

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE
Executive Summary

Date: March 12, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Hybrid

Members Present:

Eric VonBerg	Patrick Turner, Vice Chair
Janelle Del Campo	Susanna Herrera
Clarissa Vivian Petrucci	Susie Rico-Vasquez
Matthew S. Gillian, Chair	Erin Haagenson
Nicola Steelnack	

Members Absent:

Amneek Chalotra	Soo Ho Park
Tiffany B. Magnum	Jensen Vang
Susanna Herrera	

Fresno COG Staff:

Shichen Fan	Santosh Bhattarai
Simran Jhutti	Pankaj Joshi
Paul Herman	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gillian.

I. Roll Call (Simran Jhutti)

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2025 [ACTION]

- Janelle Del Campo motioned and Patrick Turner seconded to approve the minutes as presented.
- No abstentions or opposition.

B. Mapping of Projects Submitted by Agencies [INFORMATION] (Shichen Fan)

Summary: Fresno COG staff developed a webmap where users can view the locations, descriptions, and other details of the projects submitted for analysis in the 2026 RTP/SCS. Projects can be filtered and viewed by mode, jurisdiction, and individual projects can be selected to view details such as project limits/description, estimated cost, open to traffic date, etc. projects.

Shichen Fan presented on this item, sharing the website to access the interactive map: [2026 RTP projects map draft](#)

Action: Information only.

C. EJ indicator to be used in SCS evaluation [ACTION] (Shichen Fan)

Summary: The Environmental Justice Analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan includes various performance measures that compare the current transportation system to the future (2049) transportation system, which assumes the construction of all projects proposed in the preferred scenario including transit, capacity increasing, bike and pedestrian, and maintenance and operational improvement projects. The 2022 EJ Analysis included eight performance measures: access to jobs and services, travel delay, transit productivity, distribution of investments by mode, distribution of road maintenance projects, targeted active transportation investments, housing mix, and pollution exposure. The EJ Subcommittee also has the role of selecting one performance measure to serve as the EJ indicator for the Sustainable Communities Strategy scenario. Last cycle the Subcommittee selected access to destinations as the EJ indicator. This cycle, FCOG staff in consultation with the EJ Subcommittee is recommending an additional indicator: Financial Investment.

Fresno COG staff provided explanation continuing to use “Access to Destinations for Disadvantaged Communities” as the EJ indicator in SCS evaluation at the last meeting (01/08/2025). In result of recommendation from the EJ Subcommittee, staff has identified the EJ Financial Investment indicator as the most effective in address the committee’s concerns. Staff received clarifying questions on the identification of a disadvantaged community, it was made clear that any of all projects within an EJ/DAC territory would be filtered into the EJ analysis. If the project is partially located, the percentage would be captured.

Action: Staff recommends that the Environmental Justice Subcommittee approve and recommend that the SCS subcommittee/Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable approve to keep “Access to Destinations for Disadvantaged Communities” and the “Financial Investment” as the two EJ indicators to be used in SCS evaluation.

- Shichen Fan (Fresno COG) presented on this item.
- Patrick Turner motioned and Clarissa Vivian Petrucci seconded to approve the minutes as presented.
- No abstentions or opposition.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Simran Jhutti shared the next SCS Subcommittee meeting will be held on March 20th.

B. Items from Members

None.

IV. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Subcommittee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

Note: Prior to action by the Subcommittee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

None.

Adjournment

Patrcik Turner motioned, and Susie Rico-Vasquez seconded to adjorun.
Meeting as adjourned at 2:41 pm.