



## **2011 “One Voice” Participants**

**Amarpreet Dhaliwal**, Mayor, City of San Joaquin, Fresno COG Policy Board Chair

**Phil Larson**, Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor, District 1

**Judy Case**, Chair, Fresno County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor, District 3

**Gabriel Jimenez**, Mayor, City of Orange Cove

**Joshua Mitchell**, Mayor, City of Sanger

**Glenda Hill**, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Orange Cove

**Nathan Magsig**, Councilmember, City of Clovis

**Daniel Parra**, Councilmember, City of Fowler

**Andreas Borgeas**, Councilmember, City of Fresno

**Anita Betancourt**, Councilmember, City of Reedley

**Jeffrey T. Roberts**, Board Member, Granville Homes, Representing the Building Industry Association

**Lydia Zabrycki**, Director of Business Partnering, Quad Knopf

**Jason Paul**, Science and Environmental Group Manager, Kleinfelder

**Dr. G. Gary Manross**, Ph.D. Chairman/CEO, Strategy Research Institute

**Kendall Groom**, Board of Directors, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

**Tony Boren**, Executive Director, Council of Fresno County Governments

**Ed Dunkel**, Chairman, Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County

**Preston Prince**, Executive Director, Housing Authorities

**Kirk Hunter**, Rural Public Member at Large, Fresno County Transportation Authority

**Brian Angus**, Executive Director, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corporation

**Walt Plachta**, Branch Manager, BSK Associates

**Frank Franco**, Business Liaison, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corporation

**Debbie Hunsaker**, President, Alert-o-Lite

**Jose Antonio Ramirez**, City Manager, City of Firebaugh

**Rocky Rogers**, City Manager, City of Reedley

**Brian Haddix**, City Manager, City of Sanger

**Lee Ann Eager**, Vice President of Business Relations, Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County

**Mark Garza**, Director of Construction and Modernization, Kings Canyon Unified

**Noe Martinez**, City Engineer, City of Reedley

**Steve Wright**, Chief of Police, City of Reedley

**Katie Stevens**, Government Affairs Manager, City of Fresno

**Lacey Kiriakou**, Director, Federal Government Relations, University of California, Merced

**Anthony Ratekin**, Office of Congressman Devin Nunes

**Matt Leedy**, Government Relations Analyst, Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board

**Barbara Steck**, Deputy Director, Council of Fresno County Governments

**Melissa Garza**, Planner, Council of Fresno County Governments

**Marla Day**, Executive Assistant, Council of Fresno County Governments

# Never Give Up! Fresno Countywide Gang Prevention Initiative

Total Project Funding Need: \$10 million



## PROJECT NEED:

- Fresno County's gang population continues to grow. Today there are **220** identified gangs in Fresno County with approximately **23,000** validated gang members including associations with federal prison gangs.
- Fresno County's gang population represents **five** times the national average per capita.
- **Thirty percent** of violent crimes (homicides, aggravated assaults, robberies and rapes) are committed by gang members in the county.
- **Sixty percent** of violent crimes and auto thefts, larcenies, and burglaries committed in the county are gang-related.

## RECIPIENT:

County of Fresno

## CONTACT:

Debra McKenzie, MBA  
Gang Task Force/Interagency Coordinator  
Fresno County Administrative Office  
559.600.1710  
559.600.1234 direct line  
dmckenzie@co.fresno.ca.us



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A multi-faceted approach to decreasing gang violence and involvement is imperative and would include evidence-based techniques involving: Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression.

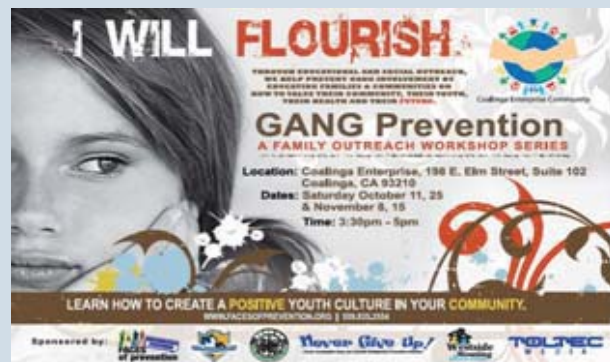


The funding requested in this proposal will provide the resources necessary to institute an enhanced version of the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model. It is a nationally accepted comprehensive and collaborative approach designed to prevent and reduce youth gang violence.

The program is shelf ready and has been piloted nationally by OJJDP in five sites and replicated in over 22 additional sites across the country. The five core strategies are as follows:

- (1) community mobilization
- (2) social intervention
- (3) opportunities
- (4) suppression
- (5) organizational change

The first phase of the model, an assessment, has been completed and it, as well as a strategic plan, is slated to be published later this year. It is through established partnerships that the program components will be outlined and instituted over three years.



# Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements

## Total Project Funding Need: \$50 million

### PROJECT NEED:

Advancing the economic development potential of the Golden State Corridor by transforming a community vision for the area into a robust, comprehensive infrastructure project, complete with environmental approvals and preliminary engineering design. The proposed infrastructure improvements will combine the economic development vision of three rural cities, Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg as well as the County of Fresno, creating a powerful economic synergy along an underutilized and deteriorating industrial and commercial corridor.

By designing the Golden State Corridor as a single sub-regional facility plan, each of the three small communities will be able to plan for a potential Transit Oriented Development hub providing higher density mixed-use development that will reduce vehicle trips, and add an energizing element to each of the cities' historic downtown cores.

### RECIPIENT:

Fresno Council of Governments

### CONTACT:

Tony Boren  
Executive Director  
Fresno Council of Governments  
(559) 233-4148  
tboren@fresnocog.org



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure Improvement Project has advanced from an initial Community Vision document to its current phase, which includes Planning Design Guidelines, Cost Estimates, 30% Engineering Design and Environmental Documents, all slated for completion in 2011.

The project combines a unifying planning document, a bus rapid transit corridor, regional air quality improvements, water conservation and reuse strategies, and strategic transportation improvements to a 14 mile section of Historic US Highway 99, once known as California's Main Street. The historic Golden State

Corridor continues north, from the current project limits, to the City of Fresno's downtown and future High Speed Rail station.

The project will stimulate job growth and development of the numerous vacant parcels along the corridor, which is adjacent to the important California State Route 99 (SR 99) and the Union Pacific Railroad transportation routes. The



three cities provide available housing and city services to support a jobs/housing balance, and Golden State Boulevard itself will contain both bicycle and future bus transit routes. All this will serve to reduce average daily vehicle trips, improving the San Joaquin Valley's air quality.

Transportation improvements are designed to improve safety and mobility along the corridor and will include a connecting bike trail, traffic signals,

traffic channelization, additional turning lanes, railroad crossing grade protection, landscape and hardscape improvements, signage, and way finding. The Corridor serves an important regional safety need as the detour route used when SR 99 faces lane closures from accidents, common in the winter fog.

The current need is for \$3 million, which will provide funding for one half of the cost for final engineering plans and construction documents, allowing the project to be put out to bid in various phases. The balance of the design cost will be provided from local funds.

Future construction funding for the Golden State Corridor has been secured as a Regional Program Tier 1 project in Fresno County's local Measure C Transportation Sales Tax Measure.



# State Route 180 East

**Total Project Funding Need: \$34 million**

## PROJECT NEED:

This vital corridor will ultimately connect the Sierra Nevada Foothills on the East to Interstate 5 on the West, providing a crucial link to boost economic development and efficient transportation. It will provide improved access to both Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks and other nationally recognized recreational areas, and will accommodate increased safe traffic flows vital for the much needed future economic and commercial development within the eastern Fresno County region.

Completion of 180 East will also enhance agricultural based farm-to-market shipping opportunities for the region, relieving highly congested State Route 99 of truck traffic, and assisting in air pollution control by moving traffic away from the metropolitan area.

## RECIPIENT:

City of Sanger

## CONTACT:

Tony Boren  
Executive Director  
Fresno Council of Governments  
(559) 233-4148 X204  
tboren@fresnocog.org



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Completion of construction of the segment of State Route 180 East from Trimmer Springs to Frankwood Avenue, consisting of a four lane divided expressway. This segment of the project will extend improvements by adding 3.2 miles of four lane divided expressway. This highly anticipated expressway project will provide improved access to the smaller cities in southeast Fresno County.

Almost 100,000 people live near this portion of 180 East. Ten percent of those people travel portions of the roadway each day. Truck traffic constitutes 12% of total traffic in the area, making truck traffic on this segment of 180 East higher than the Statewide average.

State Route 180, once improved, will enhance the economies of Eastern Fresno County cities, by improving their ability to import raw materials and export finished products. This portion of the County produces an abundance of products, ranging from agriculture to advanced telecommunication and other electronic components. However, transporting

these production outputs to ultimate markets presents a challenge, due to inadequate and sometimes dangerous connecting roadways.



# Veterans Boulevard and State Route 99 Interchange

**Total Project Funding Need: \$110 million**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The development of Veterans Boulevard and the Freeway Interchange at State Route 99 located in the northwest region of Fresno, California, Identified as the “Northwest Gateway to Fresno”.

Although Fresno County’s local Measure C Transportation Sales Tax Measure earmarks funds for construction of this project, funding is needed for final engineering design, plans, specifications, and estimates, and the right-of-way work for development of the Veterans Boulevard Freeway Interchange at State Route 99. Veterans Boulevard is planned as a new 6-lane super-arterial roadway which includes

## PROJECT NEED:

- The region west of State Route 99 is expected to grow by more than 35% over the next 25 years
- Central Unified School District is constructing new schools to keep up with the population growth at a rate of 1 new facility every 2 years
- The project will significantly improve regional mobility, reduce vehicle congestion, and traffic conflicts as residential and commercial expansion continues in the northwest area over the next several years
- The construction of Veterans Boulevard will improve traffic circulation and the Interchange at State Route 99 will improve the regional mobility for commuters and the distribution of goods and services
- There are earmarked matching funds established for the construction through the local Measure C Transportation Sales Tax Measure

## RECIPIENT:

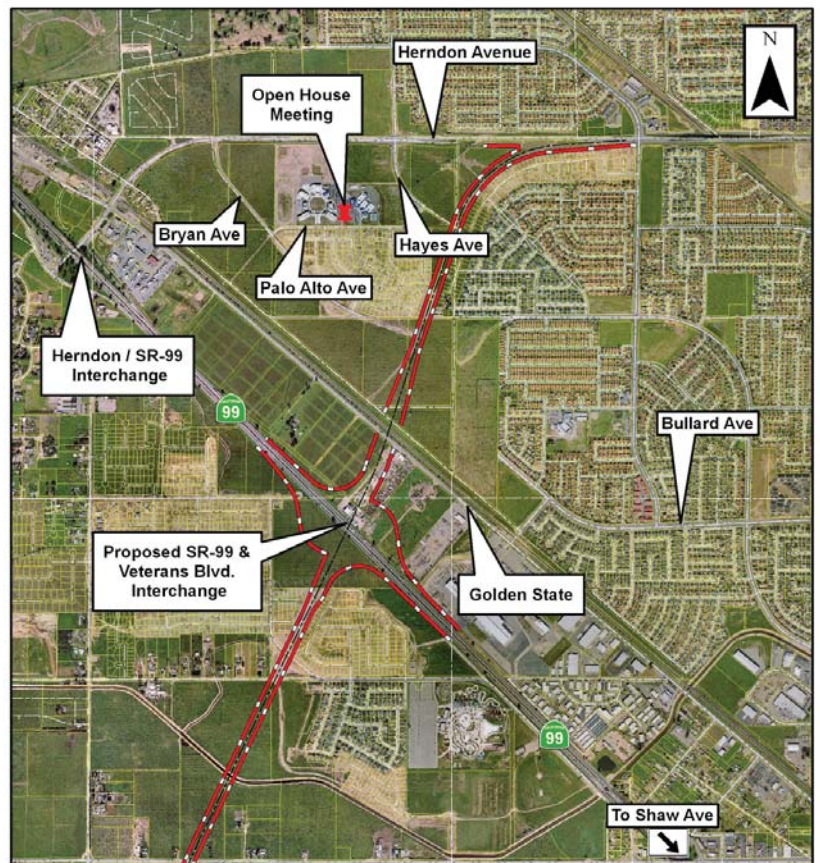
City of Fresno

## CONTACT:

Bruce Rudd, Assistant City Manager  
City of Fresno  
(559) 621-7770  
bruce.rudd@fresno.gov

bridges over State Route 99, Golden State Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The interchange is a critical element to reduce congestion at the Shaw Avenue/State Route 99 and the Herndon Avenue/State Route 99 interchanges. This project will also alleviate growing traffic concerns as development continues to expand in the northwest region of Fresno County. Economic Development will be enhanced by the creation/retention of potentially 425 jobs related to design, engineering, planning and project construction.

## Veterans Blvd/SR-99 Interchange



# Regional Data Interoperability Project

**Total Project Funding Need: \$8.6 million**

## **PROJECT NEED:**

Regional first responders use several radio communication frequency ranges which are not always compatible. Mobile and Fixed Radio installations needed to meet the FCC narrow band mandate will allow direct communication between agency staff without using a dispatch center to interpret because the new radios can be configured to work on VHF, UHF and/or other popular frequency bands. This is a major improvement over older non-narrow band compliant equipment, reducing the total radio count needed and long term ongoing costs.

First responders in the County of Fresno and 47 first response agencies across multiple jurisdictions and disciplines, including the law enforcement agencies in 15 cities, fire districts and emergency medical services can utilize the acquisition vehicles and research information acquired in Phase I and II.

## **RECIPIENT:**

County of Fresno

## **CONTACT:**

Jeanette Ishii, Economic Development  
Coordinator  
County of Fresno  
(559) 600-1232  
jishii@co.fresno.ca.us



## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Our goal is to continue our efforts to provide true interoperability between regional law enforcement, ambulance, agriculture, and fire while meeting the FCC mandated narrow band changes. The mandated changes to narrow banding have made a major portion of our Interoperability infrastructure obsolete after December 31, 2012. The majority of mobile, portable and fixed base radio units will not meet the FCC mandate and must be taken off the air after the mandate deadline.

This project preserves the established communications infrastructure and further improves interoperability by exploiting the new multi-band technology in portable radios. The project has two central themes, first the mobile and portable radio units carried by first responders. Next, the radio network infrastructure which must be upgraded to meet the FCC narrow band requirements. The two themes must be implemented concurrently to keep the communications infrastructure usable for law enforcement and emergency services during the upgrade.

## **STATUS:**

The project has five phases, the first being to identify replacement radios and secure acquisition channels for both network and portable radios, which is completed. Phase II, which is nearly completed, is to identify funding sources both within and outside the Region, establish the ability to lease certain radio resources and complete the contractual relationships necessary for the project. Phase III began in January 2011 requiring the initial purchase of both portable and fixed radio equipment and their installation. It will be completed on June 30, 2011. Phase IV which begins on July 1, 2011 and runs through June 30, 2010 covers the second purchase of hardware and installation. Phase V starts on July 1, 2012 and ends on June 30, 2013 and covers the final purchase of hardware, installation and the start of ongoing maintenance and support.

# Manning Avenue Bridge

## Replacement of bridge over the Kings River

**Total Project Funding Need: \$18 million**



### PROJECT NEED:

Manning Avenue is the only major thoroughfare connecting the Fresno Metropolitan Area to the furthest eastern county cities and as such is relied upon to handle commuters and the goods movement related traffic generated from the agricultural-related industry sectors heavily concentrated within the area which export to national and global markets. Traffic volumes are over 25,000 vehicles per day.

In 2004 Caltrans rated the Manning Bridge as structurally deficient, determining that the portion of bridge built in 1929 must be removed and replaced, and the structure built in 1972 requires extensive retrofit to meet today's standards.

### RECIPIENT:

City of Reedley

### CONTACT:

Noe Martinez  
(559) 637-4200 X221  
noe.martinez@reedley.ca.gov

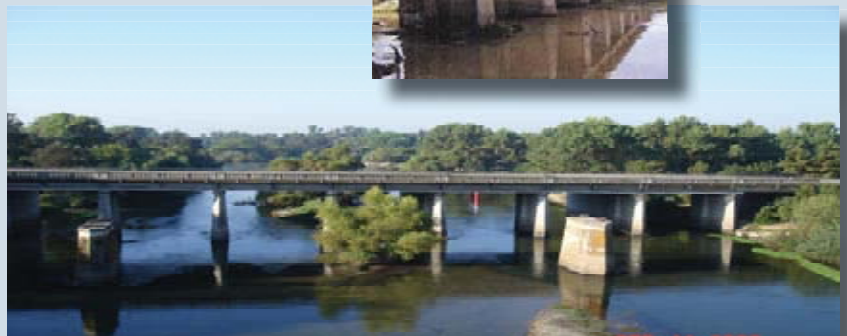
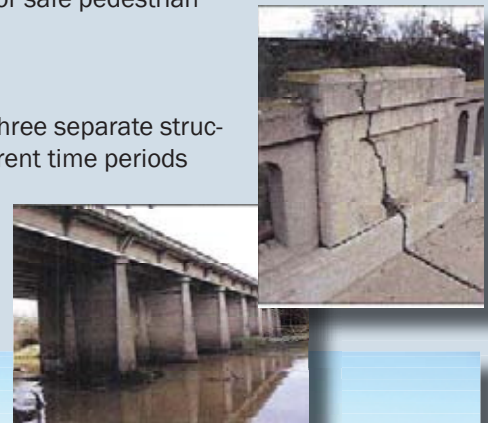
### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Manning Avenue bridge project includes the removal of two bridges and the construction of a new single bridge. It will have raised sidewalks separated from traffic, lighting, and accommodations for a future bike trail under the east end of the bridge.

To correct current driving safety concerns from substandard roadway super elevation, a slight realignment of both the bridge and the approach roadways is required as well as the construction of approximately 1,500 feet of sidewalk for safe pedestrian access.

### PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The current bridge consists of three separate structures constructed in three different time periods for widening purposes. The oldest structure which served as the original crossing facility was constructed in 1929



at 680 feet long. The first widening occurred in 1952 to provide an additional 13.5 feet of width. The second widening occurred in 1974 to provide an additional 50.5 feet of width resulting in a total width of 89 feet for what is now the existing 4-lane roadway.

The existing bridge structure includes a raised asphalt median island which houses city sewer and water mains. A natural gas main and telephone lines also hang on the north side of the bridge.



# Fresno High-Speed Rail Station & Multi-Modal Center

**Total Estimated Project Funding Need:  
\$50 million**

## PROJECT NEED:

- The California High Speed Rail Authority has determined the first segment for construction to be a portion of the route between Bakersfield and Merced. Therefore, the Fresno High Speed Rail (HSR) Multi-Modal Station construction is necessary to begin HSR services from the San Joaquin Valley. Segment construction commences September of 2012
- A Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Facility is needed for the expected growth in Central California for the next 20-40 years
- Economic Development will be enhanced by the creation of a minimum of 2500 new jobs related to the design, engineering, planning and construction of the Downtown Fresno HSR Station and connecting local tracks, necessary to mitigate the current rate of up to 40% unemployment
- Completion of a Downtown Fresno Station and California HSR system is necessary for the mitigation of adverse air quality and highway congestion affecting the Central San Joaquin Valley
- The project will significantly improve regional mobility, reduce vehicle congestion, and decrease traffic conflicts as residential, commercial, and economic expansion continues in the area

**RECIPIENT:** City of Fresno

## CONTACT:

Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno  
Assistant City Manager  
(559) 621-7770  
bruce.rudd@fresno.gov



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The development of a Regional/Downtown Fresno High Speed Rail and Multi Modal Station along the Union Pacific corridor between Ventura and Stanislaus Streets located in Downtown Fresno, CA.

To fund the Project Approval Report, project level environmental documents, preliminary design, preliminary right of way work, and ROW and land acquisition and Planning for a new Multi-Modal High Speed Rail Station located in Downtown Fresno.

The Fresno Downtown Station is a critical element to the success of the revitalization of Downtown Fresno and meeting the transportation needs of the fastest growing region in California. The Fresno Multi-Modal transportation center will support long-range economic competitiveness for the region and the San Joaquin Valley.

This project will also serve to mitigate the severe air quality issues that plague the region as the Central San Joaquin Valley continues to expand in population.

High Speed Rail Station Conceptual View



High Speed Rail Station Conceptual View  
With Transit-oriented Development



# Academy Avenue South Sanger Phase II

**Total Project Funding Need: \$15 million**

## PROJECT NEED:

As State Route 180 East nears completion, Academy Avenue will play a major role in effectively accommodating vehicle traffic in and around the southeast region of Fresno County. However, because this segment of the project is not currently funded, the result of not widening this segment will be a bottle-neck in this crucial Southeast Fresno roadway.

The completion of this segment of Academy Avenue will increase the safety of travelers, and promote reduced automobile emissions, due to reduced travel times between destinations.

## RECIPIENT:

City of Sanger

## CONTACT:

John Mulligan  
Deputy Public Works Director  
City of Sanger  
559-876-6300, X1210  
jmulligan@ci.sanger.ca.us



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project proposes the right-of-way acquisition along Academy Avenue between 11th Street and North Avenue within the city limits of the City of Sanger, to accommodate future improvements to Academy Avenue.

The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning has been working on improvements to Academy Avenue from State Route 180 to Mountain View Avenue for a few years. While the majority of the project falls within Fresno County authority, certain segments are located within incorporated areas of the City of Sanger and the City of Parlier. The cities involved are responsible to take care of the right-of-way (ROW) issues within their respective city limits.

Due to the overall potential ROW costs, the City of Sanger and Fresno County decided to phase the Academy Avenue project within the city limits of Sanger. All the ROW and design for the first phase has been completed and the construction will begin soon.

The second phase, 11th Street to North Avenue, includes a more extensive mix of properties, both commercial and residential that is far more costly and has subsequently delayed the project. The resulting delay will effectively result in a section of Academy Avenue to not be improved and widened to match the other sections of the entire Academy Avenue Corridor project. This will create a "bottleneck" on the otherwise improved Academy Avenue. Therefore, the City of Sanger is actively seeking funding to acquire the ROW required to start the second phase within the City limits.



## **One Voice History**

In 2003, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) decided to undertake a “One Voice” effort seeking federal and/or state funding for projects of broad community-wide benefit within Fresno County. The goal was to assemble a public-private delegation, select prioritized projects, and then visit our Congressional and federal departmental representatives in Washington, D. C. to pursue funding and grant opportunities. The Fresno COG proposed this as an annual effort and has made a similar effort at the State level in Sacramento.

The message we heard during each of our visits to Washington, D.C. was that we were welcomed and encouraged to return and to continue communications, building upon the broad-based coalition we were assembling. The “One Voice” approach is positively recognized and viewed as a means of assisting our federal representatives identify, prioritize and shepherd much needed projects through the federal budget process. No accomplishments in connection with “One Voice” activities would be possible without the outstanding leadership of the Fresno COG congressional delegation.

Although the “One Voice” effort does not represent the sole advocacy for the Fresno region (Fresno County, individual cities and other public authorities pursue important objectives in Washington as well), it does provide an opportunity to give special focus to a core group of projects around which the broadest group within the county can unite.



**Fresno Council  
of Governments**

Fresno Council of Governments  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721  
559-233-4148  
[www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org)