

DRAFT ACTION ELEMENT OUTLINE 2026 RTP/SCS

May 28, 2025

ACTION ELEMENT REQUIREMENTS

RTP Guidelines for MPOs (CTC, 2024)

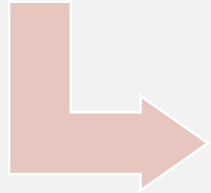
- Must describe the programs and actions necessary to implement the plan and assigns implementation responsibilities.
- Consists of short and long-term activities that address regional transportation issues and needs.
- All transportation modes (highways, local streets and roads, mass transportation, rail, maritime, bicycle, pedestrian and aviation facilities and services) are addressed.



PROPOSED FORMAT COMBINED POLICY-ACTION ELEMENT

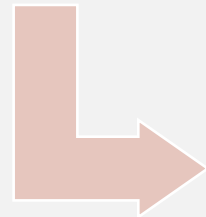
Overarching Goals

The end toward which the overall effort is directed; it is timeless, general, and conceptual. The intent of the overall goal is to provide a framework for subsequent policies and actions.



Supporting Policies

A direction statement that guides present and future decisions on specific actions. Policies should support the attainment of the overarching goals.



Supporting Actions

Describes programs and actions necessary to support and implement the goals and policies.

GOAL 1: IMPROVED MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL.

GOAL 2: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE BY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.

GOAL 3: A SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED, EFFICIENT, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

GOAL 4: A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK THAT SUPPORTS A SUSTAINABLE AND VIBRANT ECONOMY.

GOAL 5: A REGION EMBRACING CLEAN TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION.

Policy 1: Encourage and prioritize full, fair, and equitable participation by all affected communities in the transportation decision-making and planning processes.

Policy 2: Actively work to ensure equitable distribution of the benefits and burdens of transportation projects.

Policy 3: Promote the improvement and expansion of accessible transportation options to serve the needs of all residents, especially those who have historically faced disproportionate transportation burdens.

Policy #4: Encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicles that reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions.

Policy #5: Support investment in and promotion of active transportation and transit to improve public health and mobility, especially in historically underinvested areas.

Policy #6: Encourage sustainable development that focuses growth near activity centers and mobility options that achieve greater location efficiency.

Policy #7: Support local jurisdictions' efforts to minimize the loss of farmland, environmentally sensitive areas, and natural resources.

Policy #8: Support local jurisdictions' efforts to facilitate the development of diverse housing choices for all income groups.

Policy #9: Facilitate and promote interagency coordination and consistency across planning efforts.

Policy #10: Incentivize and support efforts to improve air quality and minimize pollutants from transportation.

Policy #11: Prioritize investment in and promote multimodal safety measures to reduce traffic fatalities and incidents in the region.

Policy #12: Promote enhanced Transportation Systems Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies to reduce congestion and vehicle miles travelled.

Policy #13: Encourage improvements in travel connections across all modes to create an integrated, accessible, and seamless transportation network.

Policy #14: Maximize the cost-effectiveness of transportation improvements.

Policy #15: Encourage investments that increase the system's resilience to extreme weather events, natural disasters, and pandemics.

Policy #16: Preserve and maintain existing multimodal transportation assets in a state of good repair.

Policy #17: Support local and regional economic development by leveraging planning and transportation funds that foster public and private investment.

Policy #18: Facilitate efficient, reliable, resilient, and sustainable goods movement.

Policy #19: Support innovative mobility solutions that are accessible, affordable, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve air quality.

Policy #20: Support efforts to expand broadband access throughout the region.

GOAL 1: IMPROVED MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL.

| ACTION | IMPLEMENTING AGENCY | TIMEFRAME |
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| Seek funding to address multimodal transportation needs in the region and incentivize transportation investments that benefit disadvantaged communities. Examples include ATP, CMAQ, STBG, TOD. | FCOG, Caltrans, Cities and County, Transit Agencies | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Pursue funding to improve and expand wheelchair accessible, paratransit, and non-emergency transportation services for elderly and individuals with disabilities. | FCOG, Local Transit Agencies, Local Non-Profits | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Coordinate with regional transit providers to seek operational and administrative efficiencies. | Transit Agencies | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Annually conduct outreach, through the unmet transit needs process, to identify transit needs that are reasonable to meet throughout the region with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities. | FCOG, Transit Agencies | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Partner with community-based organizations serving low-income and minority communities for targeted outreach to limited English proficiencies and hard to reach populations. Examples include mini grant program, social media posts and advertisement targeted to disadvantaged communities, and translated documents and web content. | FCOG, Local Transit Agencies and Local Non-Profits | 2026-2050 (updated every 4 years) |

GOAL 2: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE BY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.

| ACTION | IMPLEMENTING AGENCY | TIMEFRAME |
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| Provide technical assistance, resources, and incentives to support SCS implementation, infill & mixed use development, equitable revitalization of local communities, and conserve natural resources. Examples include SB 743 Guidelines and VMT modeling, TOD Program, Circuit Planner Program, AHSC Technical Assistance, Blueprint, Greenprint, and GIS support. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicles to reduce vehicle miles travelled, such as through continued administration of the Measure C Carpool Program, funding to support vanpool programs, telework, expansion of shared TNC rides, and informational promotion materials for transit, biking, and walking in the region. | FCOG and Vanpool Program Administers | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Support member agencies planning for active transportation and invest in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to encourage healthy and convenient active transportation travel to ensure access to jobs, services, and recreation for populations with fewer transportation choices. Examples include explore funding to update regional and citywide ATP plans and bicycle and pedestrian count data. | FCOG, Cities and County | 2026-2051 (should be updated every 5 years) |
| Encourage actions from the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan which covers through 2031 and continue to support efforts to increase housing choices. Examples include the REAP program, technical assistance with grant applications, serving as a regional forum for discussing housing issues. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |

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| Support coordinated transportation planning efforts and interregional projects between and among the eight San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Pursue funding to implement projects that are consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Example: Prioritize projects through the RTP project evaluation criteria that support these goals and policies. | FCOG and RTP Technical Working Group | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Promote compatible airport and land use planning throughout the region. Examples include the Airport Land Use Commission, participating in regional events, and coordination among local agencies and stakeholders. | Airports, local agencies, FCOG, ALUC, Caltrans | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Support California Air Resources Board and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's efforts to reduce pollutants from transportation. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |

GOAL 3: A SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED, EFFICIENT, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

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| Support local jurisdiction's capacity to implement projects and measures that improve the resiliency of the transportation network regarding potential impacts of climate change. Examples include the Climate Action Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan, and Extreme Heat study. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Pursue funding to address safety issues in the region and implement transportation projects consistent with the identified issues. Examples include implementing strategies from the Regional Safety Plan, developing a safety education program to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities caused by human behavior, grade separation and railroad crossing projects. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Incentivize and seek funding for projects that reduce VMT. | FCOG, Cities and County | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Encourage employers to utilize Transportation Demand Management strategies to reduce VMT. Examples include encouraging alternatives to single occupancy vehicles, ride sharing, alternative work schedules, and telework. | FCOG, Private Sector | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |

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| Work with federal and state agencies to set annual safety targets and implement programs to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. | FCOG, Caltrans | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Collaborate with the state agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and other organizations on efforts to study and advocate for a sustainable replacement to fuel taxes. | FCOG, MPOs, Caltrans | 2026-2030 |
| Maintain the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and implement CMP measures. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Seek funding revenues for state-of-good repair improvements including road maintenance preservation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. | FCOG, Member Agencies | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |

GOAL 4: A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK THAT SUPPORTS A SUSTAINABLE AND VIBRANT ECONOMY.

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| Work cooperatively with the private sector to ensure that the mobility needs of the business community within Fresno County are addressed. | FCOG, Private Sector | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Support efforts to improve efficiency and sustainability and preserve and expand options for goods movement through the region. Examples include the TradePort California, I-5 Zero Emission Freight Pilot Study, farm to market activities. | FCOG, SJV COGs, Caltrans | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Support efforts to implement High Speed Rail and station area planning in the region. | FCOG, CAHSRA, City of Fresno | 2026-2034 |
| Support education and job training programs that address transportation needs. Examples include: New Vision Aviation program, Sustainable Aviation Project. | FCOG, Non-Profits, Cities and County | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |

GOAL 5: A REGION EMBRACING CLEAN TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION.

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| Encourage and support employers who implement telecommute strategies. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Support electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure deployment throughout the region and seek funding to implement projects that support Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. Examples include supporting pursuit of funding for EV replacement vehicles, electrification of school bus fleets, compressed natural gas buses, solar, and EV planes. Pursue power purchase agreements for microgrid projects in rural Fresno County. The Selma Maintenance Facility operated by FCRTA which is a new technology maintenance and operations facility maintenance with charging infrastructure, solar and battery storage to enhance rural transit operations and increase resiliency. | FCOG and RTP Technical Working Group | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Support efforts to research, plan, and implement pilot projects for microtransit and micromobility (such as bike and scooter share) and deployment of other new and innovative technologies to support research, development, demonstration projects, and deployment of new and innovative technologies. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |

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| Follow the development of autonomous vehicles and connected vehicles and plan for the readiness of our region for AV/CV. | FCOG | 2026-2050 (ongoing) |
| Explore potential to conduct regional broadband planning to support future mobility options and transportation networks. | FCOG | 2026-2028 |
| Support funding for travel surveys and procurement of Big Data to help better understand the origin and destination travel patterns in the region. | FCOG, Transit Agencies | 2026-2032 |
| Explore opportunities to develop a regional vision of transit accessibility that integrates existing service options with new mobility options. An example is the Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility study. | FCOG, Transit Agencies, Cities and County | 2026-2028 |

TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

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