



**Transportation Technical Committee
MINUTES
Friday, February 13, 2026
8:30 AM**

The meeting was held at FCOG Sequoia Conference Room.

Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis
Jennifer Clark, City of Fresno
Jill Gormley, City of Fresno
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Daniel Galvez, City of Kingsburg
Nick Carcha, City of Mendota
Marilu Morales, City of Reedley
Stan Bulla, City of San Joaquin
Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Braden Duran, Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps, FCOG
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Mr. Burnett (City of Clovis), Chair.

I. OFFICER ELECTION

Action: ELECT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE 2026-2027 TERM:

1. CHAIR

Ms. Clark (City of Fresno) nominated Ryan Burnett (City of Clovis) for Chair, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) second.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

2. VICE CHAIR

Ms. Clark (City of Fresno) nominated Marilu Morales (City of Reedley) for Co-Chair.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of January 9, 2026 [APPROVE]

B. Member Appointments to the FCOG Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) (Harold Sobrado) [ACTION]

- C. Fiscal Year 2025-26 City of Fresno Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- D. Fiscal Year 2025-26 City of Reedley Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- E. Fiscal Year 2025-26 City of Parlier Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- F. Fiscal Year 2025-26 City of Sanger Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- G. Fiscal Year 2025-26 City of Kerman Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- H. Fiscal Year 2025-26 City of Clovis Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- I. Fiscal Year 2025-26 County of Fresno Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- J. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Preliminary Estimate (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
- K. Fiscal Year 2026-27 State Transit Assistance (STA) Preliminary Estimate (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
- L. Fiscal Year 2026-27 State of Good Repair (SGR) Preliminary Estimate (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
- M. Fiscal Year 2026-27 FCOG Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Kick-Off (Harold Sobrado) [INFORMATION]
- N. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Obligational Authority Quarterly Report (Blake Rincon) [INFORMATION]
- O. Regional Pavement Management System Update Contract Extension with NCE (Paul Herman) [ACTION]
- P. Fresno COG GIS Open Data Hub Release (Shichen Fan) [INFORMATION]
- Q. Q. Fresno County Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Analysis (CCAP-A) Assistance (Simran Jhutti) [INFORMATION]
- R. 2026 Performance Management Safety Performance Targets (Santosh Bhattarai) [ACTION]

Mr. Khorsand called for ITEM-Q. to be pulled for discussion.

Simran Jhutti (FCOG) presented on the Regional Climate Action Plan (CCAP). The Board approved CCAP A for submission to the EPA by July 1. Work with other jurisdictions will begin this summer and continue through September 2027.

Mr. Paladino called for corrections to the meeting minutes under OTHER ITEMS- Measure C. Staff acknowledged the concern and agreed to revise the minutes.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Paladino (Fresno Cycling Club) moved, and Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) seconded to approve the Transportation Consent Calendar Items, including the amendment to the meeting minutes as discussed.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2026-27 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget (Paul Herman) [ACTION]

Summary: The fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP), totaling \$17,899,508, is submitted for Board and public review. A summary memorandum is attached to this annotated report. The proposed budget decreased \$20,592,948 from last year's budget. The decrease is attributable to completion of one-time large grants. Operational revenues remain intact, reserves are adequate, and the agency continues to operate within the bounds of prudent management.

The largest part of the decrease, \$13,210,406, is attributed to anticipated project completion from the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) funds provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. A \$2,059,638 decrease in FHWA PL revenues reflects progress completed on the regional pavement management system. Other significant decreases were a \$1,422,678 decrease for purchases of vehicles under the FTA 5310 program and a \$1,152,086 decrease for work completed under the FHWA RIA Grant.

Federal revenues decreased a net of 30 percent or \$3,155,147, reflective of the above-mentioned progress on the regional pavement management system, vehicle procurements, and progress on the FHWA RIA Grant.

State revenues decreased 81 percent, \$13,500,310, primarily due to the above-mentioned REAP 2.0 grant.

Local revenues decreased 35 percent, \$3,937,491, resulting from the cash match from transit vehicle procurement.

Staff salaries and benefits decreased 4% and 1% respectively as staffing levels remain unchanged from last year. Contingencies are carried for merit-based salary increases as well as for anticipated health insurance increases.

The OWP and budget will return for final approval in April.

Action: Staff requests that the TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board release Fresno COG's draft 2026-27 Overall Work Program and budget for public review, with final approval scheduled for the April Board meeting.

Paul Herman (FCOG) reported on the OWP and budget.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) moved, and Ms. Morales (Reedley) seconded.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

B. FTA Section 5310 Recommended Projects for Funding Approval (Matthew Shimizu) [ACTION]

Summary: Fresno COG is the designated recipient of FTA Section 5310 program funds for Fresno County, which provides capital and operating assistance grants for projects that meet the transportation needs for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The funds may be used for projects where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate; that exceed the requirements of the ADA; that improve access to fixed-route service and that provide alternatives to public transportation.

In fall 2025, Fresno COG issued formal call-for-projects totaling \$1,741,617 in Fresno County Large Urban Area FTA Section 5310 funding. Staff received six applications requesting a total of \$3,188,081 to support vehicle purchases and operating expenses. Of this amount, \$3,014,081 was requested for capital expenditure and \$174,000 for operating expenses. Additional details are provided in the attached FY 2024/25 FTA Section 5310 recommended funding spreadsheet.

A scoring committee comprising staff from Fresno COG, Clovis Transit, and Fresno Area Express evaluated the applications and developed the attached funding recommendations. Of the six applications received, three were recommended for full funding and two were recommended for partial funding.

Action: Fresno COG staff, the Section 5310 Scoring Committee, and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee request that the TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board award \$1,741,617 in FTA Section 5310 program funds for vehicle purchases and operating expenses, as outlined in the attached FY 2024/25 FTA Section 5310 recommended funding spreadsheet.

Matthew Shimizu (FCOG) reported on the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Funding.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Clark (City of Fresno) moved, and Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) seconded.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed

C. Fresno COG 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Draft Scenario Selection Process (Paul Herman/Santosh Bhattarai) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG originally envisioned five potential land use scenarios for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). After receiving more than 2,800 transportation project requests from member agencies through the quadrennial call-for-projects, Fresno COG developed land use and transportation files unique to the five scenarios.

Each scenario was modeled and computed for 2035, consistent with the guidelines set by California Air Resource Board (CARB). Fresno COG worked with the SCS Subcommittee to finalize the 12 performance indicators (land use and transportation measures) for this round of the SCS. Staff will be presenting the scenarios' modeling results, along with the performance indicators, and recommending a preferred scenario to the SCS subcommittee in February.

Staff will also conduct a public survey and host formal workshops to present the modeling results and performance indicators to the public. The scenario the SCS Subcommittee selects will go through the RTP/SCS Roundtable in March. Staff will then present the scenarios and recommend the preferred scenario to the TTC/PAC and the Policy Board in March for the final selection. The selected SCS scenario will then be modeled for the environmental impact report and RTP/SCS horizon year 2049.

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

Paul Herman and Santosh Bhattarai (FCOG) reported on the RTP/SCS Draft Scenario Selection Process.

Committee members expressed appreciation for staff's thorough analysis and responsiveness throughout the SCS Subcommittee process, particularly regarding model recalibration efforts.

This item was informational. No action was required.

D. Fresno Metropolitan Light Rail Feasibility Study Consultant Selection (Paul Herman) [ACTION]

Summary: Fresno COG, in partnership with the City of Fresno/Fresno Area Express, received a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant in FY 2025-26 to conduct the Fresno Metropolitan Light-Rail Feasibility Study. The study will analyze the potential for a light-rail system in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA), primarily connecting major activity centers and neighborhoods within the FCMA such as the future California High-Speed Rail station, downtown Fresno, colleges, universities and K-12 schools, commercial and retail corridors, offices and industrial districts, and the Fresno Yosemite International Airport. The study will include an analysis of prior studies, existing transit networks, capital, and operational cost estimation, as well as a robust public engagement plan.

In October 2025, Fresno COG issued a request for proposals (RFP) seeking consultants for the study and formed a scoring committee to review and score the proposals. Staff received four proposals. The scoring committee, comprising representatives from the City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express (FAX), and Fresno COG, selected AECOM as the highest scoring proposer. AECOM is a leading global infrastructure consulting firm that provides professional services for planning, design, engineering, and construction management for major transportation projects and programs.

This study is expected to be concluded by January 2028.

Action: Staff requests that the TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board authorize the executive director to enter a contract with AECOM for the Fresno Metropolitan Light Rail Feasibility Study for \$758,297.

Paul Herman (FCOG) reported on the Fresno Metropolitan Light Rail Feasibility Study Contract.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Clark (City of Fresno) moved, and Ms. Morales (Reedley) seconded.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Robert Phipps (FCOG) apologized for parking issues.

Ms. Clark (City of Fresno), the City of Fresno is now managing downtown parking garages directly and working on improvements to cleaning, security, and facilities.

B. Items from Members

Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) asked about the impact of federal greenhouse gas rule changes on local projects.

Robert Phipps (FCOG) stated it is too early to determine, noting California is developing its own regulations and outcomes may depend on court decisions or future policy.

Braden Duran (Caltrans) provided updates on Caltrans programs, funding, and upcoming grants, including SB1 and the Active Transportation Program. He also announced the Caltrans DBE Small Business Summit on March 4 in Fresno.

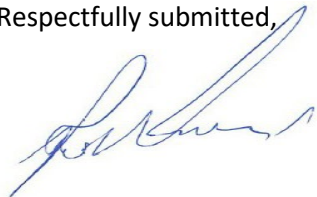
V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps, Executive Director

Public:

Staff:

Mykia Byrd, Robert Phipps, Paul Herman, Janelle Del Campo, Simran Jhutti, Matthew Shimizu, Santosh Bhattarai.