

San Joaquin Valley Project-Level Conformity Working Group

Project-level Conformity Determination for Right-Turn Pocket on Merced Street at 7th Street Intersection Project, City of Fowler, Fresno County

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.

Attendees

- SJV AQ Coordinator (Trinity Consultants): Alex Marcucci, Suriya Vallamsundar
- City of Fowler Consultant (Peters Engineering Group): Will Washburn
- FCOG: Matthew Shimizu, Ofelia Abundez
- Caltrans HQ: Rodney Tavitas, Erika Vaca, Erika Espinosa Araiza
- D6: Maya Hildebrandt, Ken Romero, Javier Almaguer
- EPA: Karina O'Connor, Lindsay Wickersham

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

Commencing the meeting, AQ Coordinator provided opening remarks and conducted a roll call to establish the attendance of all participants.

2. Review of Non-Exempt Projects for Project-Level Conformity Determination

- Introductions and Project Overview: AQ Coordinator introduced the project in Fresno County that requires a conformity determination - *Right-Turn Pocket on Merced Street at the Intersection with 7th Street in the City of Fowler*. This project is being funded through the CMAQ program.
- Public Comment Period: FCOG informed the group that all project-level materials were available for public review on the COG website from May 2 -May 8, 2024. No comments were received during the designated public comment period. No comments were received from IAC partners during the draft conformity review.
- Project Presentation: Will Washburn, representing the City of Fowler, presented project details and the reasoning behind the proposed project-level conformity determination. Since this is an interchange configuration project that involves turn slots and no traffic increase is expected, the City of Fowler concluded that this project is not a POAQC.

3. Discussion

No comments or questions were received from the attendees.

4. Determination

EPA and Caltrans concurred that the project is not a POAQC.

5. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

AQ Coordinator informed the group that the final hot spot materials and meeting minutes will be posted to FCOG website. FCOG will then send a final email to IAC documenting concurrences received. Next project-level conformity meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024.