## Measure C Steering Committee June 12, 2025



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## Focus Group Results



## Opinions on Transportation Planning in Fresno County

Highlights of In-Person Focus Groups

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### Research Specifics & Methodology

Methodology	In-person focus groups			
Dates	April 22 – 24, 2025			
Research Populations	Fresno County Residents			
Specific Groups Composition	<ul> <li>Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin,         and nearby unincorporated areas</li> <li>Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley,         Sanger, Selma,         and nearby unincorporated areas</li> <li>Clovis and the City of Fresno north of Shaw Avenue         <ul> <li>City of Fresno south of Shaw Avenue</li> <li>Spanish-speaking Latinos in Rural Areas</li> <li>Spanish-speaking Latinos in Non-Rural Areas</li> <li>Seniors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Number of				

#### Cautions in Interpreting Results

- Focus group participants do not constitute a random and representative sample of Fresno County residents.
- Their opinions cannot be generalized to the broader population with statistical precision.
- Although some exercises quantified opinions, results should not be interpreted as precisely representing the opinions of the large population.

## Key Findings

### General Views on Transportation and Traffic

- Biggest Transportation Problems:
  - Traffic
  - Potholes/Road conditions (throughout the county)
  - Unsafe driving and pedestrian safety (more than in past research)
  - Road construction projects are not prioritized well or completed quickly enough
- Not clear who is in charge of transportation planning
- Concerns that some areas do not get fair share of funding

### Preferred Allocation of Transportation Funding

Priority	Allocation	
Freeways/ Highways	28%	
Local Streets/ Roads	25%	
Technology/ Efficiency	17%	
Public Transportation	15%	
Non-vehicular Modes of Transportation	15%	

Driority	Choice
Maintain and improve freeways, highways and local roads to reduce congestion, preserve the quality of life and support the local economy	59
Increase investments in public transit, bike lanes, etc. to reduce air pollution and promote a healthier lifestyle	6

### Opinions on Public Transit

- Desire for better public transit system especially from rural areas to City of Fresno
- But most viewed comprehensive countywide system as unrealistic
- Problems with current system:
  - Travel times
  - Safety (bus stops, onboard, Downtown bus station)
  - Not clear how to use it
- Openness to using public transportation more <u>IF</u> more available, picked up close to home, dropped off near destination, and safe

### Transportation Planning

- Some discussion of different rural and urban transportation needs, but allocation choices were very similar
  - Rural: local road widening, lighting, sidewalks/pedestrian safety
  - Urban: East-West roads, freeway/highway improvements, frequent transit
- Population growth has impacted traffic and road conditions
- Confusion about who is funding High Speed Rail (HSR) project, but viewed very negatively so important to clarify HSR is not funded with local dollars

### Opinions of Measure C

Rating of passage of Measure C in 2006:

Very good	Somewhat of a	Somewhat of a Bad	Very Bad
thing	Good Thing	Thing	Thing
35	29	1	0

- Many unclear about what had been funded by Measure C
- Low recognition of Measure C on the 2022 ballot, or if it passed
- Strong belief in importance of continuing local funding and concern about it expiring

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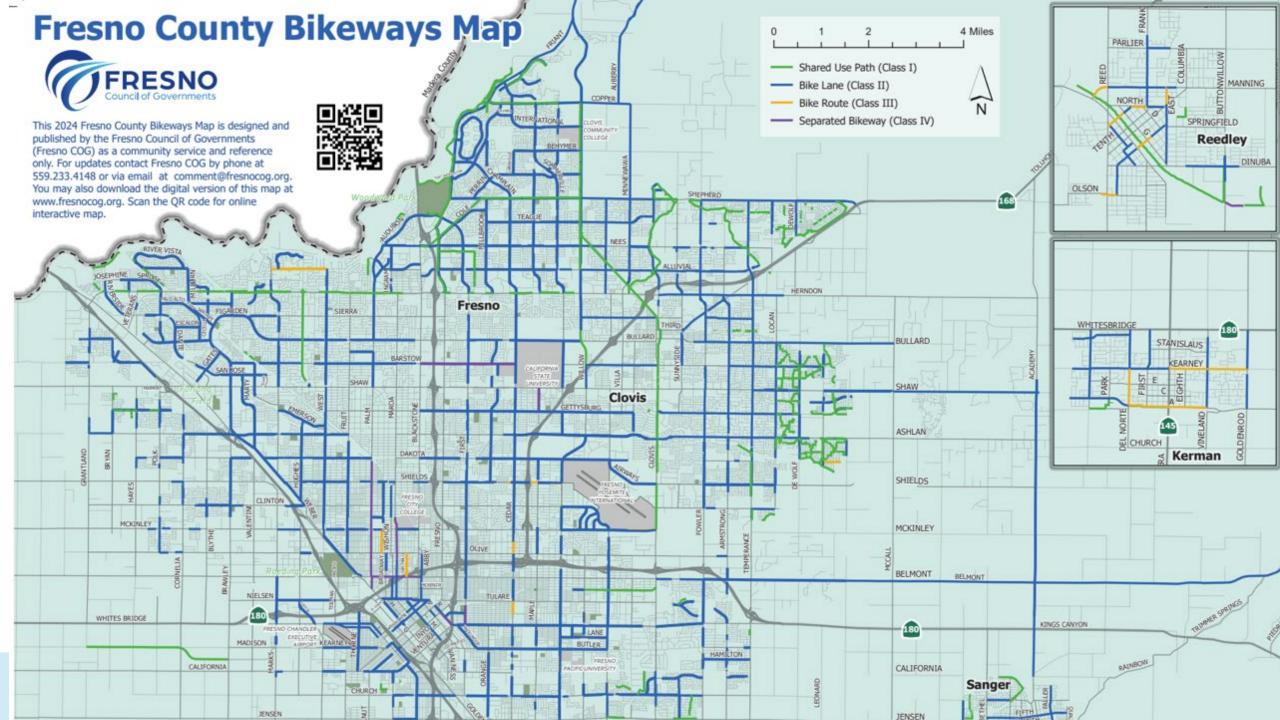
# Active Transportation and Programs



Why is Active Transportation needed?

- Our region covers 6,000 square miles and has a total population of over one million.
- There are \$802,469,000
   worth of bike and
   pedestrian projects
   programmed into the 2026
   RTP/SCS, which is 26% of
   the total revenue.





#### **Bike and Pedestrian Network**

- Helping families get to schools, parks, work, shopping, restaurants, and bus stops
- Improving health and reducing the incidence of disease and obesity
- Reducing air pollution
- Saving money on gas and car maintenance
- However, many neighborhoods were developed without good trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes that make walking and biking safe and comfortable for everyone.



## Pedestrian Facility Improvements



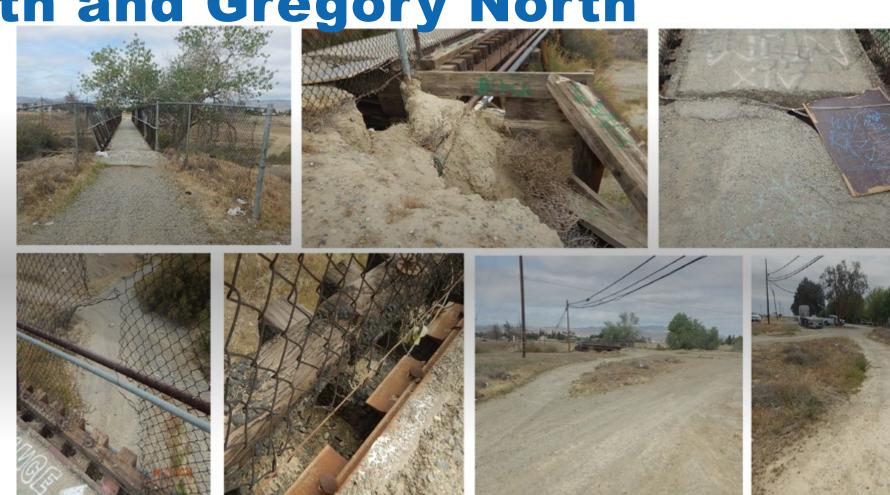
Intersection of J Street and Fresno Street in Parlier.

Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Pacific South and Gregory North

Total Project Cost: \$2,016,000

Measure C: **\$241,920** 

State Funds Leveraged: \$1,774,080

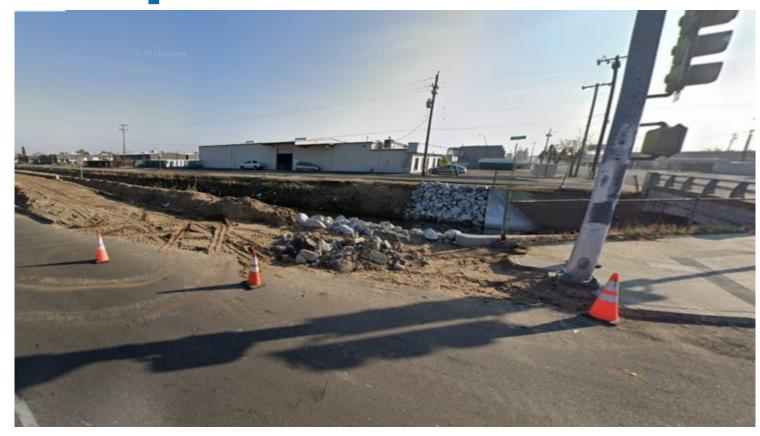


## Fresno Midtown Trail: McKinley Avenue Gap Closure

Total Project Cost: **\$3,491,000** 

Measure C Funds: **\$1,963,000** 

Leveraged State Funds: \$1,556,000



## Active Transportation Project Cost Estimates

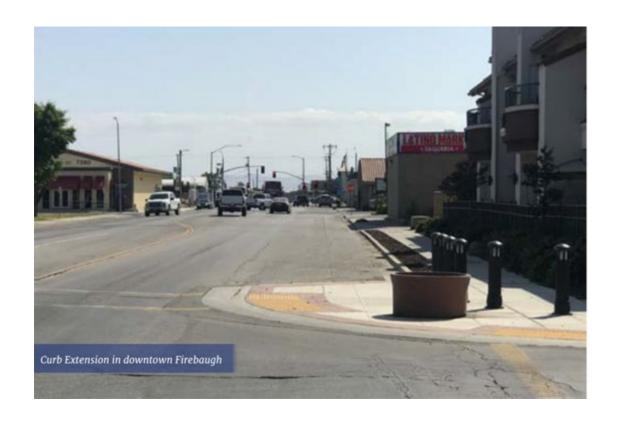
- 2023 Regional Active Transportation Plan Update
- High Priority projects were categorized by the cities and considered near-term projects

Note: Does not include estimates for Clovis, Fresno, Selma, & Reedley

Facility Type	Cost Per Mile	High Priority	Total
Sidewalk	\$369,600	\$10,733,800	\$28,709,100
Shared-Use Path (Class I)	\$955,700	\$74,745,297	\$262,569,018
Bike Lane (Class II)*	\$401,400	\$63,332,892	\$193,442,688
Bike Route (Class III)*	\$16,000	\$874,400	\$4,206,240
Separated Bikeway (Class IV)*	\$633,600	\$13,185,216	\$19,698,624
Intersection Improvements		\$5,566,900	\$10,761,500
Overcrossing		\$630,000	\$630,000
Total		\$169,068,505	\$519,450,170

<sup>\*</sup>Distance measured by centerline

SSource: Fehr & Peers, 2023, Mark Thomas & Company, 2023



## Cost of Curb & Gutter Improvements

- ADA Curb Ramps \$6,500 to \$10,000 each
- Concrete Curb & Gutter and Bulb-out Concrete Curb =\$45-\$50 per square-foot
- 4-9 curb improvements can cost \$40,000 to \$60,000

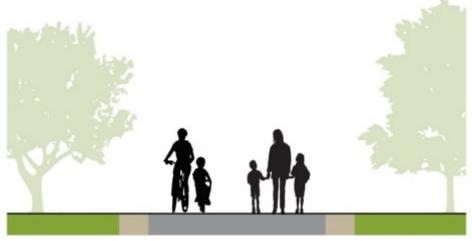
## California Streets and Highways Code 890.4

- (a) **Bike paths** or shared use paths, also referred to as "**Class I bikeways**," which provide a completely separated right-of-way designated for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflows by motorists minimized.
- (b) **Bike lanes**, also referred to as "**Class II bikeways**," which provide a restricted right-of-way designated for the exclusive or semiexclusive use of bicycles with through travel by motor vehicles or pedestrians prohibited, but with vehicle parking and crossflows by pedestrians and motorists permitted.
- (c) **Bike routes**, also referred to as "**Class III bikeways**," which provide a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists.
- (d) **Cycle tracks** or separated bikeways, also referred to as "**Class IV bikeways**," which promote active transportation and provide a right-of-way designated exclusively for bicycle travel adjacent to a roadway and which are separated from vehicular traffic. Types of separation include, but are not limited to, grade separation, flexible posts, inflexible physical barriers, or on-street parking.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 451, Sec. 17. (SB 491) Effective January 1, 2016.)



Shared Use Path (Class I)



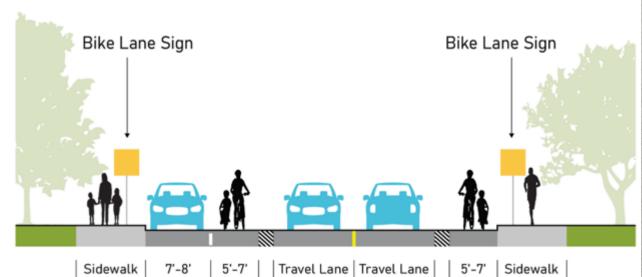
2' 8'-12' Shared-Use Path 2' Shoulder Shoulder



Bike Lane (Class II)

Parking Bike Lane

1.5'-3' Buffer

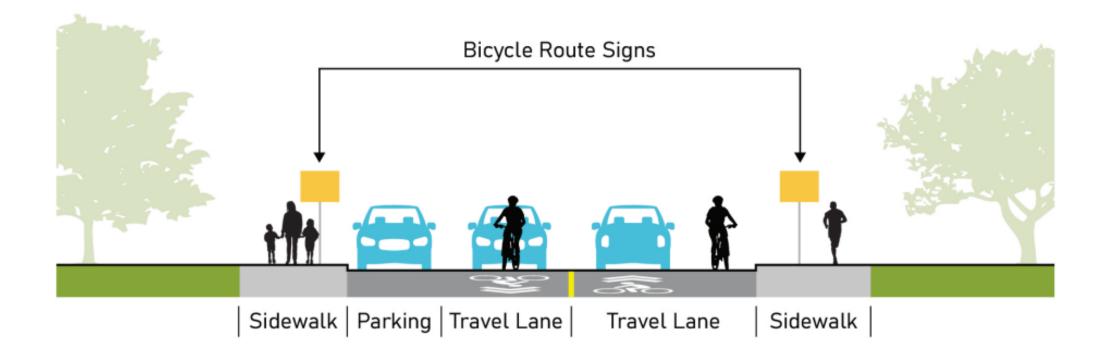


Bike Lane

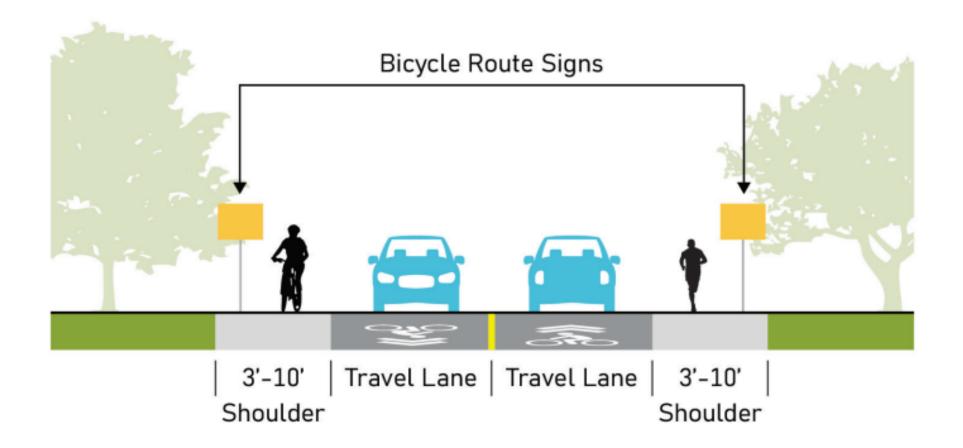
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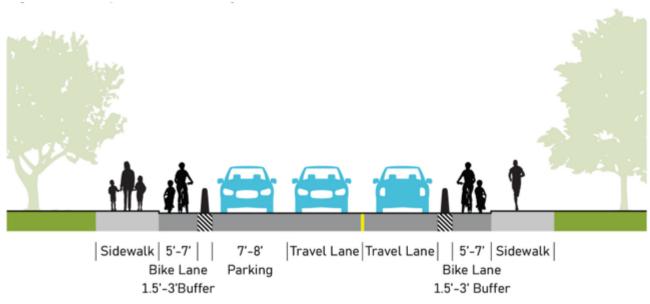
Bike Route (Class III)



Bike Route (Class III) with Shoulder



Separated Bikeways (Class IV)





#### Safe Routes to Schools

- Enhance the safety of children walking or biking to school
- Prioritize schools with significant safety concerns or risk to children bicycling or walking to school based on crash data, traffic analysis, or traffic behavior around primary and secondary schools; and
- Support disadvantaged and low-income communities with fewer transportation safety options to ensure all children have access to safe routes.



#### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

#### **BIOLA COMMUNITY SIDEWALKS**

- The project was completed in the Fall of 2024 with a final cost of \$1,976,168.
  - Measure C claim was \$476,168
  - ATP claim was \$1,500,000
- APWA Honorable Mention in the Transportation <\$5 million Construction Cost.

#### **WEST PARK PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY**

- **❖** The project was completed in the Fall of 2023 with a final cost of \$1,067,782.
  - Measure C claim was \$617,782
  - ATP claim was \$450,000

#### **FANCHER CREEK BRIDLE PATH**

**❖** The project was completed in the Spring of 2022 with a final construction cost of \$447,657.

#### LOST LAKE NATURE TRAIL

❖ The project was completed in the Spring of 2022 with a final construction cost of \$189,918.

Biola Community Sidewalks



#### **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

#### PEDESTRIAN URBAN TRAILS

Herndon-Barstow Elementary HAWK System

Construction in 2025

Calwa Complete Streets (Leveraging Measure C)

#### PEDESTRIAN RURAL TRAILS

Del Rey Sidewalk Project
Mount Whitney Complete Streets
Tranquillity Sidewalk Project
Caruthers Sidewalk Project
Easton Sidewalk Project

#### West Park Pedestrian Pathway

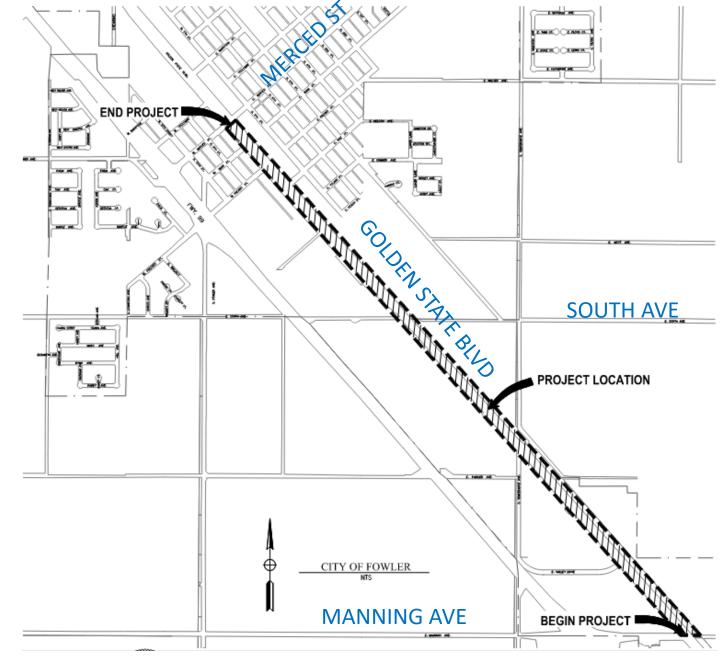




Golden State Blvd: Manning Ave to Merced St.- Bicycle and Pedestrian Shared Use Path

Total Cost \$950,000

Measure C provided ~\$450,000





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Top: South Ave / GSB – facing north





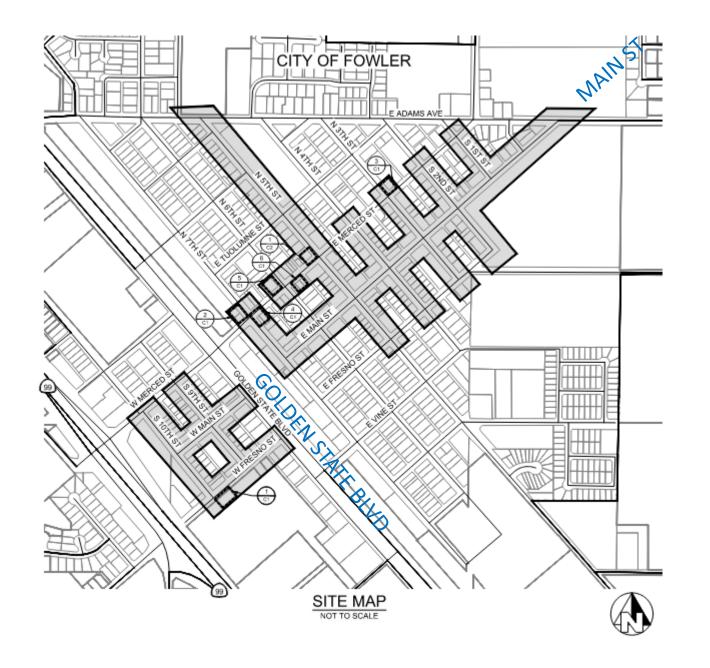
Bottom: South Ave / GSB – facing south



Transit Oriented
Development (TOD) Bikeway to Transit Project

- Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) Complete
- Re-advertising for Construction this summer

Measure C provided ~\$140,000

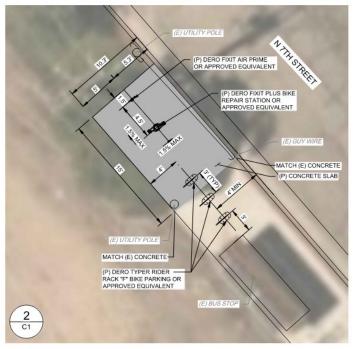




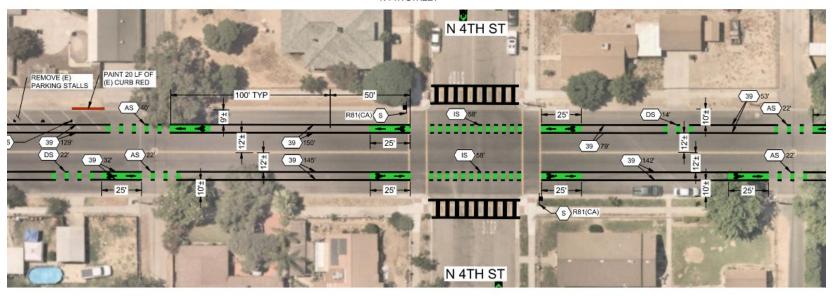
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CarPerks!

VanPerks

Senior Scrip

**Bicycling** 

Transit Operators

## Senior (Taxi) Scrip Program

Provides Fresno County residents who are 70 years of age and older with a 75% discount on ride fares for taxis, Uber, Lyft and Non-Emergency Transportation - 9,198 seniors currently enrolled

2024 Scrip Sales	Seniors who purchased	Amount of Scrip Purchased
Paper Scrip for taxis	555	\$338,977
E-Scrip for Lyft/Uber	401	\$240,520
Totals	956	\$579,497

Paper Scrip Data by Calendar Year	Total Users	Total Taxi Trips
2024	579	4,330



E-Scrip Data	Total Users	Total Lyft/Uber Trips	Average Trip Distance	Average Lyft/Uber Trip Cost
2024	432	10,684	5.78 miles	\$19.48

#### **Senior Scrip Program**

- MEASURE
- \$863,418 was allocated for 2023-2024
- \$528,908 was actually budgeted leaving surplus of \$334,510.
- \$4.4 million has been held in reserves with \$2.5 million reallocated to Safe Routes to Schools
- This is due to "overfunding" of this program in the current Plan.



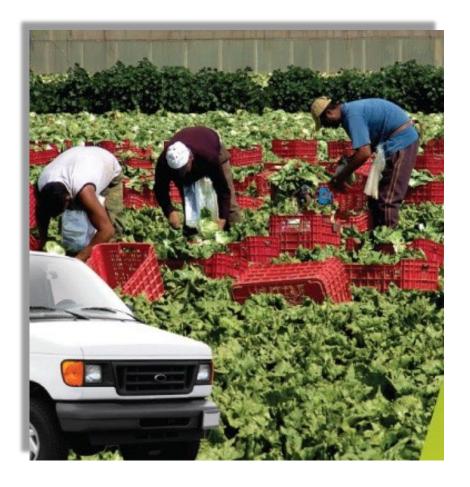
# Agricultural VanPerks Program

Provides monthly subsidies and expense reimbursements to new and existing ag vanpools that originate in Fresno County. All subsidies are currently paid to CalVans.

Fiscal Years	Total number of leased Vanpools	Total number of riders in leased Vanpools	Total amount reimbursed
2023-2024	28	297	\$189,429
2024-2025 (as of June 3)	29	315	\$155,558.65

- <u>Pre-COVID ridership:</u> 54 Vanpools with 585 total riders
- Current Average daily trip length: 67 round-trip miles per day
- Current Average monthly trip cost: \$1,332 (2,000 miles per month)





# Agricultural VanPerks Program

- \$633,418 was allocated for 2023-2024
- \$275,377 was actually budgeted leaving surplus of \$358,041
- \$3.4 million has been held in reserves with \$2.5 million reallocated to Safe Routes to Schools
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# Commuter VanPerks Program

Fiscal Year	Total number of leased Vanpools	Total number of riders in leased Vanpools	Total received subsidy amount
2023-2024	55	406	\$211,745
2024-2025 (as of June 3)	58	493	\$117,600

Round trip length varied from 44 miles (Kingsburg to Fresno) to 219 miles (Fresno to Avenal)

Average trip cost - \$1,350 per month, traveling 2,900 total miles

July 2019 – June 2020: (Pre-COVID) - 60 Vanpools with 620 riders



#### **CarPerks Program**

Monthly cash incentive awards for carpooling are operated through Valleyrides.com

Fiscal Years	Trip Logs Submitted	Active Participants	CO2 Reduced In Metric Tons
2023 - 2024 fiscal year	118,113	457	1,369.82
2024 - 2025 fiscal year (as of June 3, 2025)	119,682	447	1,435.44



**Pre-COVID:** 1,378 active participants

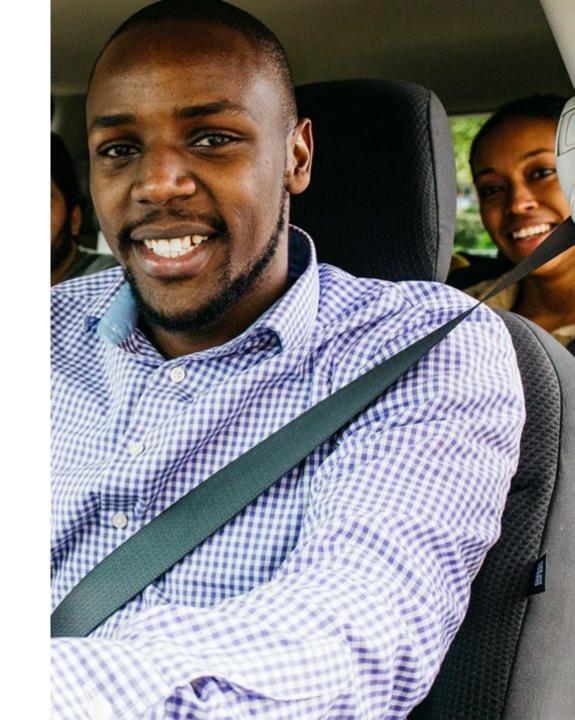
#### Valleyrides database:

- Registered users: 1818
- New registrants since July 1, 2024: 251
- Average carpool round-trip length: 37.8 miles
- Amount of CO2 reduced since July 2021:
   4,918.08 tons



# Commuter VanPerks & CarPerks

- \$633,902 was allocated for 2023-2024
- \$390,917 was actually budgeted leaving surplus of \$242,985.
- \$1.9 million has been held in reserves with \$1 million reallocated to Safe Routes to Schools
- This is due to "overfunding" of this program in the current Plan.



### **New Technology Reserve Fund**

- Technological advances in public systems
- Safety features
- Fuel efficiencies and alternatives
- Intelligent transportation system (ITS) applications
- Information dissemination

- Passenger safety and satisfaction
- Capital improvements and operating efficiencies
- Environmental pollution reduction
- Less dependence on fossil fuels





### Measure C New Technology Reserve Fund

#### Three New Tech Cycles completed to date:

Cycle 1 - 2016 \$8 million

Cycle 2 - 2018 \$6.4 million

Cycle 3 - 2020 \$5.3 million

Cycle 4 - 2022 \$4.65 million

Cycle 5 – 2024 \$7.2 million

Total \$31.55 million





#### **New Technology Reserve Fund Projects**

- City of Fresno ITS Dynamic Downtown
- Fresno Air Terminal Parking Structure Technology
- FCRTA Electric Vehicle Ultraviolet Sterilization
- City of Clovis Electric Bus Pilot Project
- City of Fresno Fresno City College
   Advanced Propulsion
   Systems Training
- City of Fresno ITS Dynamic Downtown 2
- FCRTA Rural Electric Vehicle Utilization Project
- FCRTA Electric Bus/Rail Connector Project





#### **New Technology Reserve Fund Projects**

- Sustainable Aviation Project
- Fresno State Transportation Institute
- FCRTA Selma Charging Station
- FCRTA Kingsburg Resiliency Hub Phases 1 &2
- Clovis Transit ITP
- City of Fresno Next Generation ITS
- City of Fresno Advanced Technology Pilot Project
- City of Reedley Manning Ave
   Adaptive Signal Control Technology Project





#### **Transit Oriented Development**

- Supports community-based transit projects with broad private-public partnerships and outreach
- Improves the range of transportation choices by supporting transit facilities & improving links between facilities & activity nodes
- Supports well-designed, high-density housing & mixed uses near transit
- Supports livable, viable & sustainable transit oriented healthy communities that promote walking, biking, & the use of public transit & reduce private vehicle dependence
- Reduces vehicle trips, & improves air quality





# \$15.2 Million





Projects Funded by Measure C TOD Program				
Project:	Award			
Fulton Mall Redevelopment Project Billings	\$3,374,810.00			
Impact Fee Forgiveness For Downtown Housing Program Billings	\$889,285.00			
Broadway Off-Site Improvements (Calaveras to San Joaquin) Construction Phase Billings	\$303,658.00			
Broadway-Fulton Alley Improvements (Calaveras to San Joaquin) Construction Phase Billings	\$456,250.00			
Broadway-Fulton Alley Improvements (San Joaquin to Amador) Construction Phase Billings	\$63,000.00			
L Street Storm Drain Improvements (Calaveras to San Joaquin) Construction Phase Billings	\$89,680.00			
Met Block Off-Site Improvements on Fulton (Calaveras to Stanislaus) Construction Phase Billings	\$455,326.00			
South Stadium Project (Noyan Frazier Capital, LLC)	\$711,085.00			
Blackstone & McKinley TOD Offsite Improvements	\$478,000.00			
Clovis Landmark Commons	\$250,000.00			
Downtown Kingsburg Strategic Plan	\$157,000.00			
Clovis Landmark Commons	\$300,000.00			
Fancher Creek Trail Project	\$475,219.00			
Merced Street Reconnection Project	\$75,000.00			
Transit-Oriented Tower Project	\$347,860.00			
Kings Canyon TOD Connectivity Plan	\$325,000.00			
Selma Downtown and Civic Center Transit Oriented Improvement	\$270,000.00			
Reedley Family Apartments – Phase II	\$200,000.00			
Peach Avenue Bus Stop, City of Clovis	\$200,000.00			
Mixed Use Student and Workforce Housing Project, City of Reedley	\$300,000.00			
Merced Street Reconnection Project, City of Fresno	\$62,000.00			
Downtown Selma Revitalization and Strategic Plan	\$167,000.00			
Merced Street Reconnection Project, City of Fresno	\$1,176,000.00			
Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Project, City of Fresno	\$450,000.00			
Downtown Kingsburg Transit Oriented Development Infrastructure Improvements - Phase 1	\$396,165.00			
City of Fowler Bikeway to Transit	\$143,767.00			
Senior Activity Center and Housing Street Improvement, City of Fresno	\$1,382,945.00			
Ventura Avenue Affordable Housing Street Improvement Project, City of Fresno	\$342,923.00			
West Shaw TOD Corridor and Town Center Planning Grant, City of Fresno	\$400,000.00			
Downtown Streetscape Plan, City of Fowler	\$77,078.00			
Merced Street Improvement - Phase 1, City of Fowler	\$529,639.00			
Street Incentive along Ventura Avenue (Cesar Chavez Boulevard) between 7th and 8th Streets, City of Fresno	\$619,207.00			
Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Project between State Route 180 & Pine Avenue (south of McKinley Aven	\$170,000.00			
Selma Downtown and Civic Center Transit Oriented Improvements, City of Selma	\$263,000.00			
Downtown Streetscape Plan and Merced Street Implementation (Phase 1), City of Fowler	\$450,000.00			
Subtotal:	\$16,350,897.00			
Total Expended:	\$15,203,847.30			



Fresno	\$11,936,163.00
Clovis	\$750,000.00
Kingsburg	\$553,165.00
Fowler	\$1,200,484.00
Selma	\$700,000.00
Reedley	\$500,000.00
Subtotal	\$15,639,812.00
Unused Returned to Pot	\$435,964.70
Total	\$15,203,847.30







City of Selma—12<sup>th</sup> Cycle 2024

Downtown & Civic Center Transit-Oriented Improvements

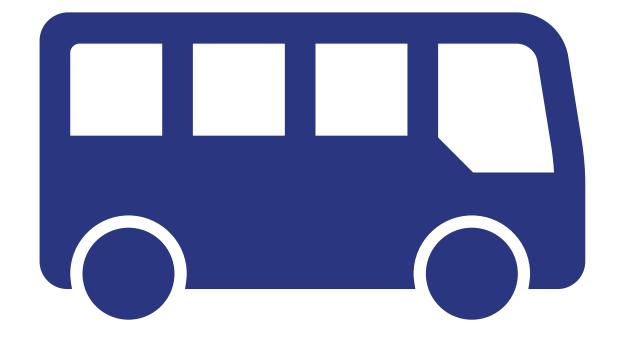


City of Fresno – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle 2014
Fulton Mall Reconstruction



## School Bus Replacement Program

- 147 Bus Replacement
- Total investment of \$25,262,957
- 24 School Districts





## School Bus Replacement Program Beneficaries

Central Unified	Clovis Unified	Clay Joint Elementary – Kingsburg	Coalinga Huron School District	Faith Baptist Academy	Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified
Fowler Unified	Fresno Adventist	Golden Plains Unified	Kerman Unified	Kings Canyon Unified	Kingsburg Joint High School District
Mendota Unified	Parlier Unified	Pine Ridge Unified - Auberry	Riverdale Christian Academy	San Joaquin Memorial	Sanger Unified
Selma Christian Academy	Sierra Unified	Southwest Transportation	Washington Colony Elementary	Washington Unified	Westside Elementary School –Five Points



## Outreach













Measure C V Meetings & Events Build A Plan Steering Committee FAQs Share Your Input





#### Measure C is Not a New Tax – It's a New Plan to Keep Fresno County Moving

Renewing Measure C does not create a new tax—it continues an existing half-cent sales tax that has funded transportation improvements since 1986, generating \$4 million per year. This funding helps maintain our roads and public transit and keeps infrastructure in good shape.

#### Measure C Has Brought More than \$10 Billion to Our Region

So far, Measure C has raised over \$2.1 billion in local funds, which has helped bring in another \$8 billion from state and federal sources. These funds have supported





#### **How Should We Use Measure C Funds?**





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#### How would you divide up the Measure C funds?

ecide how you want to divide the money by choosing a percentage for each category. The total must add up to 100%, and you can't pend more or less than that. For example, 100 points equals 100%, You can spend as much or as little as you want on each categorynothing at all. If you change your mind after selecting a project, click the "Reset" button below the slider to start over. When you're one, click the "Submit" button at the bottom to finalize your choices.



















#### **Linguistica Outreach Stats**

Location	Date	Conversations	Comments	<b>Surveys Done</b>	Phone/Emails
Reedley Event	4-May	240	8	0	6
Caruthers Event	16-May	53	9	21	21
Kingsburg Swedish Fest	17-May	68	11	0	2
Fresno Event	18-May	58	3	0	0
Easton Cherry Auction	20-May	83	13	0	6
Reedley Canvassing	22-May	42	2	7	?
Kingsburg Canvassing	23-May	N/A	30	14	2
Easton Cherry Auction	24-May	466	29	34	36
Auberry Firewise Event	13-May	108	39	?	19?
Fresno Central Canvassing	9-Jun	19	19	15	7
Totals:		1137	163	91	80

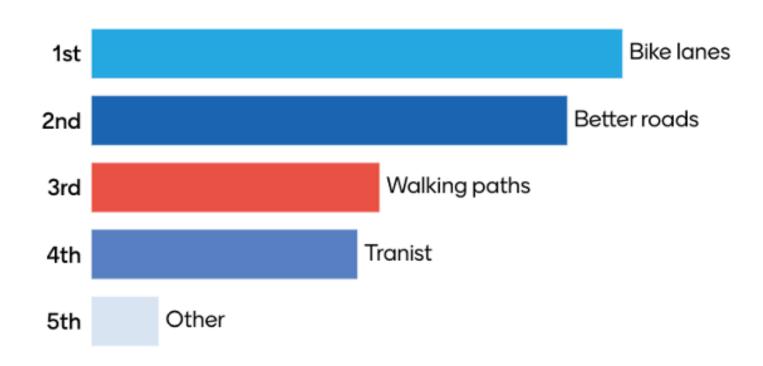


#### **Presentations: Bike**

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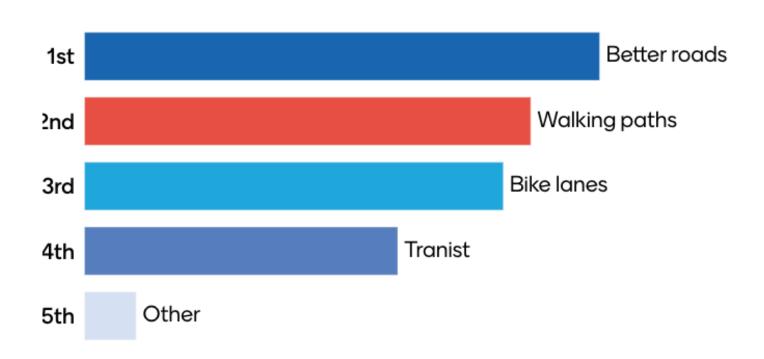


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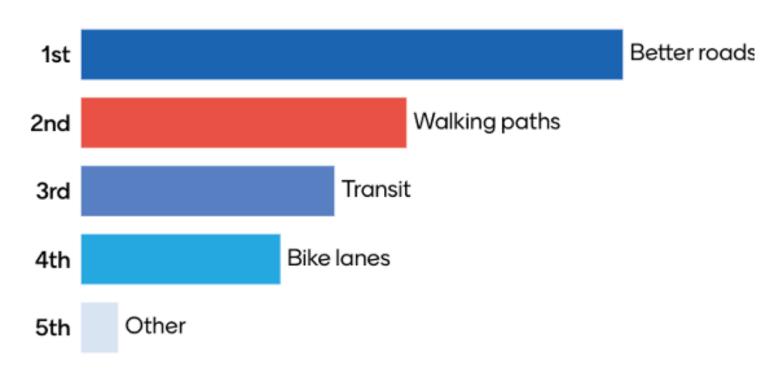


## Workshops: Kingsburg

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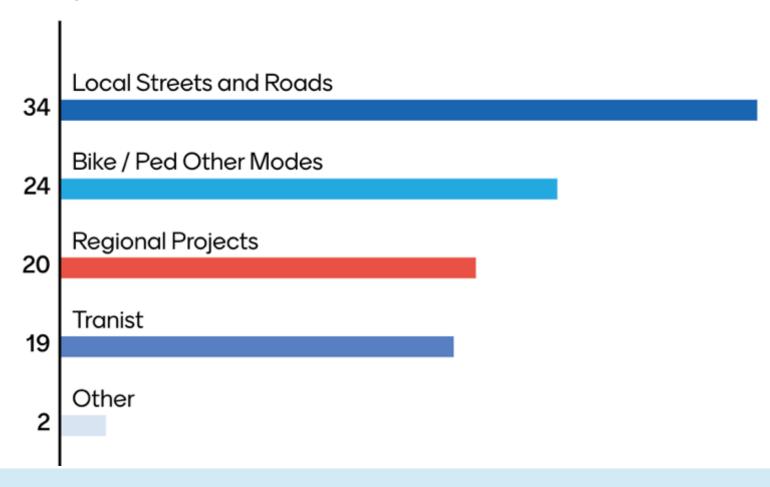
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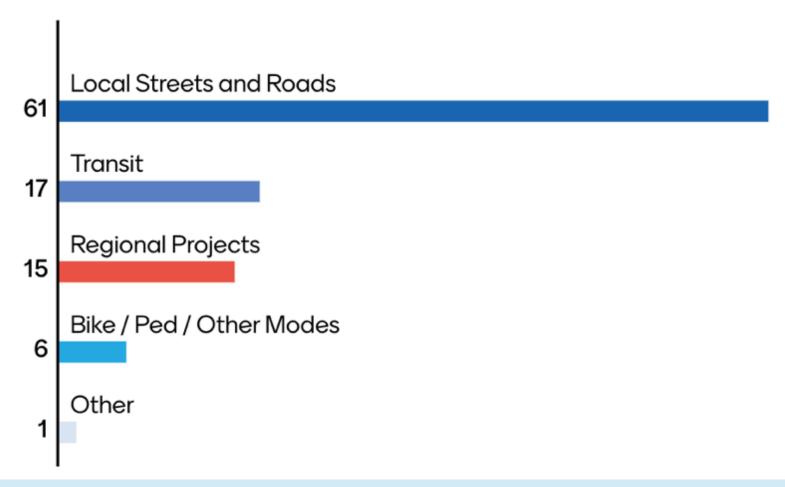


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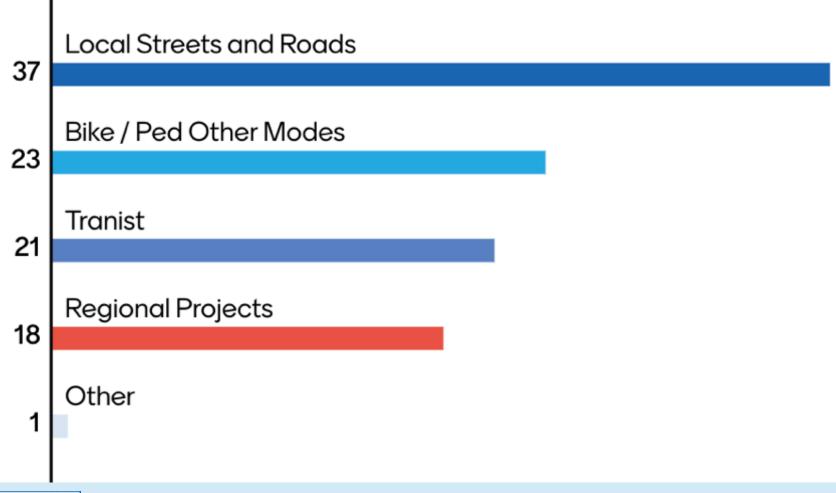


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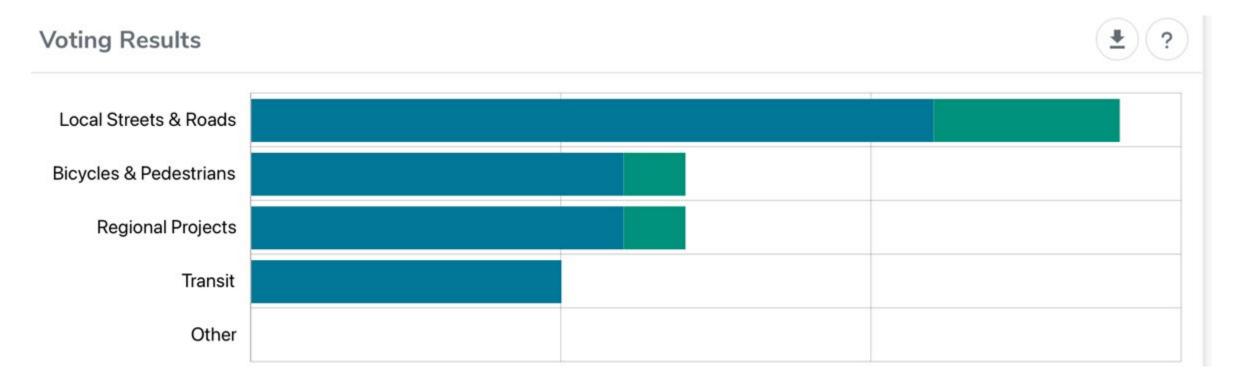


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## Collaborative, Inclusive Outreach



#### PARLIER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 1100 E Parlier Ave, Parlier, CA 93648



#### CENTRAL FRESNO MEASURE C RENEWAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Monday, Betty Rodriguez Library



# FRESNO NORTHEAST/CLOVIS MEASURE C RENEWAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Fort Washington Elementary School



#### FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, Fresno Council of Governments

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# Questions



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