



2025-26 Fresno COG One Voice Advocacy Trip

Regional Priorities Submittal Form

Submittal Deadline: Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026

Keep your regional priority content to less than three pages long. Do not change the font (*Arial*). Contact Brenda Thomas at bthomas@fresnocog with questions.

One Voice Proposed Priority title:

Dinuba Avenue Sewer Trunk Line – Unlocking Housing and Economic Development in South Fresno County

Sponsoring agency/business:

City of Selma

- 1. Request summary** – provide specific “ask”. Keep this brief. It should not include the project history or background:

The City of Selma requests federal Community Project Funding (Congressionally Directed Spending) or other federal infrastructure funding to construct the Dinuba Avenue Sewer Trunk Line, a construction-ready wastewater project that removes an existing system capacity deficiency, protects public health, and enables delivery of already-approved housing and employment development in an established urban area of south Fresno County.

- 2. About the Priority:** (Provide specific information about your proposed priority. Include information you want included in the trip materials.)

The Dinuba Avenue Sewer Trunk Line addresses an existing wastewater infrastructure constraint that has delayed construction of entitled housing and commercial projects due to inadequate sewer conveyance capacity. While environmental review and land use approvals are complete, development cannot proceed without this trunk-level sewer improvement. The project is construction-ready, with plans and specifications substantially complete, cost estimates based on detailed engineer’s estimates, and construction sequencing coordinated with planned roadway improvements along the Dinuba Avenue corridor.

This investment advances federal priorities related to core infrastructure reliability, public health protection, economic resilience, and efficient use of existing urban infrastructure, rather than funding speculative or future growth.

- 3. Priority background** – (Include the priority issues, history and an explanation of the regional significance if not provided in question 1)

Dinuba Avenue is a major east–west arterial serving Selma and surrounding communities in south Fresno County and functions as a key regional corridor tied to State Route 99 access. The existing sewer system along this corridor lacks sufficient trunk capacity to support already-approved development, creating a bottleneck that prevents utilization of prior public and private investment.

From a federal perspective, the Dinuba Avenue Sewer Trunk Line strengthens regional infrastructure resilience by upgrading trunk-level wastewater facilities that serve multiple developments and users, supports economic activity in an established community, and reduces pressure to extend infrastructure into undeveloped areas. Funding this project ensures that existing federal, State, and local planning investments result in real outcomes—constructed housing, jobs, and services—rather than remaining stalled due to infrastructure deficiencies.

- 4. If your priority is not transportation related, are there any transportation policy connections?**

While utility-focused, the project supports federal transportation and climate objectives by enabling development within an existing urban corridor near jobs, services, and transportation facilities. Coordinating sewer construction with planned roadway improvements minimizes future disruption, maximizes the useful life of transportation infrastructure, and supports reduced vehicle miles traveled by facilitating development in locations already served by regional transportation networks.

- 5. Attach high-resolution photos, graphics or other explanatory attachments for the One Voice trip materials. Do not copy and paste them here, attach them as separate electronic files. Then, describe the attachments and include them with your submittal.**

The City will attach the following materials:

- Project location and sewer trunk alignment map
- Housing Element and development constraint overview
- CIP summary highlighting project readiness and cost
- Photos illustrating existing infrastructure limitations

- 6. Contact** – Include the contact information for the priority submittal **and** the contact information of the person that will be attending the One Voice trip to speak on behalf of the priority:

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