



Fresno Council  
of Governments

# Transportation

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The Fresno Council of Governments is proud to host this transportation panel discussion with three California Transportation leaders. California Transportation Commissioner Darius Assemi, California Transportation Commission Executive Director Andre Boutros and Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, will provide their perspectives during this interactive question and answer session. The participation of these individuals is a strong indication that they value collaboration and understand the multi-modal issues we face in the San Joaquin Valley.

Topics we will discuss today include the following:

- Transportation infrastructure needs
- Funding challenges for streets and roads, highways and transit
- Issues with the enhanced Buy America provisions
- Rail
- Importance of local transportation funding measures

*A Fresno COG Legislative Friday Event*

8/23/2013 from 10:00 a.m.—12 :00 p.m.



### **Fresno COG's One Voice**

One Voice unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds annually for projects and priorities of regional significance. All priorities chosen shall contribute to an improved quality of life throughout Fresno County.

### **History**

Over the past several years, the Fresno COG has embarked upon an annual "One Voice" advocacy visit to Sacramento. Elected officials, public administrators and regional stakeholders from the public and private sectors travel to Sacramento to seek regulatory relief and state funding for issues and projects of regional significance within Fresno County. The goal of this "One Voice" delegation is to meet with state legislators and departmental representatives and advocate for the regional priorities that have been identified and prioritized through a COG selection process.

Our representatives in Sacramento have welcomed our efforts and responded positively. We have been encouraged to continue the effort, as our presence helps our leadership understand our regional priorities as they shepherd them through the governmental process.

## California Transportation Commission Profile

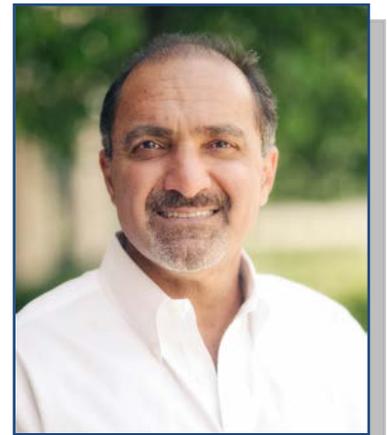
The California Transportation Commission advises and assists the administration and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs, and has the ultimate responsibility for adopting statewide transportation policy. The Commission's primary responsibilities include the programming and allocation of billions of dollars of transportation funding for the construction of highway, intercity passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California.

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### **DARIUS ASSEMI**

California Transportation Commissioner

Darius Assemi was first appointed to the California Transportation Commission in 2009 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Commissioner Assemi has worked diligently with the San Joaquin Valley on complex multimodal transportation issues facing both California and the region. He is a commissioner who works closely with the region in a proactive effort to address policy, air quality, land use and funding challenges. He is a highly respected Commissioner due to his responsive actions of addressing the State's transportation needs, his dedication to innovative economic development initiatives and for his efforts to improve the quality of life for the San Joaquin Valley communities.



### **ANDRE BOUTROS**

Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission

Andre Boutros was appointed as the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission in March 2013. He reports to the eleven-member Commission, and is responsible for administering the affairs of the Commission and overseeing the staff in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Commission.

Andre has more than 29 years of direct involvement in the development and preservation of California's transportation infrastructure. Andre has been a staff member to the Commission since 2007. He was appointed as the Chief Deputy Director in 2008, where he was responsible for the day to day operations of the Commission, acting as the chief of staff and the primary policy advisor to the Executive Director and the Commission. Prior to joining the Commission, Andre held numerous technical and management positions with the California Department of Transportation.



Andre is a California registered Civil Engineer.

## **Malcolm Dougherty**

Director

California Department of Transportation

Malcolm Dougherty is the Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), where he leads the \$11 billion organization and the Department's 20,000 employees who build, maintain, and operate the 50,000 lane miles of California's world-class transportation system. He is also a member of California's Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, which provides project oversight on the seismic retrofit of the state's toll bridges, including the iconic \$6.46 billion San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.



During his 20 years with Caltrans, Dougherty has served in several high-profile management positions. Before being appointed Director, he served as Chief Deputy Director, where he advised and assisted the Director with all aspects of Caltrans' policies and operations. He also served as District Director in the Fresno area. As District Director, he was responsible for Planning, Project Management, and Maintenance for the district's five counties, as well as the Capital Project Delivery Program for the Central Region, which spans from the Pacific Coastline to Nevada, and from Amador County to Kern County. Dougherty's career also includes management positions in Design, Project Management, Maintenance, and Traffic Operations. Before he came to Caltrans, Dougherty worked for a consultant with a focus on land development and municipal engineering.

Dougherty is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He and his wife Linda have three children.