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2027 Fresno COG One Voice D.C. Call for Priorities

Help Shape Fresno County's Future

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), together with regional leaders from government, business, transportation, agriculture, education, and community organizations, is preparing for the 21st Annual One Voice Washington, D.C. Advocacy Trip, taking place March 7 -11, 2027.

For more than two decades, One Voice has united Fresno County's public and private sectors with a common purpose: advocating for the federal investments, policies, and partnerships needed to strengthen our region's economy, infrastructure, workforce, water resources, transportation systems, and quality of life.

Through direct meetings with Members of Congress, federal agencies, and Administration officials, One Voice provides a powerful platform to elevate Fresno County's priorities and ensure our region's needs are heard where critical decisions are made.

Submit a One Voice Trip Priority

One Voice brings together regional leaders who advocate for projects and policies that create jobs, improve infrastructure, expand economic opportunities, and secure federal resources that benefit communities throughout Fresno County. Over the years, One Voice efforts have helped attract hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding and have advanced policy initiatives that continue to improve coordination among federal, state, and local agencies. The results have strengthened our region's ability to compete for funding, accelerate project delivery, and support long-term economic growth.

Submit a priority between now and December 21, 2026, by completing the 2027 One Voice D.C. Regional Priorities Submittal Form. The Fresno COG Board will evaluate all submissions and approve a final list of trip priorities at their January 2027 meeting. Submitting entities must commit to sending a priority representative on the trip to speak on its behalf.

Join Us in D.C.!

To review participation information and register for the trip, please see the attached form also available on our website at:

2027 One Voice D.C. trip information at:
https://www.fresnocog.org/project/fresno-cog-legislative-advocacy-trips/

For additional One Voice D.C. trip information or priority submittal assistance, contact staff at:

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Together, we can ensure Fresno County's priorities remain at the forefront of federal decision-making and continue building a prosperous future for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.



Paul Herman, Interim Executive Director
Fresno Council of Governments

2027 Fresno COG One Voice D.C. Advocacy Trip
Regional Priorities Submittal Form

Submittal Deadline: December 21, 2027

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A transportation nexus to your priority is not required this year. Priorities may be policy-related, funding-related, or both within a variety of regional fields.

If you need assistance identifying your priority or providing the information requested, please reach out and FCOG staff can meet with you to assist. Contact Brenda Thomas at bthomas@fresnocog.org with questions.

One Voice Proposed Priority title: _____

Sponsoring agency/business: _____

Priority type (check all that apply):

Project

☐ Support for a competitive grant application

☐ Request for an earmark

☐ Project funding not associated with a grant or earmark

Program

☐ Legislation/Policy change

☐ Programmatic or regulatory change

☐ Administrative action by a federal agency

☐ Other: _____

Section 1 — The Ask	
Request summary. State your specific "ask" in plain terms — the result you would like the delegation to achieve. Keep this to 2-3 sentences; do not include the project history or background.	
Timing / deadline. Is there a statutory, authorization, or grant-cycle deadline driving this ask? If yes, provide the deadline date and what happens if it is missed.	
Section 2 — District and Delegation Contacts	
Congressional representation for the area affected by this priority:	
Have these congressional offices been consulted or engaged regarding this priority? If yes, who did you speak with, when, and what was the response?	
City, county, and state representatives serving the area impacted by this priority:	
To find city council, county supervisor, state assembly and senate, and congressional districts, view the interactive map at the following link: https://gisportal.co.fresno.ca.us/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2d75a0772140404aab61683a186c8dbf	

Section 3 — Federal Engagement Targets	
Federal agencies, departments, or offices you would like the delegation to meet with to discuss this priority — specific bureaus or program offices if known:	
Congressional committees or caucuses with jurisdiction over this ask:	
Other federal officials or entities you would like included:	
Section 4 — Funding and Grant Status (For funding requests only)	
What amount of funding is requested?	
What is the total project budget?	
Other funding secured or committed toward this priority (federal, state, local, private), including any match:	
Prior federal funding received for this priority or a related effort:	
Have you submitted a federal grant application for this priority?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Preparing to submit on _____
If yes, or if planning to submit, please provide details:	
Submitted to: Agency/Grant program / NOFO/ Member office:	
Amount requested:	
Date submitted:	

Status:	
If you have not submitted any requests/grants, do you need help identifying potential funding sources and/or applying funding for this priority?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Section 5 — About The Priority	
Description. Provide specific information about your proposed priority, written as you would want it to appear in One Voice trip materials. **No longer than two paragraphs**	
Priority background. Cover the issues, history, and regional significance — including, if not already stated above, what problem this solves and who benefits. If a road project, please include the functional classification. **No longer than two paragraphs**	
Funding Sources (For funding requests) Discuss potential funding sources/agencies. *For example, a road project could potentially be funded by USDA, HUD, or FHWA, or other sources.*	

Regional significance. Please explain why this issue is of regional significance and how its impacts extend beyond an individual jurisdiction within the Fresno COG region.	
Jobs. Estimated jobs created, retained, or supported and whether they are construction, permanent, or induced, if relevant. Note if figures are estimates and the basis for them.	
Economic development impact. Describe the expected economic development effect (business attraction, tax base, workforce, goods movement, quality of life, etc.).	
Regional partners and supporters. List agencies, cities, counties, businesses, nonprofits, or coalitions supporting this priority and what they are contributing.	

Section 6 — Attachments

Attach high-resolution photos, graphics, maps, or other explanatory materials for the One Voice trip materials as separate electronic files — do not copy and paste them into this form.

List and describe each attachment:	

Section 7 — Contacts/One Voice Trip Participation

Most knowledgeable agency staff to speak on this priority (the person FCOG staff or the delegation should reach out to for details):

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Email:	
Phone (cell/office):	

Elected official(s) willing to attend and speak on behalf of this priority:

Name:	
Office Held:	
Confirmation status (Yes/Pending):	
Email:	
Phone (cell/office):	

Staff attendance. Staff are welcome and encouraged to attend. Note any staff attending who are not listed above:

Name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Email:	
Phone (cell/office):	