



# 2024-25 Fresno COG One Voice Advocacy Trip

## Regional Priorities Submittal Form

**Submittal Deadline: Jan. 6, 2025**

**Keep your regional priority content to less than three pages long. Do not change the font (*Arial*). Contact Brenda Thomas at [bthomas@fresnocog](mailto:bthomas@fresnocog) with questions.**

**One Voice Proposed Priority title:**

BUILD Grant Application – South Fresno SR-99 Corridor Project

**Sponsoring agency/business:**

Fresno Council of Governments

**1. Request summary – provide specific priority “ask(s)”:**

Congressional delegation support for the BUILD grant application already on file with the Department of Transportation.

**2. About the Priority:** (Provide specific information about your proposed priority. Include information you want included in the trip materials.)

Fresno Council of Governments and the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) formally request support for their joint RAISE grant application for the South Fresno State Route 99 Corridor Project. If funded, the project would replace a non-standard, split interchange at North/Cedar Avenue and a non-standard, half-interchange at American Avenue – just under three miles south of North/Cedar.

The project is intended to: replace two aged overcrossings, realign and widen ramps, eliminate isolated ramps, install signalized intersections, provide sidewalk and bicycle facilities, install a sound barrier to mitigate traffic noise, provide electric-vehicle (EV) charging stations, and replace/rehabilitate existing pavement. Furthermore, the project has the potential to: reduce lifecycle costs, improve safety, improve access to jobs, reduce congestion, improve goods movement and supply chains, and facilitate California High-Speed Rail (HSR) construction and

operations.

**3. Priority background** – (Include the priority issues, history and an explanation of the regional significance if not provided in question 1)

The North/Cedar and American Avenue interchanges are located along the State Route (SR) 99 trade corridor and are priority locations for reconstruction. Both North/Cedar and American Avenues serve as primary access points for existing and developing industrial and commercial businesses, which includes three major distribution centers for Amazon, Ulta Beauty, and Valley Wide Beverage. In addition to those three distribution centers, as well as hundreds of other industrial employers in south Fresno, this project will also serve the nearby Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) intermodal rail facility. Lastly, it would provide access to the proposed Fresno HSR Maintenance-of-Way Facility site.

This project will reduce driver confusion at the North Avenue interchange by reconstructing interchanges to standard design. Improvements will include installing traffic signal controls at the ramp intersections, which should reduce overall collisions as much as 30 percent, with some reduction to collision severity. Left-turn phasing will also eliminate free movements, which reduces potential collisions with cyclists/pedestrians. The interchange ramps at Cedar Avenue are eliminated and consolidated at North Avenue. This removes the conflict points between vehicles and cyclists/pedestrians in which free movements currently exist.

The proposed improvements at the American Avenue interchange include roundabouts at the ramp intersections. The roundabouts have several added safety features, including reducing collision severity and providing for improved pedestrian crossings. Multi-use paths will run adjacent to the roundabouts, which will provide a safe route for both pedestrians and cyclists.

**4. If your priority is not transportation related, are there any transportation policy connections?**

**5. Provide high-resolution photos, graphics or other explanatory attachments for the One Voice trip materials. Do not copy and paste them here, attach them as separate electronic files. Then, describe the attachments and include them with your submittal.**



Figure 3: Project Location Map

6. **Contact** – Include the contact information for the priority submittal **and** the contact information of the person that will be attending the One Voice trip to speak on behalf of the priority:

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