined and previous accomplishments are listed within each work element.

Thank you for the kind comments.

Work Element 165 – San Joaquin Valley Household Travel Survey:

The work element lists “FHWA PL Trans” as a funding source. On Page 159, “FHWA MPO Transfer” is listed. This funding is unclear and should be defined in either the appendix or work element.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG has clarified in the WE discussion that this funding has been transferred from Kings County Associated Governments pursuant to Caltrans Office of Regional and Community Planning's program to minimize unspent FHWA PL carry over balances.

Work Element 175 – CA Inland Port Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demo, Program Phase 5:

The work element lists "Fed ACE" as funding source. On page 159, "FHWA ACE Grant" is listed. It is unclear which federal grant program was awarded. Please define this grant program acronym in either the appendix or work element.

Thank you for the comment. Fresno COG has clarified in the WE discussion and funding table that the federal grant being used comes from a Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) grant.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond to your comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have additional comments, questions or concerns.

Appendix L - FCOG By Laws

BY-LAWS FOR THE COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno and certain Cities of Fresno County, California, have executed a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Council of Fresno County Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement designates the Council of Fresno County Governments to perform certain duties; and

WHEREAS, the organizational structure, process and functions of the Council of Fresno County Governments are specified in the Joint Powers Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The By-Laws of the Council of Fresno County Governments shall be specified herein, except that these By-Laws shall not limit, restrict, modify or supercede those activities or duties conferred or implied in the Joint Powers Agreement.
2. Membership in the Council of Fresno County Governments shall be as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement of March 25, 1976.
3. The Council, as specified in the Joint Powers Agreement, shall constitute the governing body of the Council of Fresno County Governments.
4. The Council shall hold regular meetings on the last Thursday of every month, at such time and location as may be prescribed by vote of the membership at a previous meeting. In the event such meeting date should fall on a holiday or the day before a holiday, the membership at its next preceding meeting, or prior thereto, shall fix another convenient date for such regular meetings. If no time or location is so prescribed, the Chairman, or his representative, shall fix said time and location.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or his representative at any time. The members shall be notified in writing of all special and regular meetings; written nature of meeting shall be forwarded by first class mail or other appropriate means not less than seven days prior to the meeting.

All regular and special meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, as amended.

5. The duly authorized representatives of a majority of the members in good standing which represent no less than 40% of the total population of the member agencies shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the Council.

(By-Law Amendment accompanying JPA Amendment No. 5)

6. Except as provided herein or in the Joint Powers Agreement, the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall constitute the parliamentary authority for the Council.
7. Officers of the Council shall consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be elected from the duly authorized representatives of members in good standing. Their duties shall be as follows:
 - a. Chairman: To preside over all meetings, maintain order, decide questions of parliamentary procedure, call special meetings, and such other duties as elsewhere herein provided.
 - b. Vice-Chairman: To perform the duties of the Chairman in the absence of such officer or upon disqualification of such officer.

8. Nomination and election of officers shall be held at the March meeting of each year, and such officers shall serve a one-year term. Any vacancy during the term shall be filled by nomination and election of such officer for the remainder of the term.
9. Nominations may be made by a committee of duly authorized members in good standing appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Council or from the floor by duly authorized representatives.
10. An election for each office, beginning with that of Chairman, shall be held immediately after all nominations have been declared closed by the Chairman. If there is more than one nominee for any office, voting shall be by roll call in accordance with the voting formula as established by the Joint Powers Agreement.
11. Officers shall take office immediately after their election or as soon thereafter as practicable, and serve until disqualified or their successors are duly elected, whichever condition occurs first.
12. The Policy Advisory Committee, as specified in the Joint Powers Agreement, and such committees as established by the Council shall select a Chairman and Vice-Chairman in June of each year from among its members. The duties of the Policy Advisory Committee shall be:
 - a. To hold meetings and conduct business as deemed appropriate under the Joint Powers Agreement.
 - b. To advise, recommend to and assist the Council, as required, to carry out Council functions.
 - c. To review and recommend to the Council all business which is to come before the Council, including but not limited to, the annual budget and work program, Overall Program Design, reports, studies, plans and policy items.
 - d. To review and comment on applications submitted to the Council of Fresno County Governments for A-95 review.
13. The Policy Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings each month, at such time and location as may be prescribed by vote of the committee members. In the event such meeting date should fall on a holiday, or the day before a holiday, the membership at its next preceding meeting, or prior thereto, shall fix another convenient date for such regular meeting. If no time or location is so prescribed, the Chairman, or his representative, shall fix said time and location.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or his representative at any time. The members shall be notified in writing of all special and regular meetings; written nature of meeting shall be forwarded by first class mail or other appropriate means not less than seven days prior to the meeting.

Business may be conducted when there are at least five (5) members present to perform the duties of the Policy Advisory Committee. Any motion or action of the Policy Advisory Committee in order to be deemed carried or approved must receive an affirmative vote from a majority of the members present.
14. The Council agenda shall be established by the Executive Director. Subjects for inclusion on the agenda of the Council shall be directed to the Executive Director sufficiently in advance of the Council meeting so as to be reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee.
 - a. Agenda subjects proposed by the Council shall be referred to the Policy Advisory Committee for its review and recommendation.
 - b. Agenda subjects proposed by persons or organizations not members of the Council shall be placed on the agenda following review and recommendation by the Policy Advisory Committee.
 - c. All subjects on the Council's agenda shall be accompanied by a report from the Policy Advisory Committee, which report shall include the Policy Advisory Committee's voting on the subject.
 - d. The Council Chairman may establish time limits or any other control measure he deems appropriate for presentation or comment.

15. The Council agenda shall be included in written notice of meeting and forwarded to Council members as specified elsewhere herein. Items of an emergency nature which require immediate action by the Council may be added to the agenda upon concurrence of a majority of the members in good standing and representing no less than 40% of the total population of the member agencies.
(By-Law Amendment accompanying JPA Amendment No. 5)
16. All administrative work of the Council shall be performed by or under the direction of an Executive Director, or if specifically directed by the Council, the Policy Advisory Committee. The duties of the Executive Director shall be:
- a. To serve as Secretary to the Council and Policy Advisory Committee.
 - b. To serve as Secretary to such committees as the Council may establish.
 - c. To keep a good and sufficient record of the proceedings and business of the Council.
 - d. To keep a record and ascertain the qualifications of each duly authorized representative.
 - e. To maintain files for all reports, correspondence and other business of the Council, the Policy Advisory Committee and other committees as may be established.
 - f. To coordinate the work program and budget of the Council.
 - g. To assist member agencies in making application for Federal funds.
 - h. To maintain a record of all financial transactions.
 - i. To transmit to his successor all books, records and files of the Council of Fresno County Governments in his possession.
 - j. To perform such other duties as may be assigned.
17. Membership costs, as specified in the Joint Powers Agreement, shall be due and payable at the start of the Council of Fresno County Governments' fiscal year. The Executive Director shall provide each member agency written notice of its cost due not later than thirty (30) days prior to the due date. If the costs to be shared are not paid within sixty (60) days of the date they are due and payable, the member agency shall immediately be sent written notice by first class mail, advising amount due and consequences of non-payment. If payment is not made within ninety (90) days of the date due and payable, the member agency shall immediately be sent written notice that it is no longer a member in good standing, as specified in the Joint Powers Agreement, and no longer carries voting privileges in the conduct of the business of the Council of Fresno County Governments.
- Good standing shall be restored to a member agency immediately after payment of delinquent costs is received.
18. A proposed annual Overall work Program (OWP) for the ensuing fiscal year shall be prepared by the Executive Director and presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for their approval in January of each year. The Policy Advisory Committee shall have forty-five (45) days and shall review and prepare a preliminary OWP by March 1 of each year.
- A proposed annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be prepared by the Executive Director and presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for their approval in February of each year. The Policy Advisory Committee shall have forty-five (45) days and shall review and prepare a preliminary budget by April 1 of each year. The budget shall be a financial plan to undertake the work program of the Council. The Council shall review and *adopted** the budget and OWP at or before the May meeting.
19. The Fresno County Counsel's Office shall provide all legal services to the Council of Fresno County Governments, the Council and any committees as specified in the Joint Powers Agreement, except the Council may retain independent legal counsel when it deems appropriate.
20. The Council shall be responsible for making all amendments to these By-Laws.
- a. Proposed amendments may be originated by the Council of any duly authorized representative to the Council.
 - b. Proposed amendments may not be finally acted upon unless all of the members have been given written notice thereof at a prior meeting or by mail at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting at which final action is to be taken.

- c. Amendment to these By-Laws shall require the approval of a majority of the governing bodies of the Joint Powers Agreement representing no less than 40% of the total population of the member agencies.

(By-Law Amendment accompanying JPA Amendment No. 5)

**Typographical error contained in original document.*

JPA Amendment No. 3, dated March 25, 1976, replaced the JPA in its entirety, with accompanying full-replacement of By-Laws
JPA Amendment No. 4, dated June 25, 1983, no formal amendment to By-Laws
JPA Amendment No. 5, dated April 27, 1989, with formal amendment to By-Laws

Appendix M – Joint Powers Agreement

FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 25th day of March, 1976, by and between the County of Fresno, a political subdivision of the State of California, and the Cities of Fresno, Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Huron, Sanger, San Joaquin, and Selma all being municipal corporations of the State of California; WITNESSETH:

(Amendment No. 3)

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, through Executive Order 12372 (FR 30959, July 14, 1982), under the authority vested in him by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including Section 401 (a) of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4231 (a)), Section 301 of Title 3 of the United States Code, and Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3334) has ordered that Federal agencies shall provide opportunities for consultation by elected officials of those state and local governments that would provide non-Federal funds for, or that would be directly affected by, proposed Federal financial assistance or direct Federal development; and

(Amendment No. 4)

WHEREAS, the President has ordered that, to the extent permitted by law, Federal agencies shall utilize the State process to determine official views of State and local elected officials and, further, to make efforts to accommodate State and local elected officials' concerns with proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development that are communicated through the designated State process; and

(Amendment No. 4)

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has established clearinghouse procedures pursuant to Executive Order 12372 providing for review of and comment on Federally-assisted programs by local elected officials through the Office of Planning and Research (gubernatorial Executive Order D-24-83); and

(Amendment No. 4)

WHEREAS, the Governor has designated the Fresno Council of Governments as the areawide clearinghouse for Fresno County, California; and

(Amendment No. 4)

WHEREAS, planning concerns in the County of Fresno, and the solution to such concerns often transcend municipal boundaries, making it desirable to regularly bring together representatives of the various governments to discuss common problems, develop consensus of policy questions of mutual interest in order to pursue a coordinated course of action without infringing on the political traditions and powers of the individual governments; and

(Amendment No. 3)

WHEREAS, Section 6500, et. Seq. of the California Government Code (Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1) provide for agreements between two or more public agencies to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

(Amendment No. 3)

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno by virtue of its charter, and the County of Fresno, and other incorporated cities, parties hereto, by virtue of Sections 65600 and 65604, inclusive, of the California Government Code have the joint and mutual power to create an areawide planning organization.

(Amendment No. 3)

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

(Amendment No. 3)

CHAPTER 1

ORGANIZATION

1.1 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS: In addition to the named parties to this agreement, any city not now a member and any other city which may be hereafter incorporated within the boundaries of the County of Fresno, may become a member of the Fresno Council of Governments by executing this agreement without prior approval or ratification of the named parties, and shall thereafter be bound by all of the terms and provisions of the agreement as of the date of execution.

(Amendment No. 3)

1.2 COUNCIL; QUORUM; VOTING:

1.2.1 Council: The Council shall be the governing body of the Fresno Council of Governments. The Council shall be composed of one member of the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors, or in his absence such supervisor as may be present, and the mayors of the member cities, or in a mayor's absence such councilman as may be present.

(Amendment No. 8)

1.2.2 Quorum: A majority of the members in good standing of the Organization, which members represent no less than 40% of the total population of the member agencies in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Amendment No. 5)

1.2.3 Vote of Council: Any motion or action of the Council in order to be deemed carried or approved must receive an affirmative vote of a majority of the member agencies in good standing, which vote must represent no less than 40% of the total population of the member agencies in good standing.

(Amendment No. 5)

1.3 POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: There shall be established a Policy Advisory Committee which shall be composed of the Chief Administrative Officer of each member agency, or his duly authorized representative, or if no such, or similar position exists, the Committee member shall be designated by the member agency's Council representative to serve at his pleasure, and shall be a full-time employee of the member agency. All matters upon which the Council is to act must first be considered by the Policy Advisory Committee and such matters when considered by the Council must be accompanied by the Policy Advisory Committee's comments and recommendations, if any, and voting record except that the Council may at its discretion consider urgent matters other than adoption of the annual budget or work program without prior consideration by the Policy Advisory Committee.

(Amendment No. 3)

1.4 STANDING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES: The Council may establish such technical advisory committees as may be necessary to assist in carrying out the duties as herein set forth in Chapter 2.

(Amendment No. 3)

1.5 COOPERATING MEMBERS: Subject to the approval of the Council, any governmental entity or public agency or nonprofit organization not eligible for membership under paragraph 1.1 of this Agreement may elect to join the Fresno Council of Governments as a cooperating member.

(Amendment No. 4)

1.5.1 Cooperating members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Council but shall not be entitled to vote or participate in debate.

(Amendment No. 4)

1.5.2 Cooperating members shall be entitled to receive data, studies, planning documents, special services, technical assistance, and other written materials and services of the Fresno Council of Governments, subject to policies adopted by the Council.

(Amendment No. 4)

CHAPTER 2

POWERS AND DUTIES

2.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION: The Fresno Council of Governments shall perform clearinghouse review under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, and Executive Order 12372 (FR 30959, July 14, 1982). The Fresno Council of Governments may establish committees and execute memoranda of understanding with local, regional, state and federal agencies to facilitate coordination and cooperation. The Fresno Council of Governments shall be the forum for cooperative decision making by principal elected officials of the member agencies.

(Amendment No. 4)

2.2 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING: The Fresno Council of Governments shall carry out an ongoing areawide comprehensive planning process as hereinafter set forth and may cause to be developed areawide plans and elements with respect to:

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| 2.2.1 | Land Use | 2.2.4 | Transportation |
| 2.2.2 | Housing | 2.2.5 | Water Quality Management |
| 2.2.3 | Open Space | 2.2.6 | Air Quality Management |

The Fresno Council of Governments may from time to time develop or coordinate other plans when authorized to do so by the Council.

(Amendment No. 3)

2.3 PLANNING PROCESS: All plans and plan elements and other projects which the Fresno Council of Governments shall prepare or cause to be prepared shall be done to the greatest extent by member agencies. Consulting services may, when authorized by the Council, be utilized to carry out all or portions of the Work Program. Such consulting services contract may be performed by any member agency and no consulting service contract may be tendered to other than a member agency unless each member agency has been provided with a reasonable opportunity to exercise the right of refusal. In the event of any controversy between member agencies regarding the assignment of consulting services, the Council shall make the final determination.

(Amendment No. 3)

All consulting services performed shall be conducted under the authority of the Fresno Council of Governments and in accordance with the approved work program.

(Amendment No. 3)

All plans upon which the Council is to act must first be submitted to the Policy Advisory Committee and such matters when considered by the Council must be accompanied by the Policy Advisory Committee's comments and recommendations, if any, and voting record

(Amendment No. 3)

2.4 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: The Fresno Council of Governments shall carry out a process for citizen involvement in major decisions. Such process may include committees, legal notices and public hearings.

(Amendment No. 3)

2.5 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY: The Fresno Council of Governments shall carry out the duties of a local transportation planning agency as provided by State Law including administration of the local transportation fund and assisting local governments in claiming, obtaining, and utilizing funds as required by the Transportation Development Act of 1973.

(Amendment No. 3)

2.6 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: The Fresno Council of Governments may assist member agencies, or cooperating members by providing technical assistance and services including, but not limited to, governmental management, planning, administration, public involvement, and grants-in-aid when and upon such terms as such assistance is approved by the Council.

(Amendment No. 4)

2.7 WORK PROGRAM: The Fresno Council of Governments shall prepare and adopt annually a multi-year work program which contains a description, including objectives and proposed costs, of all activities to be undertaken.

(Amendment No. 3)

2.8 SPECIAL SERVICES: Consistent with the policies approved by the Council, and the Public Records Act, the Fresno Council of Governments may provide data, studies, planning documents and other written materials to private or public organizations or individuals. Such organizations or individuals shall bear the cost of providing said data, studies, documents and materials, including the reasonable cost of staff time spent in reviewing said data, studies, documents and materials with the requesting party.

(Amendment No. 4)

2.9 REGIONAL VANPOOL SERVICES: The Fresno Council of Governments may operate vanpool services within the County of Fresno and enter into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to operate regional van pool services and related activities, including, but not limited to, obtaining grant funds and borrowing funds for purchasing and leasing vans.

(Amendment No. 6)

2.10 PARTICIPATION IN SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY:

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority will be responsible for the following:

- Working with state and federal agencies to plan, program, and secure funding for improvements for intercity rail passenger services and facilities in the San Joaquin Rail Corridor, including the acquisition or leasing, or use by agreement of right-of-way, stations, and station sites; the leasing or acquisition of or use by agreement of equipment, and related activities.
- Negotiate for and accept funds to be expended for the purpose of providing and improving intercity rail passenger services and activities.
- Develop policy, plan and implement improvements, administer and manage the operations and marketing for the San Joaquin Rail Service as part of the California Passenger Rail System.
- Review and comment on facility, service, and operational plans and programs of the agency or agencies planning potential commuter rail service in the San Joaquin Rail Corridor.
- Coordinate facility, service, and operational plans and programs with other organizations, providing rail service in the San Joaquin Corridor or whom the SJJPA may share common facilities, including Caltrain, Capitol Corridor, the BNSF Railway and Union Pacific or their successor agencies or corporations.
- Advocate before local, regional, state, and federal officials and agencies for improvements to services and facilities for the San Joaquin Rail Corridor.

(Amendment No. 7)

2.11 Interregional Public Transportation Services.

The Fresno COG may act as lead agency, apply for and receive grant funding, enter into agreements to provide funding, administration and oversight for interregional public transportation services. Fresno COG's role as lead agency for interregional public transportation services between Fresno County and the abutting counties of Tulare, Kings, Merced, and Madera shall include oversight to assure that operators of interregional public transportation services provided through agreements with Fresno COG comply with state, local and federal regulations and requirements.

(Amendment No. 9)

CHAPTER 3

LIMITATIONS

3.1 MEMBER AGENCY AUTONOMY: Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting in any manner the power of the respective member agencies and all plans, programs and activities shall at all times be carried out in such manner as so to maintain and insure the separateness and autonomy of the member agencies.

(Amendment No. 3)

3.2 SUBMISSION OF PLANS: The council may consider adoption of any areawide plan or element thereof after such plan or element has been submitted to the legislative bodies of the respective member agencies for this consideration at least forty-five (45) days prior to such adoption.

(Amendment No. 3)

3.3 WORK PROGRAM: The Council may consider adoption of any Annual Budget or Work Program after the preliminary Annual Budget or Work Program has been submitted to the legislative bodies for the respective member agencies for their consideration at least forty-five (45) days prior to final adoption.

(Amendment No. 3)

CHAPTER 4

ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT, WITHDRAWAL, TERMINATION AND DISSOLUTION

4.1 ENTRY INTO FORCE: This Amendment shall enter into force and become binding upon its adoption by resolution of the governing bodies of no less than one-half of the eligible agencies in Fresno County which in aggregate represent no less than one-half of the population of Fresno County.

(Amendment No. 3)

4.2 AMENDMENT: The Joint Powers Agreement, as well as any of the provisions may be amended by the approval or ratification of such amendment by the governing bodies of no less than one-half of the member agencies which in the aggregate represent no less than 40% of the population of the member agencies and all member agencies shall thereafter be bound by such amendments.

(Amendment No. 5)

4.3 WITHDRAWAL: Any of the parties to this agreement may by action of its governing body withdraw from the Fresno Council of Governments. Such withdrawal shall be accomplished in the following manner:

(Amendment No. 3)

4.3.1 NOTIFICATION OF INTENT: Written notification of intent to withdraw shall be transmitted to each member of the Council, and to the Executive Director. Such notification of intent must be given no less than ninety (90) days prior to formal withdraw action.

(Amendment No. 3)

4.3.2 NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL ACTION: Written notification of withdrawal action shall be transmitted to each member of the Council, and to the Executive Director. Such notification shall be given no sooner than ninety (90) days from the date of notification of intent as herein above set fourth in 4.31.

(Amendment No. 3)

4.3.3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL: No withdrawal shall be come effective until nine (9) months from the date of notification of withdrawal as hereinabove set forth in 4.32.

(Amendment No. 3)

4.4 TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated by resolution of the governing bodies of all of the member agencies or by vote of the Council in accordance with the voting procedures set forth in 1.23. Should this agreement be terminated, the Fresno Council of Governments shall be dissolved in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth.

(Amendment No. 5)

4.5 DISSOLUTION: Should the Fresno Council of Governments terminate as set forth above, or for any other reason, the President of the Council shall appoint a dissolution committee, which committee shall be approved by the Council. The dissolution committee shall exist for the sole purpose of settling the affairs of the Fresno Council of Governments, and shall be empowered to immediately take control of all lands, buildings, equipment, accounts, case records, and to conduct all business as may be necessary to dissolve the Fresno Council of Governments and dispose of any assets, to settle all liabilities and shall pay the balance to the member agencies which have been in good standing during the year on the same proportionate basis that costs are shared as set forth in Chapter 5. Should the proceeds be insufficient, the deficit shall be paid by the member agencies on the same proportionate basis.

(Amendment No. 3)

CHAPTER 5

FINANCIAL

5.1 COSTS: Costs incurred by Fresno Council of Governments shall be shared on a proportionate basis in the following manner:

5.1.1 A per capita cost shall be calculated by dividing the total cost by the sum of the total population of member cities and the unincorporated population of Fresno County. The annual population figures published by the California State Controller shall be used to determine the per capita cost.

(Amendment No. 3)

5.1.2 The County share shall equal the per capita cost times the unincorporated population of Fresno County.

(Amendment No. 3)

5.1.3 Each member city shall pay an amount equal to the per capita cost times the city's population.

(Amendment No. 3)

5.1.4 If the costs to be shared are not paid within ninety (90) days of the date they are due and payable as set forth in the by-laws, they shall be delinquent and the member agency shall no longer be a member in good standing until payment is made in full.

(Amendment No. 3)

The Fresno Council of Governments may also, when authorized by the Council and the governing body of any member agency, apply for and receive Federal and State grants-in-aid on behalf of the member agency. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the acceptance by the Fresno Council of Governments, for any of its purposes and functions under this agreement, of donations, grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services from any member agency the United States or any agency thereof, of State of California.

(Amendment No. 3)

5.2 ANNUAL BUDGET: The preliminary Annual Budget projecting a financial plan to undertake the work for the ensuing fiscal year shall be prepared by the Executive Director and presented, together with the Work

Program, to the Council and the Policy Advisory Committee at their regular February meetings of each year, and to the governing bodies of all member agencies not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date scheduled for budget adoption by the Council. The Council shall review and adopt the Annual Budget and Work Program at or before the May meeting.

(Amendment No. 3)

5.3 FUNDS: The Treasurer of the County of Fresno shall be the depository and have custody of all money of the Fresno Council of Governments. The Auditor-Controller of the County of Fresno shall draw warrants to pay demands against the Fresno Council of Governments when approved by the Executive Director. All funds received by the Fresno Council of Governments shall be strictly accounted for and the Auditor-Controller shall cause to be made and annual audit of the accounts and records of the Fresno Council of Governments as prescribed in California Government Code Section 6505.

(Amendment No. 3)

5.4 ANNUAL REPORT: The annual audit report shall be included in and become a part of the Annual Report to the Council and the member agencies.

(Amendment No. 3)

CHAPTER 6

SERVICES AND PERSONNEL

6.1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: There shall be established the position of Executive Director of the Fresno Council of Governments. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Fresno Council of Governments and shall have charge of all projects and property and personnel. The Executive Director shall be bonded for an amount established by the Council.

(Amendment No. 3)

6.2 SERVICES: The Fresno County Counsel's Office shall provide all legal services to the Fresno Council of Governments, the Council and the committees, provided however the Council may elect to retain independent Counsel when deemed necessary.

(Amendment No. 3)

CHAPTER 7

AMENDMENT OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS

7.1 SUPERSEDING: This agreement amends in its entirety the original Joint Powers Agreement of the parties hereto dated September 24, 1969, together with the amendments thereto dated January 30, 1970, and April 25, 1971.

(Amendment No. 3)

It is the intent of the parties hereto that all other provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement dated March 25, 1976, shall remain unchanged.

(Amendment No. 4)

It is the intent of the parties hereto that all other provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement dated March 25, 1976, and of Amendment No. 4 dated June 25, 1985, not herein amended shall remain unchanged.

(Amendment No. 5)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized offices as of the day and year first hereinabove written.

(Amendment No. 3)

Amendment No. 3, dated March 25, 1976, replaced the Joint Powers Agreement in its entirety.

Amendment No. 4, dated June 25, 1985

Amendment No. 5, dated April 27, 1989

Amendment No. 6, dated September 10, 2010, renamed to Fresno Council of Governments from Council of Fresno County Governments

Amendment No. 7, dated December, 2012, added San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority participation (approved by each member agency)

Amendment No. 8, dated December 2013, changed section 1.2.1 (approved by each member agency)

Amendment No. 9 dated November 2014, added section 2.11 (approved by each member agency)

Appendix N – Tribal Coordination Plan

Tribal Consultation Plan Fresno Council of Governments January 2019

Introduction

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) serving Fresno County. Fresno COG is responsible for developing all state and federal transportation plans and programming documents that are necessary to secure and program transportation funds within the region. Fresno COG routinely consults with Native American tribal governments on activities that may impact their communities.

Policy for Consultation with Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments

The U.S. DOT defines consultation as “when one or more parties confer with other identified parties in accordance with an established process and, prior to taking action(s), considers the views of the other parties and periodically informs them about action(s) taken.” Some areas of consultation could include: transportation, land use, employment, economic development, housing, community development and environmental issues.

For this document, consultation is the meaningful and timely process of seeking, discussing and considering carefully the views of others, in a manner that is cognizant of all parties’ cultural values, and where feasible, seeking agreement.

Requirement to Consult

Consultation with Resource Agencies

Title 23 CFR part 450 requires that MPOs shall consult, as appropriate, with state and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation.

Native American Tribal Government Consultation and Coordination

Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (November 6, 2000), establishes regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in developing federal policies with tribal implications to strengthen government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes and to reduce unfunded mandates upon local tribes.

State and federal regulations require Fresno COG to conduct government-to-government consultation regarding its planning and programming activities with tribal governments of federally-recognized Native American tribes. Additionally, Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Statutes of 2014) requires that state and local agencies are to analyze the impacts to Native American cultural resources under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Lead agencies under CEQA must work with tribal governments to avoid or mitigate the impacts to cultural resources.

Federally Recognized Tribes

Federal recognition is a legal distinction that applies to a tribe’s right to a government-to-government relationship with the federal government and eligibility for federal programs. All California Native American tribes are distinct and independent governmental entities with specific cultural beliefs and traditions and unique connections to areas of California that are their ancestral homelands.

A contact list of both federally and non-federally recognized California Native American tribes is maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission. The three federally recognized tribes in Fresno County are Big Sandy Rancheria of California, Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, and Table Mountain Rancheria of California. Although consultation is not mandated for non-federally recognized tribes, this does not preclude the Fresno Council of Governments from consulting with local non-federally recognized tribes when plans or activities might impact cultural values or the community.

Agency Organizational Structure

Fresno COG is a consensus builder, developing acceptable programs and solutions to issues that do not respect political boundaries. In 1967, incorporated city and Fresno County elected officials established the agency, formalizing Fresno COG through a joint powers agreement, Fresno COG is a voluntary association of local governments. Fresno COG undertakes comprehensive regional planning with an emphasis on transportation, provides citizens an opportunity to be involved in the planning process and supplies technical service to its members.

Fresno COG's member agencies are represented on its Policy Board by the mayor of each incorporated city, and the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, or designated representatives. The Policy Board is a governing body that establishes policy and guides work activities. It is assisted in making decisions by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), comprising the Chief Administrative Officer of each member agency, or their designated representatives. Staff from member agencies, tribal governments, interest groups and industry stakeholders comprises the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) which also assists in the decision-making process.

Native American Indians of California and other tribal governments are also invited to participate in the monthly Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and the Environmental Justice Subcommittee meetings. The TTC reviews staff work conducted pursuant to the Overall Work Program, advises the Policy Board and PAC on transportation issues and makes recommendations to the Policy Board on planning and programming actions. The TTC review is generally focused on the technical merits of various transportation issues coming before the Policy Board. The Environmental Justice Subcommittee under the TTC meets when necessary to review items involving Environmental Justice populations and provide recommendations to the TTC. Additionally, the subcommittee is instrumental in assisting Fresno COG staff in setting definition and thresholds for Environmental Justice Populations for the Environmental Justice Report within Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Consultation

Federal and state law require local agencies to consult with federally recognized tribal governments prior to making transportation decisions, taking actions, or implementing programs that may impact their communities. This activity is separate from, and precedes the public participation process. Protocol should be flexible and dynamic with respect to communication and discussion formats. More than one tribe may have an affiliation with the area of consideration. Individual consultation may be necessary if a combined consultation format is not preferred by the tribal government. Determining the degree and adequacy of consultation will vary depending on a number of factors, including the scope of proposed activities, whether the activity is short-term or long-term, the cultural or political sensitivity of the issue at hand, and the number of potential stakeholders. Fresno COG intends to consult with Native American tribal governments on activities that may impact their communities.

The Executive Director or his/her designee is the designated Fresno COG official with principal responsibility for the agency's implementation of consultation requirements. At the appropriate time in the planning phase, Fresno COG shall contact the Federal Land Management Agencies and tribal chairs to inquire about established protocols, such as cultural resource contacts, procedures, time limits and restrictions affecting communication. Mutually agreed-upon protocols may result in more effective consultation efforts with federal land management agencies and individual tribes.

Consultation is a process, not a single event, and communication should continue until the project or plan is complete. Consultation requests should include a clear purpose, explaining the request and declaring the importance of participation in the planning process. The request should specify the location of the area of potential effect addressed in the proposal. All aspects of the consultation process should be documented, including how the lead agency reaches a final decision.

Agency Activities

The agency consults with tribal governments on an ongoing basis, not only on individual projects. Fresno COG strives to keep open communication with tribes to facilitate better relationships and better reflect tribes' viewpoints and needs in regional planning documents and projects.

The Native American tribes in Fresno County receive the following information by telephone, mail, email, or in-person visits: the Fresno County Transportation Guide, the Regional Directory, newsletters, workshop invitations, grant notices, requests to participate in program guidelines development, working groups and scoring committees.

A memorandum of understanding between Fresno COG and the Big Sandy Rancheria that provides for a mutually beneficial protocol for the tribe and Fresno COG to jointly identify, communicate, and coordinate actions of common concern relating to transportation plans and programs serves as one particular success story.

Fresno COG will continue the outreach activities that have been established for the Native American tribes as well as seek new ways to enhance the government-to-government relationship between Fresno COG and the Native American tribal governments. In particular, Fresno COG will make every effort to consult and involve the Native American tribes in developing future plans and programs, including, but not limited to the short and long-range transit plans and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Fresno COG will consult with federal land management agencies and federally recognized Native American tribal governments when preparing planning studies and programs affecting the agency and tribe by:

- Initiating consultation from the Executive Director or his/her designee to the agency and tribal chairperson.
- Offering to meet to discuss federal agency and tribal needs and concerns regarding impacts within their jurisdictions prior to beginning the planning process. If the agency, tribal chairperson and/or their representatives elect not to meet, Fresno COG will send a copy of the draft report for their review.
- Consulting with agency and tribal governments while developing the RTP, addressing agency and tribal concerns regarding impacts within their jurisdiction and again prior to adoption of the RTP.
- Inviting agency and tribal representatives to public meetings.

Planning Documents requiring consultation

- **Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)**
The FTIP is a financially constrained multimodal transportation planning program developed by the MPO through its member agencies and in cooperation with state and federal agencies.
- **Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP)**
The FSTIP is a statewide multimodal program of transportation projects proposed for federal funding. This includes all projects that are deemed regionally significant and contains MPOs' FTIP documents and a list of rural non-MPO projects.
- **Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**
The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a document that details the transportation projects including highways, local roads, transit and active transportation that the region will fund with state and federal revenues.
- **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)**
The RTP is a long-range transportation plan that is developed and updated by Fresno COG every four years. The RTP provides a vision for transportation investments throughout the region; the SCS is a required element that integrates land use and transportation strategies to achieve emissions reduction targets.
- **Overall Work Program (OWP)**
The OWP identifies transportation-related planning projects and studies (called work elements) undertaken by Fresno COG and describes programs, budgetary and staffing requirements for Fresno COG. The OWP is a requirement for metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal funds provided under 23 USC and 49 USC 53.

Unmet Transit Needs Assessment requiring consultation by Transit Operators

- Transit operators initiate consultation and invitation to the unmet transit needs hearing from the transit operator or his/her designee to tribal chairperson with copies to the CEO, Administrator and cultural department representatives.
- Offer to meet to discuss the tribe's transit needs and concerns.

Grant Programs and Funding

Coordinate with the tribal governments to provide information and technical assistance on grant programs administered by the MPO, or other agencies.

- Initiate consultation from the Executive Director or his/her designee to the tribal chairperson with copies to the Tribal Administrator, and Cultural Department representatives.
- Provide notice of each grant and its application deadlines.
- Invite representatives of the tribe to training or public meetings regarding the grants.
- Coordinate between the tribe and Fresno COG member agencies.
- Consult with and consider the interests of the tribal government.

Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) – Highway Trust Fund Planning and Programming

Coordinate among planners and engineers in local agencies and tribes.

- Offer to meet to discuss the tribe’s needs and concerns when contacted by tribal representatives.
- Provide assistance in TTP planning.

Coordinate with federal entities, as requested by the tribe.

Collaborate on funds awarded to the tribe through the Active Transportation Program.

Native American Tribal Contact Information

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Non-Federally Recognized Tribes

There are several non-federally recognized tribes in California that are active in transportation issues. Federal law does not require government-to-government consultation on projects with non-federally recognized tribes; however, California law AB 52 requires consultation on tribal cultural resources under CEQA. In addition, non-federally recognized tribes are generally considered a minority group, and federal executive orders require consultation with minority or disadvantaged groups. In particular, Presidential Executive Order 12898 about Environmental Justice places special emphasis on coordination with these groups.

The full list with contact information can be found at www.fresnocog.org.