

2017 One Voice Priorities Summary

1. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE / POLICIES

REGIONAL PRIORITY	TITLE	REQUEST SUMMARY	LEAD AGENCY	SPEAKERS
A.	Veterans Boulevard Interchange	Request: The City of Fresno advocates for increased federal funding to support large-scale transportation infrastructure needs which include \$44.5 million for Veterans Boulevard/State Route 99 (SR-99) Interchange.	City of Fresno	Steve Brandau , Councilmember, City of Fresno Jeff Roberts , Granville Homes Tony Boren , Executive Director, Fresno COG
B.	State Route 269 Bridge	Request: State Route (SR) 269 passes through the Rural Community of Huron, CA and connects to Interstate 5 (I-5). The 30-year history of flooding has caused a magnitude of closures of this route, severely impacting interregional travel, economic resiliency, connectivity to I-5 and on the movement of goods from the San Joaquin Valley to the ports, manufacturing plants, and distribution centers in both Northern California and Southern California. Funding in the amount of \$18 million is needed to construct a new bridge along SR 269.	Fresno Council of Governments	Rey Leon , Mayor, City of Huron Bob Whalen , Mayor, City of Clovis Tony Boren , Executive Director, Fresno COG
C.	United States Dept. of Transportation (DOT): Uniform and Consistent Policies	<p>Request: <u>U.S. DOT - Uniform Policies for Workforce Training Funds:</u> The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) should have a policy allowing funding of both on-the-job (OJTs) and vocational classroom training. This policy should be applied to all U.S. DOT administrations. Furthermore, we request that all administration departments within the U.S. DOT identify workforce training funds linked to DOT projects.</p> <p>Request: <u>Uniform policy pertaining to targeted hiring programs implemented by all administration departments within U.S. DOT:</u> Currently the U.S. (DOT) and its various administrative units lack a uniform policy for targeted hiring initiatives. This discrepancy gets in the way of local workforce development boards implementing additional methods of getting unemployed and underemployed persons back to work. In order to realize the maximum benefit of federal infrastructure projects and achieve President Trump's vision of rebuilding our infrastructure while putting millions of Americans to work, consistent policies are needed to address targeted hiring at the operating administrations within the Department.</p>	Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) & Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	Blake Konczal , Executive Director Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Lee Ann Eager , President/CEO Fresno Economic Development Corporation Oliver Baines , Councilmember, City of Fresno

2. REGIONAL WORKFORCE / EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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A.		High Speed Rail Training Facility/ Workforce Development	<p>Request: Provide support to create Fresno as the hub for training workers for high-speed rail for the entire country. A permanent facility of this kind will be necessary to keep up with the advancing technology, especially if the United States wishes not only to utilize this system but gain an innovative presence in the industry worldwide.</p> <p>Making funding available for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in the amount of \$750 million in the FY'18 budget critical for job readiness programs, and other services that lead to self-sufficiency.</p>	Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) & Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	<p>Lee Ann Eager, President/CEO Fresno Economic Development Corporation Paul McLain-Lugowski, Chief Innovation Officer, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Oliver Baines, Councilmember, City of Fresno</p>
B.		Sustainable Aviation Project (SAP) Implementation	<p>Request: The partnership between the City of Reedley, City of Mendota, Reedley College, Mazzei Flying Service, CALSTART, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturers Alliance, and the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board will work toward the recruitment, training, and placement of veterans, youth, and career seekers from disadvantaged communities surrounding the airports served by the project. SAP is requesting \$1,500,000 to train approximately 225 career seekers for Private Pilot certification through ground training at Reedley College Flight Science Program and 35 hours of flight training at Mazzei Flying Service. Training cost will also include license exam fees, medical certificate, FBI fingerprinting, and background checks. For additional supportive services funds will be leveraged and will braid Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to ensure the success of the participants.</p>	Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board	<p>Joseph Oldham, Director, CALSTART Blake Konczal, Executive Director Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Oliver Baines, Councilmember, City of Fresno</p>
C.		Establishment of a Central Valley Forestry Corps	<p>Request: The establishment of a regional partnership in the San Joaquin Valley and its mountain communities comprised of Workforce Development Boards, Local Conservation Corps, and California Community Colleges will implement a 5-year project-- the Central Valley Forestry Corps, with costs estimated in the \$13M range. Together we will recruit, train, and deploy 1,000 young adults to remove dead trees and plant new ones.</p> <p>This program will yield numerous economic, workforce, public safety, and environmental benefits such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction of forest fires 2. Tree replacement would help to safeguard against dangers from severe soil erosion. 3. Dead timber to be used to create and sustain jobs at biomass facilities and feed the grid <p>The greatest long-term benefits would result from training unemployed young adults for work. The skills learned, certifications earned, and experiences gained through the Central Valley Forestry Corps are transferable to a wide range of growing, in-demand industries, including, but not limited to: construction, high-value agriculture, manufacturing and logistics, and energy.</p> <p>We ask for support for the establishment of the Central Valley Forestry Corps to be administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, through interagency agreements with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).</p>	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) and Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board	<p>Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Paul McLain-Lugowski, Chief Innovation Officer, Fresno EOC Daniel Parra, Board Chair, Fresno EOC</p>