



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:

Parlier Avenue Street Widening and Sidewalk Improvements Project

Sponsoring agency/business:

City of Orange Cove

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

The City of Orange Cove requests Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) One Voice advocacy support to advance funding opportunities for the widening and improvement of Parlier Avenue from east of Orange Cove High School to Jacobs Avenue, including intersection improvements at Parlier Avenue and Jacobs Avenue. One Voice support is requested to elevate this priority for future state and federal funding consideration to address critical safety, access, and mobility needs along this high-use school corridor.

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

The proposed priority involves widening the existing 20-foot roadway on Parlier Avenue to improve safety and functionality for all users. Planned improvements include widening the roadway, and constructing curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the north side of Parlier Avenue, adding a dedicated bike lane, and improving the intersection of Parlier Avenue and Jacobs Avenue.

Parlier Avenue serves as a significant travel corridor for students, faculty, staff, and parents accessing Orange Cove High School. During peak school hours, the existing narrow roadway creates unsafe and constrained conditions for two-way traffic, including school buses, passenger vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Community concerns related to traffic safety, pedestrian access, and overall corridor functionality have been consistently raised.

This priority represents the City of Orange Cove's highest One Voice advocacy request, as it addresses documented safety concerns, supports multimodal transportation, and improves access to a major educational facility serving the broader region.

Parlier Avenue including the surrounding area, is shown on the attached Exhibit. This should be included in the trip materials.

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

The City of Orange Cove is a disadvantaged community with fewer than 10,000 residents and limited local funding capacity. The project area is located within Census Tracts 65.02 and 65.01, which have Median Household Incomes of \$25,247 and \$29,084, respectively, based on the U.S. Census Bureau 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Due to constraints in the City's General Fund, Orange Cove is unable to independently fund the significant capital investment required to widen Parlier Avenue and construct comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Parlier Avenue is a key corridor with high regional significance, serving daily school-related travel and neighborhood connectivity. While the project is currently conceptual and not shovel-ready, it reflects a critical long-term infrastructure need to improve safety, accessibility, and quality of life for residents. Advancing this priority through the Fresno Council of Governments One Voice program will help position the City to pursue future state and federal funding opportunities to address long-standing transportation safety concerns in this underserved community.

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

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.

1) R/W Exhibit showing Parlier Avenue and photos of existing roadway

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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