



2025-26 Fresno COG One Voice Advocacy Trip

Regional Priorities Submittal Form

Submittal Deadline: Wed., 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: Manning Avenue Regional Corridor Safety Enhancement

Sponsoring agency: City of Parlier

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

The City of Parlier requests \$1,000,000 to fund the design phase of the Manning Avenue Regional Corridor Safety Enhancement (Phase 1) project. This project will enhance the safety and efficiency of this regionally significant arterial corridor by creating a dedicated and separated commuter facility for slow-moving traffic, which will reduce congestion and improve the flow of goods and people between two growing economic hubs.

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

Manning Avenue is the primary regional artery connecting the communities of Parlier, Reedley, Orange Cove, Raisin City, and San Joaquin to the State Route 99 and Interstate 5, which are two corridors of significant regional and statewide importance. Road traffic from all these communities must share this limited roadway space. On a daily basis, there are over 32,000 vehicles travelling on this corridor. Every day there are big rig diesels loaded with agricultural goods that must negotiate for limited roadway space with passenger vehicles commuting to school or work.

Parlier and Reedley are neighboring cities with lots of potential for shared economic growth, but that are physically separated by the Kings River and share Manning Avenue as the primary corridor for all movement of goods and people. Manning Avenue is the only means by which Parlier residents can directly access Reedley, and vice versa. By constructing a dedicated and separate lane for nonmotorized traffic, this project will make transportation between the two cities considerably safer, economical, functional, and efficient.

Individuals and families that share one vehicle for the household, or who may not have a vehicle at all, are at an economic disadvantage because there are limited options to access the economic, educational, and recreational opportunities of the region. This project will enable the local workforce to have the freedom to choose their preferred mode of transportation to access major regional employers and Reedley College without needing to increase the number of vehicles on the roadway.

Although Parlier and Reedley are served by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, there is only one inter-city transit route that connects the two cities, which only has three bus pick-up times for Parlier residents to travel from Parlier to Reedley and back. While the transit bus provides a vital service and is certainly relied upon by residents from both cities, it does not fully meet everyone's transportation needs. This Project will expand the transportation options available to our residents by providing a safe and separated facility that road users of all ages and abilities from both cities can utilize without fearing for their safety. Furthermore, once implemented, this transportation facility will require minimal maintenance and no additional federal operating subsidies, which will make regional transportation more affordable for both the road users and road operators.

With this Project, the City of Parlier and the City of Reedley will address gaps in our transportation network to address our region's limited affordable transportation options. The proposed facility will provide our residents with a convenient, functional, and safe means to access schools, places of worship, places of employment, shopping centers, civic services, and parks. Parlier and Reedley residents will have the freedom to choose a mode of transportation that best meets their needs without concern for their safety or wallet.

This project is a proactive safety measure to prevent traffic collisions on a corridor with limited transportation alternatives, thus ensuring that regional mobility is not a "risk-based" activity for residents.

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

This is project that the City of Parlier has been actively working for over three years towards securing the necessary funding to advance it forward. Phase 1 will be three miles long and will connect the cities of Parlier and Reedley.

Reedley is the primary regional center for post-secondary technical education (Reedley College) and essential services (hospital, DMV, banking). Conversely, Parlier is home to major regional employers such as Maxco and Sunwest. This project creates a dedicated, separated safe facility that allows the regional workforce to move between these two hubs without further congesting the vehicle lanes of Manning Avenue, thereby strengthening regional workforce development and economic productivity. Expanding transportation options allows Parlier residents to access resources and services not available in Parlier.

This new safe and convenient dedicated lane for slow moving commuter traffic will expand employment opportunities for Reedley residents because Parlier has regional employers, such as Maxco and Sunwest, that will become more easily accessible to the Reedley workforce.

Parlier and Reedley are strategic rural economic hubs where residents require reliable, cost-effective infrastructure to access regional employers and technical training. This project addresses a primary transportation safety bottleneck by separating commuter traffic from heavy commercial freight, ensuring the Manning Avenue corridor remains a safe and efficient transportation asset for regional growth.

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

The project is related to transportation, it expands transportation options for the region.

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.

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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