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Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, May 28, 2025
2:00 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Michelle Roman)

The meeting was called to order by Kacey Auston Tibbetts at 2:01 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Denise Flores)

Renee Mathis, City of Clovis
Jill Gormley, City of Fresno
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Michael Osborn, City of Mendota
Gelasio Rodriguez, City of Parlier
Stan Bulla, City of San Joaquin
Kamara Biawogi, City of Selma
Jerome Keene, City of Selma
Erin Haagenson, County of Fresno
Eric McLaughlin, SJVAPCD
Matt Crow, SJVAPCD
Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno LAFCo
Christopher Xiong, Caltrans District 6
David Deel, Caltrans District 6
Amy Hance, City of Clovis Transit
Janelle Del Campo, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Laura Gromis, US Green Building Council Central California
Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District
Adam Livingston, Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Matthew Gillian, Inspiration Transportation
Tina Sumner, Fresno Cycling Club
Scott Miller, Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Terri Figgs, League of Women Voters of Fresno
Kacey Auston-Tibbetts, Chair, Public at Large
Paul Marquez, Public at Large

22 members were present. Simple majority is 12.

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approve Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2025 [ACTION]

- After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Del Campo (FCRTA) motioned, and Mr. Gillian (Inspiration Transportation) seconded to approve the minutes.

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

B. 2026 RTP/SCS Action Element Outline (Simran Jhutti) [ACTION]

Summary: The Action Element is the third major component as required in GC Section 65080 states that RTPs shall have an Action Element. The Action Element of the RTP must describe the programs and actions necessary to implement the RTP, including the SCS, and assigns implementation responsibilities. The action element may describe the transportation projects proposed to be completed during the RTP plan horizon and must consider congestion management activities within the region. All transportation modes (highways, local streets and roads, mass transportation, rail, maritime, bicycle, pedestrian and aviation facilities and services) are addressed. Additionally, the action element should highlight programs, policies, technical assistance, investments, or other actions to support strategies and goals in the plan. The action element is critical to providing clear direction about the roles and responsibilities of the MPO and other agencies to follow through on the RTP's policies and projects. It consists of short and long-term actions that address regional transportation issues and needs. In addition, the Action Element should also identify investment strategies, alternatives, and project priorities beyond what is already programmed.

The Action Element is divided into two sections. The first section includes a discussion of the preparatory activities such as identification of existing needs, assumptions, and forecasting and potential alternative actions. The second section addresses the data and conclusions. As stated in the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Action Element should describe the programs and actions necessary to implement the plan and assigns implementation responsibilities. The Policy Element of the RTP would include the goals and objectives, and the Action Element is what would provide the result/s. Fresno COG intends on linking the goals and objectives, with the Policy Element that describes the transportation issues in the region, identifies and quantifies regional needs, and describes the desired short-range and long-range transportation goals, and pragmatic objective and policy statements as part of a joint Policy-Action Element.

Staff will present the draft outline to the RTP Roundtable for feedback and approval.

Action: Staff recommends the Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable committee approve the Action Element Outline.

- Simran Jhutti (FCOG) gave a PowerPoint presentation.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Marquez (Public-at-Large) motioned, and Mr. Haze (Tranquility Resource Conservation) seconded to approve the minutes.

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

C. 2026 RTP/SCS Revenue Forecast (Paul Herman) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG staff will present the 2026 RTP/SCS Revenue Forecast to the RTP Roundtable. The revenue forecast is staff's estimate of reasonably anticipated revenues over the 23-year time horizon of the 2026 RTP/SCS (2026-2049) and it includes revenues from local, state, and federal sources that are either formula distributions or discretionary competitive grant programs. This revenue forecast does include the continuation of local Measure C funds as it has been established as a funding source for several decades. If Measure C is not renewed in 2026 (after the completion of the 2026 RTP/SCS) then future RTP/SCS's will not include this local revenue stream moving forward.

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

- Paul Herman (FCOG) presented a PowerPoint.

This item is informational only, no action is needed.

D. Spring 2026 Public Outreach Update - SCS Scenarios Survey (Brenda Thomas) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG staff has developed an online survey for members of the public to take that will show how each of the scenarios being developed will align with the values of the survey participants based on the answers provided for the survey. The survey results will inform the Roundtable, COG staff, and other key stakeholders on

how survey participants are aligning with the five scenarios that are to be modeled. The survey will be released on May 28th and run until June 30th. The results of the survey will be presented to the Roundtable later this summer.

The survey can be taken online at the following link: <https://www.planfresno.com/sustainable-community-strategies-review-the-options/>

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

- Brenda Thomas (FCOG) presented on update on the public outreach.

This item is informational only, no action is needed.

E. Measure C Update (Paul Herman) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG staff will give a brief update on the Measure C 2026 development process. The Measure C 2026 Renewal Committee has held its first two meetings on April 26th and May 8th. At those meetings, the committee discussed the history of Measure C, the structure of the existing measure, transportation sales tax measures throughout California, and transit systems operating in the county. The Renewal Committee is tasked with developing a draft expenditure plan for the renewal effort, as well as recommend a final expenditure plan for consideration of the county's jurisdictions, Fresno COG Policy Board, Fresno County Transportation Authority, and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. The next Renewal Committee meeting will take place on June 12th and will discuss Bike and Pedestrian projects and special programs such as senior scrip, the county's carpool and vanpool programs, and other specialized programs. The Measure C 2026 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held its first meeting on Wednesday, May 14th. The TAC is made up of jurisdictional, transit agency, and Caltrans staff to advise the Renewal Committee on jurisdictional and agency priorities as well as structures of existing programs that utilize local, state, or federal funds.

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

- Paul Herman (FCOG) gave a Measure C Update.

This item is informational only, no action is needed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- None.

B. Items from Members

- None.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Members of the Public:

None.

FCOG Staff:

Paul Herman, Robert Phipps, Denise Flores, Brenda Thomas, Santosh Bhattarai, Shichen Fan, Pankaj Joshi, Simran Jhutti, Blake Rincon, Rachel Hellett, Moses Stites, Ofelia Abundez.