

**Safe Routes to Schools Subcommittee  
Thursday, September 26, 2024  
4:00 PM**

**COG Sequoia Conference Room  
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA**

**THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE  
IN PERSON AT THE FRESNO COG SEQUOIA CONFERENCE ROOM**

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AND ANY AFFILIATED AGENCY FOR THE RECORD.**

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### **1.Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashbeck at 4:03 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Lynne Ashbeck (Clovis)  
Mayor James Horn (Coalinga)  
Mayor Rey Leon (Huron)  
Mayor Brandon Pursell (Kingsburg)  
Mayor Victor Martinez (Mendota)  
Mayor Scott Robertson (Selma)

Staff: Paul Herman (FCOG)  
Robert Phipps (FCOG)  
Jennifer Rodriguez (FCOG)  
Denise Flores (FCOG)

Absent: None

## **2.Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2024**

### **3.SRTS Outreach Update**

**Summary:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for the SRTS Subcommittee members to provide any updates on outreach with school districts.

**Action:** Discussion.

- FCOG staff has been compiling a list of safety concerns for school districts and communities for Safe Routes to Schools
- Identifying funding for these projects, potentially through Measure C Expenditure Plan
- Vetting projects with jurisdictions to discuss priorities for SRTS in project submittals for funding
- Meeting with school districts to build awareness of SRTS and Measure C
- Highlighting non-infrastructure projects:
  - Crossing-guard programs
  - Drop-off pick up studies
  - Walking school buses
  - Promotion of walking and bicycling where possible
  - Promotion of carpool drop offs (where feasible, especially for non-walking schools)
- Golden Plains Unified meeting discussing EV transition that touches on our conversations last meeting on non active transportation for school districts

### **4.Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application**

**Summary:** When the SRTS Subcommittee last convened in April, the committee discussed interest in robust outreach to school districts and their communities and the goal of developing a robust, tiered list of SRTS projects. Utilizing the input, Fresno COG will be applying for a FY 24 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to develop a Fresno County Regional Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will open opportunities for jurisdictions and Fresno COG to apply for implement funds. Staff connected with jurisdictions, as well as Fresno Unified, to coordinate future partnerships. The subcommittee held a discussion for feedback regarding the application and engagement with the member agencies.

**Action:** Information/Discussion.

### **5.Regional Transportation Plan Project Criteria**

**Exhibits:**

-  [SRTS Draft Workplan](#)

**Summary:** During the previous SRTS Subcommittee meeting on April 25, 2023, the subcommittee discussed its goals and workplan for Safe Routes to Schools. Fresno COG staff and the Programming Technical Working Group developed revisions to the 2026 RTP Project Evaluation

Criteria. This update has included allocating a maximum score for the historical safety criteria, for bike and pedestrian, transit, and road maintenance projects if they are located < .25 miles from a school.

**Action:** Discussion.

## **7.Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

## **Outcome:**

- Staff will meet with Fresno Unified and their plan of implementing non-infrastructure projects in the district. As their partnership with the City of Fresno to share the recommended projects with them and the City will look at feasibility
- Schedule meetings with school districts to discuss the regional goal of improving SRTS and seeking funding
- Discuss potential support for projects that will likely ultimately be maintained by cities because of the infrastructure