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**Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025
2:00 PM**

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Michelle Roman)**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Roman at 2:03 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL (Denise Flores)**

Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis

Soo Ho Park, City of Fowler

Jill Gormley, City of Fresno

Jesus Gonzalez, City of Kerman

David Peters, City of Kingsburg

Michael Osborn, Provost & Pritchard rep. City of Mendota

Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier

Marilu Morales, City of Reedley

Stan Bulla, City of San Joaquin

Kamara Biawogi, City of Selma

Erin Haagenson, County of Fresno

Eric McLaughlin, SJVAPCD

Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno LAFCo

Christopher Xiong, Caltrans District 6

Greg Barfield, City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express

Janelle Del Campo, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District

Laura Gromis, US Green Building Council Central California

Adam Livingston , Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Matthew Gillian, Inspiration Transportation

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club

Dr. Anthony Molina, Public Health Advocate

Will Oliver, Fresno County EDC

Scott Miller, Fresno Chamber of Commerce

Jose Gutierrez, Westlands Water District

Christine Miktarian, SCCCD

Terri Figgs, League of Women Voters of Fresno

Michelle Romen, Chair, Public at Large

Paul Marquez, Public at Large

Michelle Lopez, Public at Large

30 members were present. Simple majority is 16.

1. [**NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**](https://agendas.fresnocog.org/agenda/read/666)
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2024 [ACTION]**
* After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Paladino (Fresno Cycling Club) motioned, and Dr. Molina (Public Health Advocate) seconded to approve the minutes.

**Vote: All in Favor, no opposed. The motion passed.**

1. **2026 RTP Project Submittal (Paul Herman) [INFORMATION]**

**Summary:** Fresno COG initiated the 2026 RTP Call for Projects on October 1st, 2024, and all projects were due by December 13th, 2024. Staff conducted a preliminary analysis of the received projects. Below is a summary by project type:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project Type | Count of Projects | Percent of Total Projects Count | Sum of Estimated Cost (in $1,000 USD) | Percent of Total Estimated Cost |
| Bike & Ped | 761 | 27.1% | 929,788 | 8.9% |
| Streets & Roads – Capacity Increasing | 280 | 10.0% | 2,428,073 | 23.3% |
| Streets & Roads-Maintenance | 1148 | 40.9% | 1,471,334 | 14.1% |
| Streets & Roads-Operations | 448 | 15.9% | 2,402,794 | 23.1% |
| Transit | 158 | 5.6% | 3,104,603 | 29.8% |
| Other | 14 | 0.5% |  74,075 | 0.7% |
| Grand Total | 2809 | 100.0% |  10,410,847 | 100.0% |

The next steps include (1) review the project information and answers to evaluation questions; (2) develop digital map to display all proposed projects for 2026 RTP; (3) rank the projects with the Project Evaluation Criteria established in the fall of 2024.

**Action:** Information only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Roundtable.

* Paul Herman (FCOG) gave a PowerPoint presentation.

**This item is informational only, no action is needed.**

1. **Environmental Justice Analysis Measures Updates (Shichen Fan) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** On November 13th, 2024, staff presented the proposed measures for the Environmental Justice Analysis of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy to the Environmental Justice Subcommittee. Staff revised the proposed measures based on EJ subcommittee recommendations and presented the updates to EJ subcommittee on January 8th, 2025.

The Environmental Justice Analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan includes various performance measures that compare the current transportation system to the future (2049) transportation system, which assumes the construction of all projects proposed in the preferred scenario including transit, capacity increasing, bike and pedestrian, and maintenance and operational improvement projects. The 2022 EJ Analysis included measures in eight topics: access to jobs and services, travel delay, transit productivity, distribution of investments by mode, distribution of road maintenance projects, targeted active transportation investments, housing mix, and pollution exposure.

Environmental Justice Analysis Measures Updates for 2026 RTP:

* Staff proposed to conduct EJ analysis for both Equity Priority Communities (EPC) and Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), the EJ area definition approved by RTP round table in August 2024.
* Staff suggested adding to EJ analysis:
	+ a new indicator of Planned safety projects on the high injury network
	+ supplemental measures for existing topics in the analysis.
* Staff also included the measures recommended by Environmental Justice Subcommittee:
	+ The Healthcare accessible via 30-minute transit trip as one of the transit productivity measures
	+ Distribution of investments by Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area and rest of the county as one of the investments distribution measures.

Following the review period by the EJ Subcommittee between November 2024 and January 2025, staff recommends approval for the measure updates.

**Action**: Staff and the Environmental Justice Subcommittee recommends the Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable approve the measures updates for Environmental Justice Analysis in the 2026 Reginal Transportation Plan.

* Shichen Fan (FCOG) presented a PowerPoint.

**Vote: All in Favor, no opposed. The motion passed.**

1. **Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) Project Updates (Moses Stites) [INFORMATION]**

**Summary**: Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) General Manager Moses Stites will give an update on FCRTA’s Selma Maintenance Facility and recently completely bus shelter installations in Rural Fresno County.

**Action:** Information only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Roundtable.

* Moses Stites (FCRTA) gave an update on the Maintenance Facilty.

**This item is informational only, no action is needed.**

1. **2026 Measure C Renewal Committee Expression of Interest (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]**

**Summary:** Fresno Council of Governments Executive Director Robert Phipps will inform the Roundtable of recent Measure C Renewal developments, including the upcoming formation of the 2026 Measure C Renewal Committee (MCRC), for which Fresno COG is recruiting membership with an Expression of Interest form. The MCRC will help craft the expenditure plan for Measure C that will go before voters in the November 2026 General Election.

**Action:** Information only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Roundtable.

* Robert Phipps (FCOG) gave an update on the Measure C Committee.

**This item is informational only, no action is needed.**

1. [**OTHER ITEMS**](https://agendas.fresnocog.org/agenda/read/666)
2. [**Items from Staff**](https://agendas.fresnocog.org/agenda/read/666)
* None.
1. [**Items from Members**](https://agendas.fresnocog.org/agenda/read/666)
* Steve Haze – Thanked FCOG staff for all their work.
1. [**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**](https://agendas.fresnocog.org/agenda/read/666)

There were no public presentations.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

**Members of the Public:**

Moses Stites, FCRTA

Terry Ogle, FCTA

**FCOG Staff:**

Paul Herman, Robert Phipps, Denise Flores, Brenda Thomas, Ofelia Abundez, Kai Han, Shichen Fan, Pankaj Joshi, Mathew Shimizu, Simran Jhutti, Jeff Long.