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Policy Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Friday, January 9, 2026

10:00 AM

The meeting was held at FCOG Sequoia Conference Room.

Andrew Haussler, City of Clovis
Ben Gallegos, City of Firebaugh
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Virginia Penalosa, City of Huron
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg
Cristian Gonzalez, City of Mendota
Sam Escobar, City of Orange Cove
Nathan Olson, City of Sanger
Jason Rogers, City of Selma
Paul Nerland, Fresno County
Braden Duran, Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps, FCOG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg), acting as Chair. With 8 members present, there was a quorum to conduct business. Ms. Penalosa arrived at 10:06 a.m. and Mr. Gonzalez arrived at 10:28 a.m.

JOINT Transportation Technical/Policy Advisory Committee

A. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

Braden Duran reported on Caltrans activities in Fresno County, including an upcoming update to the State Route 245 Corridor Plan, and emphasized the importance of early coordination on development projects along state routes.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of January 9, 2025 [APPROVE]

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After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Gallegos (Firebaugh) motioned, and Mr. Haussler (Clovis) seconded to approve the consent agenda.

All in Favor, none opposed.

Motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno County Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Analysis Acceptance (Simran Jhutti) [ACTION]

Summary The CCAP-A identifies that reducing GHGs will not only address climate change but also deliver co-benefits such as improved air quality, lower household energy costs, and new economic opportunities in clean energy and sustainable agriculture. The plan analysis explores the benefits and outcomes as a result of sector-based strategies. The plan includes near-term (2030-2035) and long-term (2050) scenarios for GHG emission reductions by sector. The sectors explored include Transportation, Building, Energy, Waste, Industrial, Agriculture, and Natural & Working Lands. The emission reduction measures include:

Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build out the Bike and Pedestrian Network• Promote Carpool, Vanpool, and Shared Mobility Options• Accelerate Zero-Emission Personal Vehicles and Implement the EV Readiness Plan• Electrify Commercial & Public Vehicle Fleets• Advance Zero-Emission Freight Vehicles• Transition Off-Road Vehicles & Equipment to ZEVs
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scale Up Waste Diversion and Circular Economy Programs• Develop Landfill Gas Captures and utilization• Clean up Wastewater Facilities
Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decarbonize Industry with Efficiency, Electrification, and Clean Fuels
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amp up Alternative Manure Management Program in Livestock & Poultry Operations• Plow the Way to Zero-Emission Agricultural Equipment
Natural & Working Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grow the Urban Tree Canopy

Together, these measures provide a roadmap for the County to significantly reduce emissions, protect vulnerable populations, and align with future investment opportunities. These strategies also support job growth in clean energy, sustainable agriculture, and infrastructure sectors, ensuring benefits extend across the County's workforce and communities. This plan is an exploration of benefits and strategies to be taken to achieve emissions reductions through investments, strategic planning, and developing resilient communities. The document can be found here: Climate Action Plans – Fresno Council of Governments

Action: Staff requests the TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board accept the Fresno County Climate Action Plan – Analysis for submission to the U.S. EPA.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Mozier (Fresno) motioned, and Mr. Escobar (Orange Cove) seconded to approve the consent agenda.

All in Favor, none opposed.

Motion passed.

B. Measure C TOD 14th Funding Cycle Call for Projects (Simran Jhutti) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Measure C's Transit-Oriented Infrastructure for Infill Development (TOD) program was established as part of the Measure C 2006 Extension Plan. It was designed to boost transit ridership through transit-supportive land uses, such as compact development and mix uses, and other transit complementary infrastructure development and planning activities. It was intended to provide seed money for transit-oriented development in Fresno County and promote livable, sustainable and healthy communities that are walkable, bikeable and transit friendly.

There are three subprograms under the TOD program:

Capital Improvement Program: This program funds capital improvement projects that support transit and encourage walking and biking.

Planning Program: This program provides funding for planning activities such as transit station-area planning, transit corridor plans, etc., that will enhance transit and promote transit-oriented development.

Housing Infill Incentive Program: This program rewards local governments for encouraging higher-density development with TOD characteristics. Funding may also be used to offset development impact fees or on a capital infrastructure project that would support TOD.

The TOD program is estimated to generate around \$16.9 million over its 20-year lifespan and accrues around \$850,000 annually. The 14th cycle has approximately \$1.4 million available.

The call for projects for the one-time funding opens January 9, and applications are due March 3. The TOD Program policies and guidelines are available at: Fresno County Measure C. The application package is attached with this agenda.

Please contact Simran Jhutti at jhutti@fresnocog.org for any questions regarding this program.

Action: Information item.

**C. Fresno COG 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update (Robert Phipps)
[INFORMATION]**

Summary: Every four years, Fresno COG is required to develop and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the region to stay in compliance with State and Federal law. As part of this process, there are several steps that include: selecting a preferred land-use development scenario, producing an environmental impact report, and adopting the final RTP/SCS. Over the last several months, staff has been updating its activity-based model (ABM) to include more up-to-date data and information to better access the region's ability to hit its greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, which were last set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in 2018. That target — a reduction of 13% GHG below 2005 levels by 2035 — is forecast to be achievable for the region after the latest data was provided for the ABM.

Over the next several months, staff will be completing modeling efforts and providing information to the various committees and the public to help guide selection of the preferred scenario. Staff anticipates having several in-person and virtual public meetings in February, and to get guidance from the RTP Roundtable, SCS Subcommittee, TTC, and PAC in February and March, with the preferred scenario selection by the Fresno COG Policy Board at its March 2026 meeting. After the preferred scenario is selected, staff will develop an environmental impact report, in coordination with consultant LSA.

For more updates and information on the Fresno COG 2026 RTP/SCS, please visit planfresno.com

Action: Information. The Committee may provide additional direction at its discretion.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

About Consent Items:

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Information item. No action needed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Congratulations to the Fresno Region's three Federal Safe Streets For All awardees:

- City of Fresno Vision Zero Action Plan Supplemental Intersection Safety Audit
- Fresno COG: Fresno County Regional Safety Plan Update: Advancing Implementation-Ready Solutions
- Fresno County: Retroreflective Signage and Lighting Study & Improvement Plan

B. Items from Members

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

- None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps, Executive Director

Public:

Staff:

Mykia Byrd, Robert Phipps, Janelle Del Campo, Les Beshears, Simran Jhutti, Pankaj Joshi, Rachel Hellet, Blake Rincon.