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With Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

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Title VI: FCOG Program Checklist

General Requirements (Chapter III)

- ☒ Title VI Notice to the Public, including a list of locations where the notice is posted
- ☒ Title VI Complaint Procedures (i.e., instructions to the public regarding how to file a Title VI discrimination complaint)
- ☒ Title VI Complaint Form
- ☒ List of transit-related Title VI investigations, complaints, and lawsuits
- ☒ Public Participation Plan, including information about outreach methods to engage minority and limited English proficient populations (LEP), as well as a summary of outreach efforts made since the last Title VI Program submission
- ☒ Language Assistance Plan for providing language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP), based on the DOT LEP Guidance
- ☒ A table depicting the membership of non-elected committees and councils, the membership of which is selected by the recipient, broken down by race, and a description of the process the agency uses to encourage the participation of minorities on such committees
- ☒ Primary recipients shall include a description of how the agency monitors its subrecipients for compliance with Title VI, and a schedule of subrecipient Title VI Program submissions
- ☒ A Title VI equity analysis if the recipient has constructed a facility, such as a vehicle storage facility, maintenance facility, operation center, etc.
- ☒ A copy of board meeting minutes, resolution, or other appropriate documentation showing the board of directors or appropriate governing entity or official(s) responsible for policy decisions reviewed and approved the Title VI Program. For State DOT's, the appropriate governing entity is the State's Secretary of Transportation or equivalent. The approval must occur prior to submission to FTA.
- ☒ Additional information as specified in chapters IV, V, and VI, depending on whether the recipient is a transit provider, a State, or a planning entity

Requirements of MPOs (Chapter VI)

- ☒ All requirements set out in Chapter III (General Requirements)
- ☒ Demographic profile of the metropolitan area
- ☒ A description of the procedures by which the mobility needs of minority populations are identified and considered within the planning process
- ☒ Demographic maps that show the impacts of the distribution of State and Federal funds in the aggregate for public transportation projects

- ☒ Analysis of the MPO's transportation system investments that identifies and addresses any disparate impacts
- ☒ Description of the procedures the agency uses to ensure nondiscriminatory pass-through of FTA financial assistance (if requested)
- ☒ Description of the procedures the agency uses to provide assistance to potential subrecipients in a nondiscriminatory manner (if requested)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have had a longstanding policy of actively ensuring nondiscrimination in federally funded activities under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. In recent years, a renewed emphasis on Title VI issues and environmental justice has become a more integral focus of the transportation planning and programming process. This document establishes a framework for Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) efforts to ensure compliance with Title VI and related statutes regarding nondiscriminatory delivery of services and benefits under federally funded programs or activities.

Fresno COG is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or discriminated against under its projects, programs or activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age, as provided in the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and 49 United States Code Section 5332. This document was prepared by Fresno COG consistent with FTA Circular 4702.1B, dated October 1, 2012.

Governance and the Board

Fresno COG is a consensus builder, developing programs and solutions to issues that do not respect political boundaries. In 1967, incorporated cities and Fresno County elected officials established the agency, formalizing Fresno COG through a joint powers agreement. Fresno COG is a voluntary association of local governments. The agency undertakes comprehensive regional planning with an emphasis on transportation, provides citizens an opportunity to be involved in the planning process and supplies technical service to its members.

Fresno COG's member agencies are represented on its Policy Board by the mayor of each incorporated city and the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, or designated representatives. The Policy Board is a governing body that establishes policy and guides work activities. It is assisted in making decisions by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), comprising the Chief Administrative Officer of each member agency, or their designated representatives. Staff from member agencies, tribal governments, interest groups and industry stakeholders comprise the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC), which also assists in the decision-making process.

The Fresno COG has a 'double-weighted' voting system, with each member having a singular agency vote, and a percentage weight based upon population. To approve any action the vote must pass two tests:

- 1) Agencies representing over 40 percent of the population must be in favor of an action, and
- 2) A majority of all the members must support the action; that is, at least nine of the sixteen members.

Fresno County Population

Jurisdiction	2024 Population	Percentage Share
Clovis	126,133	12.5%
Coalinga	17,107	1.7%
Firebaugh	8,415	0.8%
Fowler	7,367	0.7%
Fresno	546,971	54%
Huron	6,348	0.6%
Kerman	17,256	1.7%
Kingsburg	13,042	1.3%
Mendota	12,531	1.2%
Orange Cove	9,516	0.9%
Parlier	14,368	1.4%
Reedley	25,653	2.5%
Sanger	26,357	2.6%
San Joaquin	3,616	0.4%
Selma	24,371	2.4%
Balance of County	158,380	15.7%
Total Fresno County	1,010,914	100.00%

**Source: Estimates-E1 (Department of Finance) Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State — January 1, 2023 and 2024*

Major Functions

Transportation Planning: These tasks are conducted in compliance with both federal and state requirements, generated by COG's designation as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Fresno County. As such, FCOG is responsible for regularly updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which sets forth development policies 25 years into the future for highways, transit systems, air transportation, rail transportation, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and for developing an accompanying Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) required by California State Senate Bill 375 (SB 375). Fresno COG's most recent RTP/SCS was adopted in July 2022 for a plan period through 2046. The RTP/SCS seeks to support the region's Blueprint growth vision. It focuses on a more compact growth pattern; improving roadway safety and maintenance; investing in new options for walking, biking and transit; preserving agricultural land and productivity, and; connecting transportation and land-use planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure public dollars are used efficiently.

The Draft 2026 RTP financially constrained list of projects has yet to be completed but is scheduled to be adopted in June 2026. The most recent, finalized project totals in the table below reflect the project distribution per mode, categorized by percentage of total dollar amount and percentage of total projects from the adopted 2022 RTP.

2022 RTP Revenues Programmed by Transportation Mode

Total Dollars		Number of Projects		
Project Type	Dollar Amount*	Percentage	Numbers	Percentage
Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$1,041,595,000	17%	424**	22%
Streets & Roads Capacity Increasing	\$1,629,648,000	27%	325	16%
Streets & Roads Maintenance & Operations	\$2,327,477,000	39%	1124**	57%
Transit	\$1,025,837,000	17%	106	5%
TOTAL	\$6,024,557,000	100%	1979	100%
*Estimated to the \$1,000's				
**Multi-Modal Projects: Of the total 1979 projects, the following project types were also a multi-mode to other projects listed as another project type: Bicycle & Pedestrian – 199, Streets/Roads – Maintenances/Operations – 9				

Measure C: In 1986, Fresno County voters approved Measure C, a 1/2-cent sales tax for transportation purposes. The COG is required by statute to prepare a Measure C Expenditure Plan and, in 2006, the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan. The plans are prepared in close consultation and coordination with the cities, the County, Caltrans and the Fresno County Transportation Authority (administrators of the 1/2-cent tax) and various other community stakeholder groups.

Air Quality Planning: Fresno County does not meet the federally required standards for clean air. Therefore, strategies for transportation management are important. Fresno COG continually works with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to achieve cleaner air through transportation planning.

Computerized Transportation Simulation Models: These models aid in providing base information relevant to general plans, circulation elements, and air quality analysis. This tool also predicts travel demand (transit and vehicles on streets) and congestion on existing and planned streets and freeways.

COG's Traffic Monitoring Program: This program provides consistent data on countywide traffic. Selected sites are monitored through traffic counts, which Fresno COG and its member agencies use to determine traffic volumes to support the transportation model.

Fund Administration: MAP-21 restructured core highway formula programs that played a major role in previous RTPs' financial forecasts. The FAST Act continued those changes. Activities under some existing formula programs – such as the National Highway System Program, the Interstate Maintenance Program, the Highway Bridge Program and the Transportation Enhancement Program were incorporated into the following new core formula program structure:

- National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP Railway-Highway Crossings (set-aside from HSIP)
- Metropolitan Planning

The FAST Act replaced the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) under MAP-21 with a set-aside of funds under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program to pay for transportation alternatives (TA). These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as: pedestrian and bicycle facilities; recreational trails; Safe Routes to Schools projects; community improvements, such as historic preservation and vegetation management and; environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

Fresno COG actively engages in all FAST Act implementation discussions and collaborates with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission (CTC), local agencies, FHWA and other interested parties, to ensure that MPO input is provided.

Transportation Development Act administration concerns two types of funds: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), derived from a portion of state sales tax that comes back to local government for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, or streets and roads, and the State Transit Assistance Fund (STA), derived from a portion of the motor vehicle fuel sales tax, that supports public transportation services. Both funds are apportioned to member agencies on a population basis, though some of the STA funds are apportioned directly to transit operators based on their fare box revenues.

Rideshare Program: Fresno COG's Ridesharing agency hosts a website at www.valleyrides.com. The site provides free commuter matching for those interested in carpooling or vanpooling in/from Fresno County. The program assists employers in setting up commute alternative programs for their employees, and they support and promote transportation options such as transit, bicycling and telecommuting.

Areawide Grant Application Clearinghouse: Fresno COG serves as a clearinghouse for federal grant applications that are reviewed to determine if proposals would duplicate activities of other agencies and assure there is no conflict with locally adopted plans and policies. The COG does not have the authority to approve or disapprove grants, but does forward its recommendations through the State Clearinghouse and on to the federal funding agency.

Member Agency Assistance: Fresno COG provides specialized technical assistance to member agencies, particularly those with limited staff and financial resources. These services have included fiscal management and computer applications support, traffic engineering studies, technical and/or special planning studies, and partnering as a grant co applicant.

Housing Planning: Fresno COG is involved in housing planning, aiding members with required State Housing Element compliance, most commonly associated with the Regional Needs Housing Allocation (RHNA) process. In 2015-16, Fresno COG also acted as the project coordinator for the region's first Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update, in which 13 of the 16 member agencies elected to coordinate their respective Housing Elements into one document. The next update to the document will begin in 2020.

Freeway Service Patrol: Fresno COG, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol implement a Freeway Service Patrol along Freeways 41, 99, 168 and 180 through the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area. A private tow truck company is contracted to patrol Monday through Friday during morning and evening commute hours, providing either free on-the-spot quick-fixes or towing services to stranded motorists.

Fresno COG's One Voice: Fresno COG's advocacy effort unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds annually for regionally significant projects.

For more detailed information related to programs and projects, please see the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget at: [Overall Work Program \(OWP\) - Fresno Council of Governments](#)

General Reporting Requirements

FTA Circular 4702.1B provides instructions for this Title VI program update as they apply to Fresno COG in its role as a MPO. The reporting period covered in this document is Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The following requirements are imposed on all FTA recipients and subrecipients to ensure that their programs, policies and activities comply with the Department of Transportation (DOT) Title VI regulations.

1. Annual Title VI Certification and Assurance

The annual Title VI Certification and Assurances were provided to the FTA via an update in the FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). Fresno COG's certifications and assurances were last updated May 2022.

Fresno COG staff has also reviewed the latest Title VI triennial reports of transit operators that are required to submit them and has asked transit operators to ensure Fresno COG is provided a copy of their current Title VI reports.

2. Title VI Complaint Procedures and Complaint Form

Fresno COG has developed a complaint procedure and process for investigating Title VI complaints and is consistent with FTA guidelines found in the Circular. The complaint form and direction to public on how to file a complaint (attached under Appendix 3) are also posted on Fresno COG's website in English and Spanish.

Fresno COG's Executive Director and designated staff are responsible for carrying out FCOG's commitment to Title VI and is responsible for overseeing all Title VI-related activities, including the receipt and investigation of any Title VI complaints.

The complaint procedure has five steps, outlined below:

1. **Submission of Complaint:** Any person who feels that he or she, individually, or as a member of any class of persons, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, has been excluded from or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance through Fresno COG may file a written complaint to the Fresno COG Title VI Coordinator.
 - a) Such complaint must be filed within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination.
 - b) Complaints shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Complainant and/or the Complainant's representative. Complaints shall set forth as fully as possible the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged discrimination. At a minimum, the complaint shall include the following information:
 1. Name, mailing address, and how to contact the complainant (i.e. telephone number, email address, etc.).
 2. Basis of complaint (i.e., race, color, or national origin).
 3. Date of alleged discriminatory act(s).
 4. How, when, where and why Complainant alleges he or she was discriminated against. Include the location, names and contact information of any witnesses.
 5. Other significant information.
2. **Referral to Review Officer:** Upon receipt of the complaint, the Title VI Coordinator shall review, investigate and evaluate the complaint, in consultation with the executive director. The Title VI coordinator shall complete the review no later than 45 calendar days after the date Fresno COG received the complaint. If more time is required, the Title VI coordinator shall notify the complainant of the estimated timeframe for completing the review. Upon completion of the review, the Title VI coordinator shall make a recommendation regarding the merit of the complaint and whether remedial actions are available to provide redress. Additionally, the Title VI coordinator may recommend improvements to Fresno COG's processes relative to Title VI and environmental justice, as appropriate. The Title VI coordinator shall forward their recommendations to the executive director for concurrence. If the executive director concurs, he or she shall issue Fresno COG's written response to the complainant.

3. **Request for Reconsideration:** If the complainant disagrees with the response, he or she may request reconsideration by submitting the request, in writing, to the executive director within 10 calendar days after its receipt. The request for reconsideration shall be sufficiently detailed to contain any items the complainant feels were not fully understood by the Fresno COG Title VI coordinator. The executive director will notify the complainant of his decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within 10 calendar days. In cases where the executive director agrees to reconsider, the matter shall be returned to the Title VI coordinator to re-evaluate in accordance with paragraph 2, above.
4. **Appeal:** If the request for reconsideration is denied, the complainant may appeal the executive director's response to the complaint by submitting a written appeal to Fresno COG's Policy Board no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of the executive director's written decision rejecting reconsideration.
5. **Submission of Complaint to the Federal Transit Administration:** If the complainant is dissatisfied with Fresno COG's resolution of the complaint, he or she may also submit a complaint to the Federal Transit Administration:

Federal Transit Administration's Office of Civil Rights
Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator
East Building 5th Floor – TCR
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

6. For further information, including the complaint form, is available at www.fta.dot.gov.

3. Record of Title VI Investigations, Complaints and Lawsuits

In compliance with 49 CFR Section 21.9, FCOG maintains a file of any active transit-related Title VI active investigations conducted by entities other than FTA, lawsuits, and complaints naming FCOG. The files include a list that describes the date that the investigation, lawsuit or complaint was filed; a summary of the allegation(s); the status of the investigation, lawsuit or complaint; and actions taken by FCOG in response, or final findings related to, the investigation, lawsuit or complaint. Since the last reporting period in 2016, Fresno COG has had no Title VI investigations, complaints or lawsuits filed against it.

4. Beneficiaries of Protection under Title VI

Fresno COG's Notice to the Public of Rights is included in Appendix 2. Notices are required to be posted in all publicly accessible locations. Fresno COG staff has verified the notices are posted on the website and public areas identified below.

- Notifications posted in Fresno COG's reception/lobby area, all publicly accessible meeting rooms (Sequoia, Ash, and Cypress).
- Notification on website <https://www.fresnocog.org/title-vi/>

Fresno COG Title VI Policy Statement:

Fresno COG assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any agency-sponsored program or activity. Nor shall sex, age or disability stand in the way of fair treatment of all individuals.

Fresno COG further assures that every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

In the event Fresno COG distributes Federal aid funds to another entity, Fresno COG will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance. Title VI compliance is a condition of the receipt of federal funds. Fresno COG's executive director and Title VI coordinator are authorized to ensure compliance with provisions of this policy and with the law, including the requirements of Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 200 and Title 49 CFR 21.

Fresno COG acknowledges its responsibility for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports and other responsibilities as required by Title 23 CFR 200 and by Title 49 CFR 21.

Fresno COG also incorporates a notice of the availability of language assistance into its agendas to alert interested individuals on how to request translation services.

Fresno COG will comply with any requests made by FTA to investigate complaints of discrimination or to resolve concerns about possible noncompliance with Title VI.

5. Provide Meaningful Access to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons

Fresno COG is committed to taking reasonable steps to ensure that all persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and information, at no additional cost to individuals making the requests.

To develop the LEP Plan, Fresno COG used the U.S. Department of Transportation's four-factor LEP analysis, which considers the following:

1. The number and proportion of LEP persons served or encountered in the eligible service population;
2. The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with Fresno COG programs, activities or services;
3. The importance to LEP persons of Fresno COG's programs, activities and services; and
4. The resources available to Fresno COG and overall cost to provide LEP assistance.

Based on the "Determination of Need" outlined in the Plan, Fresno COG identified Spanish as the most prevalent non-English language in the region, and the one into which Fresno COG will translate key materials, including transportation information, Title VI information, and certain publicity and outreach materials.

Fresno COG will continue to offer translation assistance as described in the LEP Plan for Unmet Transit Needs hearings, RTP/SCS input opportunities, and other major decision-making processes, and will tailor public participation activities to reflect the unique LEP population(s) within Fresno County. For the RTP/SCS, Fresno COG will continue to seek partnerships with community groups that can assist in strengthening opportunities to meet language needs and gain LEP residents' input. Fresno COG's full LEP Plan is attached as Appendix 1.

6. Public Participation

Fresno COG is required to submit a summary of public outreach and involvement activities undertaken since the last submission and a description of steps taken to ensure that minority and low-income population had meaningful access to these activities.

During the reporting period, Fresno COG continued to expand its outreach and involvement efforts. The efforts summarized below demonstrate the agency's commitment to an inclusive and transparent public engagement process to meaningfully include all populations; race, socio-economic classes and those living within the environmental and economically disadvantaged communities throughout the RTP/SCS process; and, that input received from environmental justice communities has been meaningfully considered.

Fresno COG's Public Participation Plan

Fresno COG's Public Participation Plan (PPP) was adopted by its Policy Board in July 2024. The PPP provides direction for all public participation activities that Fresno COG conducts. It contains the public participation requirements, procedures, strategies and techniques Fresno COG standing committees and staff use for public outreach and participation. The PPP includes a separate outreach strategy for the Regional Transportation Plan update that specifically details strategies to enlist public participation, and states how the public may participate in each step of the RTP process. The full RTP Public Outreach Strategy is included under Appendix A.

2026 Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan Public Outreach Strategy

Fresno Council of Governments has developed and is implementing a comprehensive, inclusive public outreach program that spans a two-year period from 2024 through the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy's (SCS) final adoption.

The outreach strategy contains tactics to include nontraditional and traditional audiences in the transportation planning process. The plan is to ensure that environmental justice issues are addressed and interested parties have an ample opportunity to understand and provide meaningful input while the RTP is in its early stages and throughout the planning process.

Fresno COG staff will gather data and feedback from multiple community-based organizations, stakeholders, partnering agencies, non-profit organizations and the public for the Policy Board and other advisory committees to consider during RTP development and when selecting a

preferred Sustainable Communities Strategy. The full RTP Public Outreach Strategy is available at [Fresno COG 2026-RTP-Public-Outreach-Strategy-Final.pdf](#)

Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable

Prior to beginning an RTP/SCS update, Fresno COG convenes the RTP Roundtable, a committee that supports Fresno COG staff and COG standing committees, guiding development of the RTP/SCS and providing advisory recommendations throughout the RTP process. It is vital that the RTP Roundtable consider issues that support the 2026 RTP/SCS' development and provide comments and community-based consensus. The Roundtable comprises 40 seats – 16 held by member agency staff, 21 seats open to a variety of stakeholder groups and other agencies and three "at large" seats.

The RTP Roundtable members participated in monthly meetings that began June 26, 2024. A full list of committee members, minutes, meeting recordings and agenda packets from RTP Roundtable meetings are available on Fresno COG's [PlanFresno.com](#) website.

Environmental Justice Advisory Subcommittee

The Environmental Justice Advisory Subcommittee serves Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee, with recommendations that feed into Fresno COG's standard committee process. The subcommittee generally meets when Fresno COG staff, the TTC, the Policy Advisory Committee or the Fresno COG Policy Board requests recommendations on issues involving environmental justice (EJ) populations.

The subcommittee assisted Fresno COG staff in defining the EJ parameters including: thresholds and criteria for EJ communities, including establishing the EJ indicator selection(s) for the SCS scenarios; reviewing and commenting on the draft EJ analysis; EJ population demographics, and; expanded the EJ populations definition to include vulnerable communities for the environmental justice report within the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. The subcommittee reports all advisory actions to the TTC through the EJ chairperson. Then the TTC's recommendations are referred to the Policy Advisory Committee and Fresno COG Policy Board as needed. The committee also reported to the RTP Roundtable through the EJ's chair, who held a seat on the Roundtable.

The Environmental Justice subcommittee has 13 positions to provide full, diverse and equitable representation from designated EJ populations:

- Four Fresno COG member agencies, one from each of the following geographies:
 - Local agency urban
 - East side local agency rural
 - West side local agency rural
 - County of Fresno
- Four representatives, one from each of the following ethnicities:
 - Hispanic
 - African American

- Asian
 - American Indian
- Two low-income representatives
- One senior (65 or older) representative
- One disabled person representative
- One youth representative

Fresno COG's Mini-Grant Outreach Program

Fresno COG provided four mini-grants to community-based organizations and agencies with existing community contacts, to solicit public input into key activities associated with the preparation of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy scenarios. Fresno COG staff also worked with a consultant to conduct general outreach, support the mini-grant work, and engage underserved communities that are traditionally hard to reach. This program helped ensure that interested community residents, members of EJ communities and limited English populations had ample opportunity to understand and provide meaningful input on these plans early in the regional planning process.

In total, Fresno COG received five mini grant applications, entering into agreements with the following organizations to conduct virtual public outreach regarding community transportation needs.

- Vet Net
- U.S. Green Building Council
- Downtown Fresno Partnership
- Jakara Movement

RTP Transportation Needs Community Engagement

In partnership with Fresno COG, the three four mini-grant organizations worked under the direction of Fresno COG's public outreach consultant from August through October 2024 gathering transportation project suggestions from residents via hard copy or online survey. This effort assisted Fresno COG's member agencies with community outreach prior to the RTP call for projects' deadline in December, 2024. This outreach provided an opportunity for community members to participate in the RTP planning process, addressing needs while offering input early in the RTP development process. For this community engagement effort, Fresno COG executed an outreach plan using several communication strategies specifically designed for engaging disadvantaged communities and EJ populations.

- Online community survey available in English, Spanish, Hmong and Punjabi
- Websites – PlanFresno.com, Public Input Community Hubs, Fresnocog.org ∪ social media
- Posts each on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn - 10

- Eblasts – 3 eblasts sent to Fresno COG’s database and committees
- Partner Share Requests
- Paid Media:
 - The Fresno Bee - 5 homepage and edition takeovers
 - Vida En El Valle – 5 takeovers of e-edition
 - Kerwest Newspapers – 4 placements each: The Kerman News, Firebaugh-Mendota Journal & San Joaquin-Tranquility West Side Advance
- The Fresno Flyer – 1 placement v Media articles Fresno COG staffed outreach events – 14
- RTP presentations and meeting mentions – 9
- Mini-grant events and presentations – 19

The suggestions and corresponding demographic data received were downloaded from the survey website, emails and social media posts following the survey closure. In total, Fresno COG garnered over 1,000 project suggestions from the public.

Survey garnered 13,667 page visitors.

COG staff processed all the project suggestions, combining written descriptions for each project into one excel spreadsheet, then breaking them down by local agency or transit line. Projects referencing a specific location were depicted on a map providing visual context.

All project suggestions were forwarded to corresponding local agencies for review and consideration prior to their RTP project submittals due date. The list of projects and mapping is available to the public on Fresno COG’s PlanFresno.com website at this link: [2026 RTP Outreach Transportation projects Suggestions](#) Click on any of the list’s project suggestions to view it and watch the mapping tool zoom into its location in Fresno County, if location was provided in the survey.

Spring Sustainable Communities Strategy – Initial Scenario Education and Outreach

May/June 2025

Fresno COG will be conducting a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) online, interactive survey, asking transportation-related value questions, then marrying tallied responses to the five scenario options. Staff are working with a professional marketing firm to develop outreach materials and drive participants to the survey website.

For Fresno COG’s 2022 SCS Spring outreach efforts, the following was conducted:

March/April 2021

Fresno COG’s Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Strategies and Indicators online, interactive surveys were open from March 26-April 25, 2021. It outlined five scenario concepts,

asking the public what they liked and didn't like about each one. It also asked participants to prioritize groupings of SCS indicators. The survey was available in English and Spanish -- with hard copy versions available to download in English, Spanish, and Hmong. All survey options were accessible through direct links or through the [PlanFresno.com](https://www.planfresno.com) website.

Strategies specifically designed for engaging disadvantaged communities and EJ populations were:

- Videos explaining the SCS strategies and indicators in English and Spanish on Fresno COG's YouTube channel, posted on social media/websites and sent out via email
- Hard-copy surveys in three languages shared by community organizations at local community events
- Email-share requests sent from COG staff to member agencies, partnering agencies/businesses and community organizations
- Hosted a public Zoom webinar and a Facebook Live meeting, with the Facebook event recording posted on social media – available in English and Spanish
- Organic and boosted posts in English and Spanish on Fresno COG's social media channels -- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn

The survey was viewed 1,326 times receiving responses from 421 respondents. The outreach results were presented to Fresno COG's advisory committees and the Fresno COG Policy Board to assist them in selecting SCS performance indicators and to narrow five scenarios down to three.

Fall 2020 Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenario Outreach

September/October 2021

This segment of RTP/SCS outreach took the results from three modeled SCS scenarios back out to the public for review and comment. As Fresno COG was preparing the outreach presentation, staff engaged a professional focus group company to assist in fine-tuning the presentation. Due to the complexity of the subject matter, staff felt it prudent to make the material as understandable as possible without losing the important content needed to provide informed and useful responses. One focus group was entirely Spanish-speaking.

Fresno COG released the three SCS scenarios and modeling results for public review and comment on Aug. 25, 2021 and public outreach ran through Sept. 26, using a four-pronged public participation approach that included the following strategies:

1. Fourteen geo-targeted, community-focused ads in English and Spanish on Google and Facebook
2. Online, interactive surveys, for scenario review and selection in English and Spanish, easily accessible via smart phone or computer
3. Eight workshops throughout the County of Fresno in the cities of Reedley, Coalinga, Sanger, Clovis, Kerman, Selma, Fresno and Mendota, held in the evenings with English/Spanish materials and Spanish interpreters. Fresno COG Staff worked with each host city to invite community members to attend meetings.

4. Five additional English/Spanish presentations given to rural, unincorporated residents and community organizations.
5. Two virtual workshops held in English and Spanish—one in the daytime and one in the evening

7. Demographics of Transit Related Non-Elected Committees

Fresno COG has one transit-related, non-elected committee: the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). The SSTAC's membership includes representatives from the region's public transit and private social service agencies, as well as people representing populations that are typically dependent upon public transit: senior citizens, people with disabilities, and low-income residents. The SSTAC reviews transit issues, conducts the annual Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Assessment process, and collaborates on the allocation and distribution of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding required for public transit. The table below identifies the racial breakdown of the SSTAC's membership.

Racial Category	Number of Persons
Caucasian	6
Hispanic	5
Asian	1

When recruiting new members to transit-related, non-elected committees, Fresno COG makes every effort to reach out to a wide variety of groups and organizations to recruit members and encourage the participation of minorities interested in serving/

8. Construction of New Facilities Equity Analysis

A requirement to include a copy of the Title VI equity analysis conducted during the planning stage with regard to the location of any constructed facilities.

Fresno COG has not planned for or constructed any facilities during this reporting period.

9. Sub Recipient Title VI Compliance and Monitoring

Requirement for primary recipients to include a description of how the agency ensures its subrecipients are complying with Title VI, as well as a schedule of subrecipient Title VI Program submissions.

Fresno COG requires all subrecipients to enter into agreements with FCOG for projects and must comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies procedures, directives, including and without limitation those listed directly or by reference. Applicants are also required to describe any lawsuits or complaints that have been received or acted on in the last year based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act or other relevant civil rights requirements; and provide a status of lawsuits or an explanation of how complaints were resolved including corrective actions taken.

The following language is included in the all procurement request for proposal and attached to all contracts or agreements. Fresno COG will update the current contract boiler template to incorporate this language instead of including it as an attachment agreement.

TITLE VI ASSURANCE

The Council of Governments, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority businesses enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or nation origin in consideration of an award.

Below are the listed transit operators/sub recipients who are required to submit a Title VI Plan.

Agency	Title VI Up-to-Date	Date of Plan
Fresno Area Express	Yes	6/30/2016 – 2019 Update Draft Plan Released for public comment August 2019
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	Yes	6/30/2020
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	Yes	4/1/2017
Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System	Yes	10/2020

Assistance to Subrecipients

Fresno COG retains a copy of each agency report and provides extensive data and technical assistance to the region's public transit operators, and to multiple social service agencies that provide transportation services for elderly and disabled populations within the region. As the MPO and RTPA, Fresno COG maintains a record of census and other demographic data for Fresno County. This public information is made available to public transit operators and private social service agencies to support the updating and development of their Title VI compliance information. In addition, SSTAC provides a forum for regional public and private social service transit agencies to collaborate on identifying and addressing the transportation needs of every population group within the region.

MPO Program-Specific Reporting Requirements

This section provides information under the “program-specific guidance” (Chapter VI) of the FTA Circular. The FTA recommends that MPOs have an analytical basis in place for certifying their compliance with Title VI. This section will include:

- a) A demographic profile of the metropolitan area that includes identification of the locations of socio-economic groups, including low-income and minority populations as covered by the Executive Order on Environmental Justice and Title VI;
- b) A metropolitan planning process that identifies the needs of low-income and minority populations; and
- c) An analytical process that identifies the benefits and burdens of metropolitan transportation system investments for different socioeconomic groups, identifying imbalances and responding to the analyses produced.

1. Demographic Profile of Fresno County

Fresno County is the second largest county in the San Joaquin Valley by land area, encompassing 6,011 square miles, but the largest by population. The estimated population from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates) was 996,401, placing Fresno as the 10th most populous county of the 58 counties in California. Within Fresno County, there are 15 incorporated cities. The City of Fresno is still the fifth largest city in the state, with a population of 546,971. Fresno County’s population growth has outpaced California and the United States. During the 50-year period from 1969-2019, Fresno County’s population increased by 145% compared to 101% and 63% for the state and nation respectively.

Table 7-1: Fresno County Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	Population	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	547,669	54.1%
White alone	273,299	27.0%
Asian alone	108,809	10.8%
Black or African American alone	42,060	4.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	4,074	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,511	0.1%
Some other race alone	4,308	0.4%
Two or more races	30,422	3.0%
2023 ACS 5-year Estimates, Table DP05: ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES		
Income below 150 % poverty level	283,749	28.5%
Income above 150 % poverty level	712,652	71.5%
Population for whom poverty status is determined	996,401	100%
Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-year Estimates, Table DP05: ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES; Table C17002: RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		

As of January 2025, Fresno County's unemployment rate stood at 8.6%, up from 7.4% in January 2024. Over the course of 2024, the unemployment rate fluctuated between 6.7% and 8.8%, averaging approximately 8.1% for the year. Regarding educational attainment, recent data indicates that 21.2% of Fresno County residents aged 25 and older hold a bachelor's degree or higher, consistent with the 2019 figure. This rate remains lower than the California state average of 33.9% and the national average of 32.1%. In terms of median household income, Fresno County's median was \$71,434 for the period 2019-2023, adjusted to 2023 dollars. This figure is below the California state median of \$75,235 and the national median of \$62,843.

Demographically, Fresno County's population is more diverse than that of California and the United States. Approximately 70% of the county's inhabitants are minorities (non-white), compared to 63% for California and 39% for the U.S. Additionally, the Hispanic population in Fresno County has been growing, while the white population has been shrinking, reflecting broader demographic trends. These statistics underscore the ongoing challenges Fresno County faces in improving employment opportunities, educational attainment, and income levels among its residents.

Fresno County Demographics versus California and the Nation

Comparison	Minority Population	Income below 150 % poverty level
Fresno County	73%	29%
California	65%	19%
United States	42%	20%
Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5-year Estimates		

Fresno County Demographic Changes

Report P-2D: Total Population by Race and Ethnicity for California Counties: July 1, 2020 to 2070		Estimates & Projections					
Geography	Race/Ethnicity Recode	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Fresno County	White (Non-Hispanic)	250,604	258,782	259,394	255,305	250,062	243,134
Fresno County	Black (Non-Hispanic)	40,657	45,249	47,775	48,930	48,278	46,672
Fresno County	American Indians/Alaskan Natives (Non-Hispanic)	5,652	6,514	6,988	7,144	7,172	7,082
Fresno County	Asian (Non-Hispanic)	101,873	123,410	143,284	160,624	172,480	179,138
Fresno County	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic)	1,203	2,179	3,113	3,986	4,781	5,457
Fresno County	Multi-Race (Non-Hispanic)	23,945	31,219	38,457	45,513	50,702	54,784
Fresno County	Hispanic	583,502	574,273	591,791	603,976	595,062	567,734
Fresno County	TOTAL	1,007,436	1,041,626	1,090,802	1,125,478	1,128,537	1,104,001

Defining the Environmental Justice Communities within Fresno County

For the Draft 2026 RTP, which is scheduled for adoption in July 2025, staff used demographic data from U.S. Census American Community Survey 2018-2022 summary tables to develop a database with estimated socioeconomic and travel characteristics. This database helped map environmental justice communities within traffic analysis zones (TAZ). A TAZ is an area similar in size to a neighborhood or census block group. TAZs can range in size from approximately ½ miles square within a metropolitan area to much larger areas in low-density outlying areas. There are 1,963 TAZs within Fresno County. To evaluate travel related equity measures, Fresno COG's travel forecasting model produced estimates of travel characteristics of environmental justice communities compared to non-environmental justice communities across the county.

Minority

“Minority population” means “any readily identifiable groups of minority persons who live in geographic proximity, and if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed/transient persons (such as migrant workers or Native Americans) who will be similarly affected by a proposed DOT program, policy or activity.”¹ Minority populations include persons who identify as any of the following groups as defined by the Census Bureau.²

Minority Persons include the following:

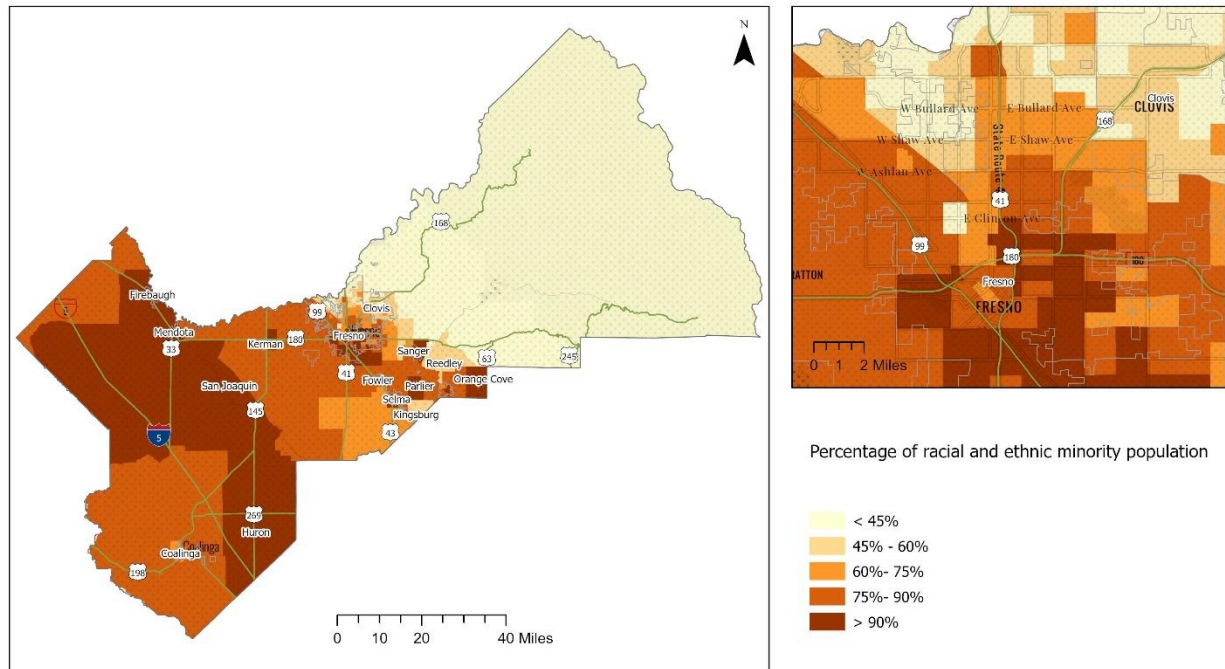
- Black or African-American – A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
- Hispanic or Latino – A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- American Indian or Alaska Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

¹ DOT Order 5610.2(a) <https://www.transportation.gov/transportation-policy/environmental-justice/departments-transportation-order-56102a>

² US Census Bureau’s definitions for race and ethnicity: <https://www.census.gov/topics/population/race/about.html>

Concentration of Minority Population

Fresno County Minority Population Percentage Map



Data source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, Table B03002

Low-Income

Low-income population means any readily identifiable group of low-income persons who live in geographic proximity, and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed/transient persons (such as migrant workers or Native Americans) who will be similarly affected by a proposed DOT program, policy or activity.³

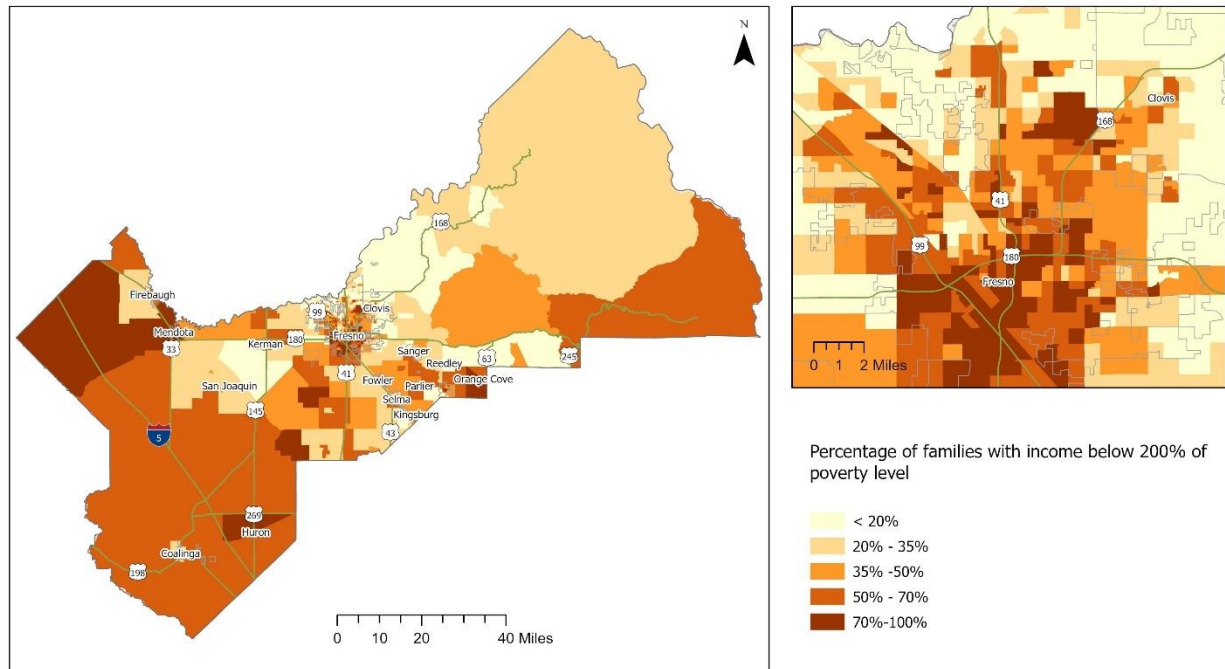
The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issues the annual federal poverty thresholds for individuals based on a combination of an individual's household composition, size and income in Fresno County. In 2021, 100% of the federal poverty level was \$12,880 a year for a single person living alone and approximately \$26,500 a year for a family of four. As of the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, approximately 20.5% of Fresno County's population was living below the federal poverty line.⁴

³ The EJ Subcommittee defined persons as low-income if they live in a household with total income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

⁴ HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2021 <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

Concentration of Low Income

Fresno County Low Income Percentage Map



Data source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, Table S1701

Equity Analysis

The EJ Subcommittee assisted Fresno COG staff in defining thresholds and criteria for EJ communities, and establishing the EJ indicator selection for the SCS scenarios; reviewing and commenting on the draft EJ analysis.

Defining Population Groups

For the 2026 RTP, the EJ subcommittee updated the EJ areas with two subsets: Equity Priority Communities and Disadvantaged Communities. Equity Priority Communities are defined by a composite equity index of Minority, Low-income, Linguistic Isolation and Housing Cost Burdened by the following steps:

1. Calculate the 4 metrics based on 2018-2022 ACS 5 years data at block group level.
 - (1) Minority: Percent of non-white and/or Hispanic resident population,
 - (2) Low-income: Percent of households with income <200% Federal Poverty Level
 - (3) Linguistic Isolation: Percent of Limited English-speaking households as defined by the U.S. Census.

(4) Housing Cost Burdened: Percent of households paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs (Renters & Owners)

2. Classify 4 metrics based on standard deviations (SD) relative to the regional mean, Then covert to index 0 – 4.

Concentration of population	Well below Average	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Well Above Average
Comparison to Fresno Region Mean	< Mean - 1.5 SD	Mean – 1.5 SD ~ Mean - 0.5 SD	Mean – 0.5 SD ~ Mean + 0.5 SD	Mean + 0.5 SD ~ Mean + 1.5 SD	> Mean + 1.5 SD
Index	0	1	2	3	4

3. Calculate composite equity index by the metrics converted to indexes:

Composite equity index =

Minority + Low-income + 0.5 * Linguistic Isolation + 0.5 * Housing Cost Burdened

4. Identify Equity Priority Communities that meet any criteria below:

(1) Composite equity index above average

(2) Low-income Index above average AND Minority Index at or above average

Equity Priority Communities identified the communities with relatively high concentration of EJ population in Fresno region, of which residents make up 33.6% of County total population.

The Disadvantaged Communities proposes utilizing the California SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities map and the Justice 40 Disadvantaged Communities map to identify the areas in Fresno region that are disadvantaged compared to places in California and the nation based on socioeconomic and pollution burden level.

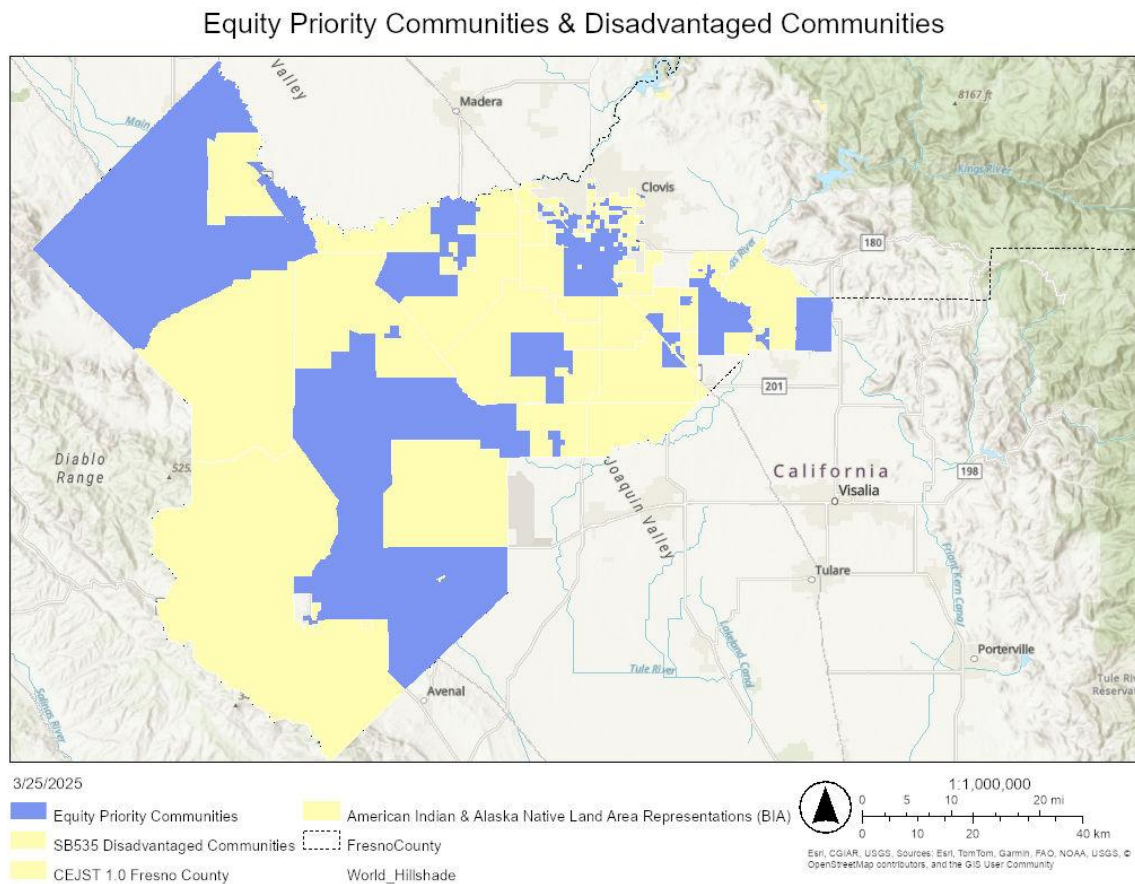
The Senate Bill (SB) 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012) established initial requirements for minimum funding levels to “Disadvantaged Communities” (DACs). The legislation also gives CalEPA the responsibility for identifying those communities, stating that CalEPA’s designation of disadvantaged communities must be based on “geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria”. In May 2022, CalEPA released its updated designation of disadvantaged communities for the purpose of SB 535, based on the new version of the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool - CalEnviroScreen 4.0.

The Justice40 Initiative was established by President Biden in Executive Order 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) was used to identify Justice40 communities with significant environmental, social, and/or economic burdens.

Communities in Fresno region that identified disadvantaged by either SB 535 or Justice40 are considered as Disadvantage Communities for 2026 RTP environment justice analysis. 60% of Fresno County's total population lives in Disadvantage Communities.

Source- SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535>

Equity Priority Communities and Disadvantage Communities



While all of the areas identified in the methodology outlined, and shown in the maps above, are included for purposes of this analysis, the data has limitations. Some of the specific limitations will be discussed throughout the analysis discussion as needed, but there are several important caveats that apply to all the analysis, including:

- Whether areas qualify as “EJ” or “Non-EJ” depends on thresholds for block groups that quantify the residents of an area, but they are not monolithic. There are residents who do not have low incomes and/or who are not from minority groups who reside in EJ Communities. There are also low-income and minority residents who live in Non-EJ Communities.

With its current analytical tools, Fresno COG is not able to predict where people of color, or low-income populations, will locate in the future. As a result, and for purposes of this analysis, the EJ areas identified with base year data are assumed to be the same for 2049.

2. Identifying the Needs of the Low-Income and Minority Populations

Section 6 of the General Reporting Requirement above detailed Fresno COG’s extensive public outreach to low income and minority individuals through the mini-grant program. In addition, outreach included using traditional media platforms, social media, print and traditional workshops. All materials were presented in both English and Spanish, and could be made available in other languages if requested, translators were also available to ensure every effort was made to best solicit community input on transportation needs.

In 2017, Fresno COG launched the Fresno County Regional Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP). This plan will guide transit and multimodal investments and services in the Fresno region through 2050. The plan builds on Fresno COG’s 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and prior transit planning studies, and will inform the 2022 RTP. More importantly, the LRTP will integrate appropriate and effective public transportation planning and projects into the fabric of the region’s overall circulation networks and systems.

The LRTP was developed in line with state and federal transportation goals, guidance and funding programs. It creates a blueprint for a sustainable, safe, innovative, integrated, and efficient transit system to enhance the region’s economy and livability for all.

The plan development process was guided by a diverse steering committee comprising senior staff from all three transit operators, COG, City of Fresno and County staff, and community-based organizations. The Plan itself was developed by a multi-firm consulting team with diverse and extensive experience in transit and transportation planning. Substantial community engagement was undertaken, including workshops and pop-up outreach events in both urban and rural areas and a variety of surveys and stakeholder interviews. The final report was approved by the FCOG Board in April 2019 and is available at:

<https://www.fresnocog.org/regional-long-range-transit-plan/>

3. Measuring the Benefits and Burdens

To measure the benefits and burdens of the Draft 2026 RTP proposed projects on disadvantaged communities, the EJ subcommittee and RTP roundtable approved the following nine quantitative performance measures:

- Transportation
 - Access to Jobs & Services
 - Travel Delay
 - Transit Productivity
- Financial Investments
 - Distribution of investments by mode
 - Distribution of road maintenance projects
 - Distribution of safety projects on the high injury network
 - Targeted active transportation investments
- Quality of life
 - Housing Mix
 - Pollution Exposure

The performance measures compare the current (2023) transportation system to the future (2049) transportation system which assumes the construction of all projects proposed in the preferred scenario including transit, capacity increasing, bike and pedestrian, and maintenance and operational improvement projects. Note that Fresno COG's last completed and Board-approved EJ analysis was for the 2022 RTP (see links in Appendix 6). The newly developed Activity-Based Model (ABM) was applied in the EJ analysis. Documentation of the ABM is available on Fresno COG website at [Fresno Activity-Based Model Update](#). The land use and roadway projects assumptions are consistent with the preferred SCS scenario for the 2022 RTP.

The EJ subcommittee also recommended the equity indicators – “Access to Destinations for Disadvantaged Communities” and the “Financial Investment in Disadvantaged Communities” – that will be used as two of the SCS indicators for SCS scenarios evaluation.

Appendix 1: Plan for Engaging Individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency states that individuals who do not speak English well and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English are entitled to assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, with respect to a particular type of service, benefit, or encounter. It reads in part,

Each federal agency shall prepare a plan to improve access to its federally conducted programs and activities by eligible LEP persons. Each plan shall be consistent with the standards set forth in the LEP Guidance, and shall include the steps the agency will take to ensure that eligible LEP persons can meaningfully access the agency's programs and activities.

Not only do all federal agencies have to develop LEP Plans as a condition of receiving federal financial assistance, recipients have to comply with Title VI and LEP guidelines of the federal agency from which funds are provided.

Federal financial assistance includes grants, training, use of equipment, donations of surplus property, and other assistance. Federal funding recipients range from state and local agencies to nonprofits and other organizations. Title VI covers a recipient's entire program or activity.

The US Department of Transportation (DOT) published *Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient Person* December 14, 2005. The guidance explicitly identifies MPOs as organizations that must follow this guidance:

The guidance applies to all DOT funding recipients, which include state departments of transportation, state motor vehicle administrations, airport operators, metropolitan planning organizations, and regional, state, and local transit operators, among many others. Coverage extends to a recipient's entire program or activity, i.e., to all parts of a recipient's operations. For example, if DOT provides assistance to a state department of transportation to rehabilitate a particular highway on the National Highway System, all of the operations of the entire state department of transportation—not just the particular highway program or project—are covered by the DOT guidance.

The Limited English Proficiency Plan helps ensure access to the planning process and information published by Fresno COG where it is determined that a substantial number of residents in Fresno County do not speak or read English proficiently. Fresno COG shall provide appropriate assistance, auxiliary aids, a translator/interpreter for non-English speaking and hearing-impaired individuals and/or services when necessary if requested at least three working days in advance of the meeting. If Fresno COG is unable to accommodate a request for a public hearing, then the hearing will be continued to a date when accommodations are available.

An LEP Plan starts with an assessment to identify LEP individuals who need assistance. Implementation includes language assistance measures, staff training, notification procedures to LEP individuals and plan monitoring.

In addition to this LEP Plan, a separate, related document – Fresno COG’s Public Participation Plan (Appendix 5) – lays out opportunities for the public to get involved in the transportation planning process. Copies of Fresno COG’s Public Participation Plan can be found its website at: [Public Participation – Fresno Council of Governments](#)

Determination of Need

In order to prepare this Plan, Fresno COG underwent the U.S. Department of Transportation’s four-factor LEP analysis, which considers the following:

1. The number and proportion of LEP persons served or encountered in the eligible service population.
2. The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with Fresno COG programs, activities, or services.
3. The importance to LEP persons of Fresno COG’s program, activities, and services.
4. The resources available to Fresno COG and overall cost to provide LEP assistance.

Factor 1: Number and proportion of LEP persons served or encountered

For planning purposes, Fresno COG looked at American Community Survey data for people who speak English “less than very well” as limited English proficient persons. Table 1 shows the ability to speak English and languages spoken at home for persons 5 years of age and older. The six most frequently spoken languages in the region other than English are Spanish, Hmong, Laotian, Chinese and Cambodian. Table 1 also shows that Spanish-speakers are the only population representing more than 5 percent of the county’s population that is identified as not speaking English very well.

American Community Survey B16001Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over 2023: ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables	Fresno County, California
Label	Estimate
Speak only English	540,056
Spanish:	307,900
Speak English less than "very well"	110,814
Armenian:	5,258
Speak English less than "very well"	1,456
Hindi:	1,750
Speak English less than "very well"	550
Punjabi:	21,635
Speak English less than "very well"	8,226
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages:	1,228
Speak English less than "very well"	174
Other Indo-European languages:	666
Speak English less than "very well"	45
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese):	4,363
Speak English less than "very well"	2,535
Japanese:	1,562
Speak English less than "very well"	591
Korean:	1,910
Speak English less than "very well"	959
Hmong:	21,473
Speak English less than "very well"	10,316
Vietnamese:	2,869
Speak English less than "very well"	1,686
Arabic:	4,497
Speak English less than "very well"	1,732
Navajo:	0
Speak English less than "very well"	0
Other Native languages of North America:	230
Speak English less than "very well"	0
Other and unspecified languages:	1,131
Speak English less than "very well"	682

Number of Persons Over 5 years of age with the Ability to Speak English Less Than "Very Well" within Fresno County

Language	Estimate	Percent
Spanish	130,600	41.7%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	22,606	42%
Other Indo-European languages	12,502	41.4%
Other languages	2,900	41.8%
Source: 2019 American Community Survey		

Persons with Ability to Speak English Less than "Very Well" by Language Spoken at Home in Fresno County (5 Years and Over)

Language	Estimate	Percent of Language Speakers with LEP	Percent of County Total population with LEP
Spanish	110,814	35.99%	11.8%
Speak other Indo-European languages	11,991	31.69%	1.3%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	25,126	46.54%	2.7%
Speak other languages	2,650	36.81%	0.3%
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, Table B16005			

Factor 2: Frequency of LEP populations' contact with programs, activities and services

Fresno COG's prior experience with limited English proficient persons has been primarily with Spanish speakers. Since 2010, Fresno COG has contracted with community-based organizations for each update of its long-range transportation plan to gather input from minority and low-income residents. Such meetings have been helpful in providing insight into the needs and concerns of residents who often do not participate in regional government. Material is translated into the language or languages recommended by the community group.

Factor 3: Importance to LEP population of programs, services and activities

Most Fresno COG programs, activities, and services of importance to LEP persons, in general, are long-term in nature since staff primarily engages in planning activities. However, there are some programs Fresno COG administers that have a larger reach, such as the unmet transit needs outreach notices, a Taxi Scrip program for seniors, a variety of ridesharing programs and a farm worker transportation subsidy. All these program documents are printed in both English and Spanish. Fresno COG serves as the region's transportation accountant and planner rather than a direct provider of services. Fresno COG works to ensure that all segments of the population, including LEP persons, have the opportunity to be involved in the transportation planning process.

Factor 4: Resources available to Fresno COG and overall cost to provide LEP assistance

Providing translation services that allow LEP populations to participate in Fresno COG's core planning and investment policies is a routine practice. Fresno COG works with many advocacy groups representing LEP persons to determine their needs and concerns for planning purposes. Workshops organized by mini-grant recipients for Fresno COG's 2026 RTP/SCS included presentations given in English. Each workshop had interpreters on hand to answer questions and interpret presentations. Translated materials were available at the workshops in five different languages: English, Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi and Laotian. In many cases, the presentations were displayed and delivered in more than one language.

Fresno COG has three staff members who speak Spanish fluently, another three staff who are fluent in Chinese and two fluent in Hindi.

Language Assistance Measures

Fresno COG uses several techniques to provide productive opportunities for all interested Fresno County residents to participate in important decisions, regardless of language barriers. This is done in several ways, including:

General Practices:

- Extensive use of visual aids including maps, charts, and photographs to illustrate trends, options, etc.,
- Avoiding complex terminology and technical terms and adapting the presentation / document in a manner that is appropriate to the intended audience.
- Notices widely disseminated through new partnerships with community-based and interest organizations.
- Translation software for the Fresno COG website.
- Translation of key documents including brochures, fact sheets and important planning documents into Spanish.
- Multi-lingual instruction on how to request translation services.
- Tailoring public participation activities to reflect the unique LEP population with a respective community.
- Reviewing prior experiences with LEP populations to determine the types of language services needed.
- Personal interviews and audio recording devices to obtain oral feedback at workshops and meetings.
- Flyers for major community workshops and similar meetings that include instructions on how to request translation services.
- Contracting with a language translation firm for on-call assistance, establish a network of competent translators to call upon for service and have translators available at meetings as requested.
- Fresno COG's website includes Spanish language content including translated versions or summaries of selected documents.
- Public participation plans for Fresno COG's long-range plan include seeking out views of LEP populations.

Local Media

- Work with non-English language media outlets to place articles or public service announcements about Fresno COG's work or announce participation opportunities.
- Purchase advertising in non-English language newspapers, radio stations or television stations to announce public meetings for the planning activities, major corridors or to announce other important transportation news.

Work with Advocacy Groups

- Work to involve in Fresno COG's activities non-profit groups that advocate for persons with limited English proficiency.

- Partner with community groups who can assist in tailoring presentations, meeting materials and announcements to meet the language needs of local participants.

Staff Training

Fresno COG works to instill in staff an awareness of and sensitivity to LEP residents' needs. Staff is trained on procedures for accommodating LEP populations. Some of the issues covered include information about LEP guidance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Fresno COG's contract with a language translation firm to assist all staff in translating documents and to obtain translation services for meetings, projects and services.

Notification to LEP or Low Literacy Persons

The public must be informed of their rights under Title VI. This will be done in several ways including:

- Notifications posted in Fresno COG's reception area and meeting rooms.
- Notification on fresnocog.org.
- Documentation that describes a LEP person's right to access Fresno COG services.
- Multi-lingual instruction on how to request translation services.
- Flyers for major community workshops and similar meetings include instructions on how to request translation services.
- Language on routinely printed or electronic announcements for public workshops on key planning efforts that alert interested individuals about how to request translation services.

Maintenance and Monitoring of the Fresno COG LEP Plan

Fresno COG will monitor requests for translation and adjust practices to meet demand while maintaining a basic level of access by LEP populations to key programs and documents. Fresno COG's LEP Plan will be updated periodically as needed to reflect new developments.

Appendix 2: Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI

Fresno Council of Governments

- Fresno Council of Governments operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the Fresno Council of Governments.
- Fresno Council of Governments opera sus programas y servicios sin distinción de raza, color y origen nacional, de conformidad con el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles. Cualquier persona que cree o que ha sido perjudicada por una práctica discriminatoria ilegal bajo el Título VI, puede presentar una queja con Fresno Council of Governments.
- For more information on Fresno Council of Governments civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint:

Contact: 559-233-4148; Email Matthew Shimizu: mshimizu@fresnocog.org ; Visit the Fresno COG Website at: [Title VI - Fresno Council of Governments](#)

- A complaint may be filed directly with the Federal Transit administration by filing a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor – TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- If information is needed in another language, contact 559-233-4148.
- Si se necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese con 559-233-4148.
- Yog tias koj muaj lus hnug ntxiv, thov hu rau 559-233-4148
- 如果信息需要用另一种语言翻译，请联系559-233-4148
- Եթե տեղեկատվությունը անհրաժեշտ է այլ լեզվով, դիմեք 559-233-4148
- Nếu thông tin là cần thiết trong một ngôn ngữ khác, liên hệ 559-233-4148

(This notice is posted in the Fresno COG reception area and meeting rooms.)

Appendix 3: Complaint Procedures

FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

As a recipient of federal dollars, Fresno COG is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and ensure that services and benefits are provided on a non-discriminatory basis. Fresno COG has in place a Title VI Complaint Procedure, which outlines the process for local disposition of Title VI complaints and is consistent with guidelines found in the Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B dated October 1, 2012. The complaint procedure has five steps, outlined below:

7. **Submission of Complaint:** Any person who feels that he or she, individually, or as a member of any class of persons, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, has been excluded from or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance through Fresno COG may file a written complaint to the Fresno COG Title VI Coordinator. Such a complaint must be filed within 60 calendar days after the date the person believes the discrimination occurred.
8. **Referral to Review Officer: Upon** receipt of the Complaint, the Title VI Coordinator shall review, investigate and evaluate the Complaint, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Title VI Coordinator shall complete the review no later than 45 calendar days after the date Fresno COG received the Complaint. If more time is required, the Title VI Coordinator shall notify the complainant of the estimated time-frame for completing the review. Upon completion of the review, the Title VI Coordinator shall make a recommendation regarding the merit of the Complaint and whether remedial actions are available to provide redress. Additionally, the Title VI Coordinator may recommend improvements to Fresno COG's processes relative to Title VI and environmental justice, as appropriate. The Title VI Coordinator shall forward their recommendations to the Executive Director for concurrence. If the Executive Director concurs, he or she shall issue Fresno COG's written response to the Complainant.
9. **Request for Reconsideration:** If the Complainant disagrees with the response, he or she may request reconsideration by submitting the request, in writing, to the Executive Director within 10 calendar days after its receipt. The request for reconsideration shall be sufficiently detailed to contain any items the Complainant feels were not fully understood by the Fresno COG Title VI Coordinator. The Executive Director will notify the complainant of his decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within 10 calendar days. In cases where the Executive Director agrees to reconsider, the matter shall be returned to the Title VI Coordinator to re-evaluate in accordance with Paragraph 2, above.
10. **Appeal:** If the request for reconsideration is denied, the complainant may appeal the Executive Director's response to the Complaint by submitting a written appeal to Fresno COG's Policy Board no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of the Executive Director's written decision rejecting reconsideration.

11. **Submission of Complaint to the Federal Transit Administration.** If the complainant is dissatisfied with Fresno COG's resolution of the Complaint, he or she may also submit a complaint to the Federal Transit Administration:
Federal Transit Administration's Office of Civil Rights
Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator
East Building 5th Floor – TCR
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590
12. **For further information, including the complaint form, is available at**
www.fta.dot.gov.

TITLE VI COMPLAINT FORM

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act requires that "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." If you feel you have been discriminated against in transit services, please provide the following information in order to assist us in processing your complaint and send it to:

Fresno Council of Governments
ATTN: Fresno COG Title VI Coordinator
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno CA 93721
Phone: 559.233.4148
Fax: 559.233.9645

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Person discriminated against: _____

Address of person discriminated against:

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Please check of why you believe the discrimination occurred:

____ race or color

____ national origin

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What was the date of the alleged discrimination?

Where did the alleged discrimination take place?

Please describe the circumstances as you saw it:

Please list any and all witnesses' names and phone number:

What type of corrective action would you like to see taken?

Please attach any documents you have which support the allegation.

Then sign and date this form and send to the Fresno COG Title VI Coordinator (address is listed on page 1).

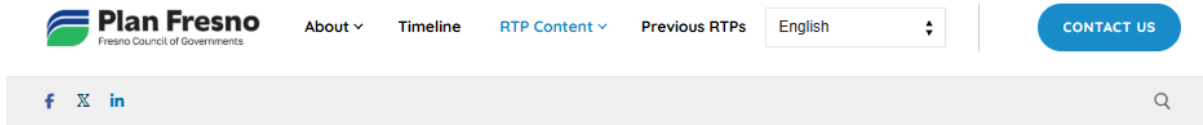
Your Signature

Print your name

Date

Appendix 4: Public Participation Plan

Also available at: [Public Participation – Fresno Council of Governments](#)



Fresno COG's External Social Media Policy *With Links*

Fresno COG's social media sites:

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [X](#) | [YouTube](#)

Fresno COG's RTP enews, October 10, 2024: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

2024 Transportation Project Needs Survey Report – Here's what you said

[RTP Project Suggestions Interactive Mapping Tool](#)

The RTP transportation project ideas survey was **open to gather your suggestions** and feedback on the transportation project suggestions in Fresno County from September 6 to October 31. A map and the list of each project suggestion submitted is now available at the link above. Click on any of the project suggestions in the list to view it and watch the mapping tool zoom into its location in Fresno County, if location was provided in the survey.

All the project suggestions were forwarded to the city, county, or transit agency responsible for the location or service identified by survey participants. Those agencies are reviewing your suggestions and prioritize them based on current or future plans and available resources. If your suggestion relates to another study in the works, they will also refer participants to that study for more information. Each local agency may choose to submit them back to Fresno COG during the RTP "Call for Projects" in December of this year. Projects received are scored for possible funding availability over the next 20+ years.

RTP Community Outreach Survey

[Fresno COG Public Opinion Survey Report](#) – Rea & Parker Research

[Fresno COG RTP Public Opinion Survey Presentation](#) (pdf)

[Fresno 2024 Community Values and Transportation Funding Priorities by Local Agency](#)

Fresno COG's 2024 Public Participation Plan And RTP Public Outreach Strategy

[2024 Fresno COG PPP with Appendices](#)

[2026 RTP Public Outreach Strategy](#)

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) identifies opportunities for the public to participate in Fresno COG's planning processes and provides the Fresno COG Policy Board and staff with guidance on conducting public outreach and interagency consultation early and often during the regional planning process. It contains policies, guidelines, processes, and procedures Fresno COG commits to implementing while seeking and fostering open public involvement during the decision-making process, regarding all matters within its discretion.

Contact Brenda Thomas with comments or questions at 559-233-4148 or email bthomas@fresnocog.org

Fresno COG's [External Social Media Policy](#) – July 2024

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Outreach Partners:

RTP Roundtable

The RTP Roundtable supports Fresno COG staff and the COG's standing committees and Policy Board as the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) are developed. Roundtable members will provide expertise and generate consensus on RTP issues, acting in an advisory capacity to the Fresno COG Policy Board.

Appendix 5: Sample Publicity

Fresno County Unmet Transit Needs Public Comments Process

Do you or someone you know have a public transit need that is not being met?
The Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) would like to hear from you!

There are several ways to participate and comment:

Online survey : Click here to take the survey in English! Or scan the QR code to the right!

Text : Text 52625 to 73224 to take the survey

Call : Call (559) 825-2601 and enter "11041" when prompted then leave us a voicemail with your comments

Attend meetings : Attend one of eight public events: six in-person, one virtual, and a public hearing where you can interact with transit providers and staff directly.

Rural Westside Fresno County Thursday, February 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm Granada Commons Apartments 1870 West California Ave. Kerman, CA 93630	City of Fresno #1 Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm Pinedale Community Center Computer Lab 1370 N. San Pablo Ave. Pinedale, CA 93650	City of Fresno #2 Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30 pm Mojave Community Center Conference Room #1 4510 C. Butler Ave. Fresno, CA 93702
City of Clovis Wednesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30 pm Clovis Transit Center 785 3rd St. Clovis, CA 93612	City of Fresno #3 Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11:00 am Moses L. Perla Community Center 1803 Cesar Chavez Blvd. Fresno, CA 93706	Virtual Meeting - 2026 Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 11:00 am Register in advance at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-meeting-tickets-755555555555
Rural Eastside Fresno County Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm Kaiser Magrakis Apartments 325 E. Vine St. Fresno, CA 93702	Public Hearing Fresno COG Policy Board Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm 2025 Tulare Street, Ste. 201 Fresno, CA 93721	After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with meeting details.

Print and Share the Survey!
Request printable or hard copy surveys to share with others. Mail or deliver them to us once complete, or scan and email surveys to Fresno COG or your nearby transit agency. To request surveys contact Harold (Todd) Sobrado at (559) 621-1532 or via email at harold.sobrado@fresno.gov

Share this information by forwarding this email or download/print our flyer

English Flyer Spanish Flyer

Fill out our Mobility Hub Survey!

We want your thoughts on the potential locations and amenities for future regional mobility hub sites – including two in rural communities and two in the urbanized region.

What are the benefits of a mobility hub and how will they improve quality of life for residents?

Mobility hubs are scalable and customizable to meet a community's unique transportation needs. They can also serve as gathering spots for events and activities, in addition to offering potential amenities like Wi-Fi.

Fill out our Mobility Hub survey here: <https://publicinput.com/67364hub-55889>

¿Cuáles son los beneficios de un centro de movilidad y cómo mejorarán la calidad de vida de los residentes?

Los centros de movilidad son escalables y personalizables para satisfacer las necesidades de transporte únicas de comunidades. También pueden servir como lugares de encuentro para eventos y actividades, además de ofrecer posibles servicios como Wi-Fi.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Visit publicinput.com/2024rtpsurvey to share your suggestions for the future of transportation in Fresno County.

Where to Talk RTP this October *En Español*

Where You Can Still Find the Regional Transportation Plan Update Team this October
Fresno COG and project partners have been hosting booths at several community events this month to talk all things RTP. You can still find Fresno COG or our project partners at any of the below events.

- Market on Kern: October 9, 16, 23, 30
- Reedley Fiesta: October 11 and 12
- Why Not Wednesday: October 16
- Fresno City College: October 22
- Fresno State University: October 23
- Resource Fair, Selma Senior Center: Oct 24
- Sanger Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat: October 31

Share Your Feedback on Transportation Needs

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is now accepting your feedback to help shape the future of transportation in Fresno County. Submit your transportation needs and suggestions now through October 31 by survey, voicemail, email or text. Tell us what you need, from bike lanes to bus stops, sidewalks to road improvements, and everything in between. Your suggestions will help shape the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and help the region's cities and county prioritize projects.

Take the Survey: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Punjabi](#) | [Hmong](#)

Also submit your ideas NOW through October 31 by:
Emailing us: 2026rtp@publicinput.com



Introduction

About You

Surveys

Welcome to the Fresno COG 2024 Comprehensive Climate Action Plan survey.

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is working on a plan to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) in Fresno County. The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) will include goals to reduce GHG. We need your help. Take this survey to help us create a plan to help address climate-related challenges. Learn more about climate change [here](#).

Click below to get started!

[En Español](#)

Continue



Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study Community Engagement Site

We are working on new ways to make getting around Fresno County quicker and easier and want the community's ideas on where to put four possible "mobility hubs" in the City of Fresno, City of Clovis, a location within the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency service area, and a nearby unincorporated community.

A mobility hub is a central spot where people can access AT LEAST two types of transportation other than driving alone. Mobility hubs are designed to help people get around without needing a car and can include distinctive amenities depending on the needs of people in the area. They could include things like bus routes, on-demand shuttle stops, bike lanes and bike parking areas, rideshares like Uber or Lyft, sidewalks, and electric car charging stations. Additional amenities can include coffee shops, daycare facilities, and convenience stores. So, we also seek feedback on the types of amenities the community would like to include in each of the four hubs.

[Fill Out Our Survey](#)

Submit questions or comments regarding the Mobility Hubs Study in one of the following ways:

Email: fresnohubs@publicinput.com

Voicemail: 855-925-2801, when prompted enter 10473. Then leave a message for staff.

You may also submit comments directly from this site under the Get Engaged tab.

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Fresno COG is seeking stakeholders in Fresno County to join our REAP 2.0 scoring committee. Scoring committee members will review and evaluate REAP 2.0 applications using the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) approved scoring rubric. Visit our website to submit an interest form today!

Fresno COG está buscando grupos de interés en el Condado de Fresno para unirse a nuestra comisión de puntuación REAP 2.0. Los miembros de la comisión de puntuación revisarán y evaluarán las solicitudes REAP 2.0 utilizando la rúbrica de puntuación aprobada por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de California (HCD, por sus siglas en inglés). ¡Visite nuestra página web para enviar un formulario de interés hoy!

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Just now

There's still time to give us your feedback on the Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan!

Take the survey to provide your feedback: <https://publicinput.com/2024RTPsurvey>

...
¡Aún tiene tiempo para darnos su opinión sobre el Plan de Transporte Regional para FresnoCOG! 🗳️

Complete la encuesta para brindar sus recomendaciones: <https://publicinput.com/2024RTPsurvey>

Plan Fresno

**WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

Visit publicinput.com/2024RTPsurvey to share your suggestions for the future of transportation in Fresno County.



Like

Comment

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Plan Fresno

**¡QUEREMOS
ESCUCHAR SU OPINIÓN!**

Visita publicinput.com/2024RTPsurvey para compartir tus recomendaciones para el futuro del transporte en el condado de Fresno.



Appendix 6: 2026 RTP/SCS Environmental Justice Analysis

Also available at: <https://www.fresnocog.org/project/environmental-justice/>

PLANNING ▾ PROGRAMMING ▾ LEGISLATION ▾ RESOURCES ▾ AIR QUALITY ▾ MODELING ▾ AGENDA/INFO ▾

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Three Main Principles of Environmental Justice as outlined by the Federal Government

- To avoid, minimize or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittee

The Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittee serves Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) by assisting staff in setting environmental justice population thresholds for the RTP's Environmental Justice Report. The EJ Subcommittee appointed one member to sit on the RTP Roundtable during the RTP update. There are 13 positions on the EJ Subcommittee which include four seats from urban, rural, and the County member agencies, and nine seats for representatives from a diverse group of designated EJ populations.

Fresno COG's Environmental Justice Report – Adopted July 2022

[View Report](#)

This Environmental Justice Equity Analysis is intended to measure both the benefits and burdens associated with the transportation investment alternatives included in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, and to make sure that the environmental justice communities living within Fresno County share equitably in the benefits of the Plan's investments without bearing a disproportionate share of the burdens.

Environmental Justice Subcommittee

The Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittee serves Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) by assisting Fresno COG staff in setting thresholds for environmental justice populations for the RTP's Environmental Justice Report. The EJ Subcommittee will appoint one member to sit on the RTP Roundtable for the duration of the RTP update. The subcommittee has ten positions to provide full, diverse and equitable representation from designated Environmental Justice populations. The positions include three Fresno COG member agencies representatives: Local agency urban, East side local agency rural and West side local agency rural. They also include public representatives including four minority representatives for Hispanic, African American, Asian and American Indian populations, two low income representatives, one senior (65 or older) representative and one representing persons with disabilities.

Title VI

Please see [Fresno COG's Title VI page](#)

Questions on Fresno COG's Environmental Justice activities please contact staff member [Jennifer Rodriguez](#)

Appendix 7: Resolution of Support

**BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08**

IN THE MATTER OF:
Fresno Council of Governments
FTA Title VI Program

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS –
FTA TITLE VI PROGRAM CONCURRENCE

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a condition of receiving federal funding to update its program for compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in the conduct of its business, including its Title VI responsibilities, and to the delivery of equitable and accessible transportation services;

WHEREAS, FTA Circular 4702.1b dated October 1, 2012, requires that designated recipients document their compliance by submitting a Title VI Program to their FTA regional civil rights officer once every three years; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG's existing Title VI Plan will expire on July 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno Council of Governments hereby adopts the Title VI Program dated April 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adoption of the Title VI Program will become effective on May 1, 2025, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute administrative modifications and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements, and any other documents required by the Federal Transit Administration in the execution and implementation of the Title VI Program.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 24th day of April, 2025.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Selma, Fresno County.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanger, San Joaquin

ABSTAIN: None.

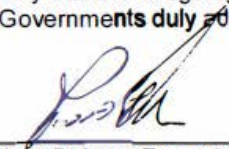
ATTEST:

Signed:


Fresno Council of Governments, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed:


Robert Phipps, Executive Director