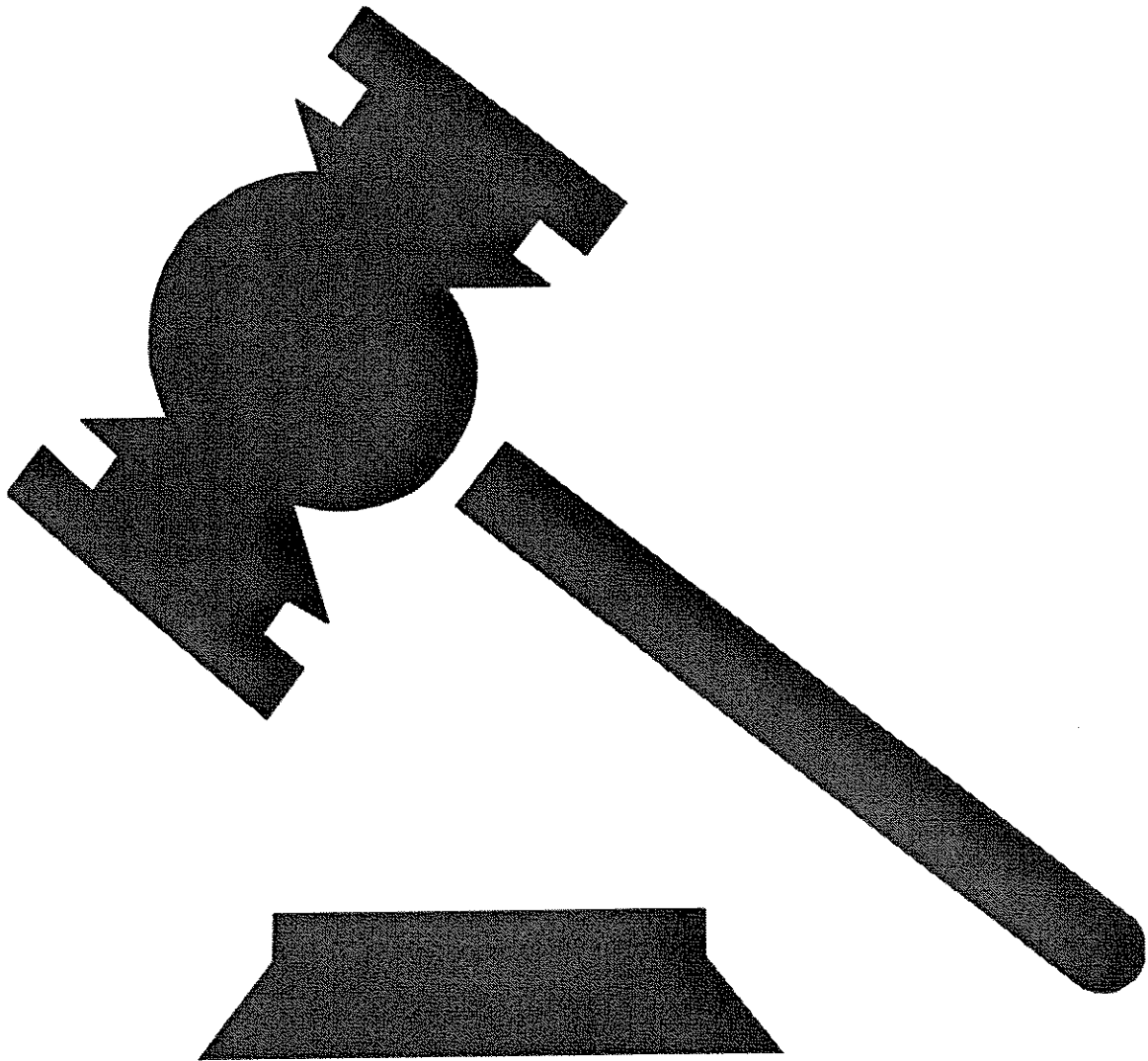




ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS
AGENDA ITEMS V. A. - B.



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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201
Fresno, CA

Members Present: Trinidad Rodriguez, Mayor, City of Kerman, Chairman
Dennis Lujan, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Selma, Vice Chairman
Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis
Mayor Trish Hill, City of Coalinga
Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Ray Soleno, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Mike Montelongo, City of Sanger
Supervisor Bob Waterston, County of Fresno

Alan McCuen, Caltrans
Kevin Briggs, Legal Counsel
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Quorum: At the start of the meeting there were 14 members present representing 46.35% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County)

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note:** Prior to action by the Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

Joe DeLos Santos with DLS Security gave an update regarding their service in several of the cities. Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) expressed he would like to see a co-op between the cities in Fresno County regarding this Wi-Fi Technology.

Urgency Item, Requesting Presidential Declaration of Emergency for Fresno County.
(Requires 1) 2/3 vote declaring urgency; 2) 2/3 vote to add to agenda as Item VI. H.

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) presented an urgency item which includes a letter and resolution of support to request the President of the United States to issue a Declaration of Emergency for Fresno County because of the recent freeze which has caused economic hardship with the loss of crops and jobs.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment and an explanation from Mayor Lopez regarding the urgency, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) to both declare the item an urgency item and to add it to the agenda as Item VI. H. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Introduction of New Board Members

- Mayor Patricia Hill, Coalinga
- Mayor Craig Knight, Firebaugh
- Councilmember Rico Aguayo, Fowler
- Mayor Robert Silva, Mendota
- Supervisor Bob Waterston, County of Fresno

New Board members were introduced and welcomed to the Board by Chairman Rodriguez.

C. Presentation of Plaques

- Ron Lander, Coalinga
- George Conklin, Jr., Firebaugh
- Jim Simonian, Fowler
- Joseph Riofrio, Mendota
- Judy Case, County of Fresno

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director presented plaques to out-going Board members Ron Lander (Coalinga) George Conklin, Jr. (Firebaugh) and Jim Simonian (Fowler). Each one expressed their thanks and appreciation to COG staff and other Board members. Mayor Riofrio (Mendota) and Supervisor Case (Fresno County) were not present but their plaques will be taken to them.

Jeffrey Webster, FCRTA General Manager has presented plaques to out-going Board members Ron Lander (Coalinga) George Conklin, Jr. (Firebaugh) and Jim Simonian (Fowler). Mayor Riofrio (Mendota) and Supervisor Case (Fresno County) were not present but their plaques will be taken to them. In addition, Mr. Webster also had a plaque for out-going Councilmember Roy Rodriguez (Orange Cove). His plaque will also be taken to him.

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

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| A. Administrative Amendment No. 4 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program | Information |
| B. Consultant Selection for EIR for Regional Transportation Plan | Approve |
| C. Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles | Information |
| D. Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding for Federal FY 2006 | Information |

For a summary of these items, please see the January 25, 2007 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) and seconded by Mayor Magsig (Clovis) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno County Request for Support for Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Application

On January 23, 2007, the Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department requested approval from the County Board of Supervisors to apply for a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund the automation of a County-wide Traffic Volume/Collision Tracking and Analysis System for traffic safety. This application is for the addition of traffic volume data into the County's Traffic Collision Tracking and Analysis System to improve traffic safety analysis through more timely access to collision rates.

The system will interface with the existing County Geographic Information System (GIS) and improve the performance of traffic collision analysis as well as provide a central location for managing traffic count information to County staff and local agencies. The estimated cost for this system is \$20,000 for software and consultant labor expenses. The OTS program funds 100 percent of the cost of an approved project.

The application submittal deadline for the OTS grant cycle is January 31, 2007. Competitive evaluations will be reviewed in May 2007 with approved projects being funded October 1, 2007. Bob Thompson (Fresno County staff) presented the item to the Board.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to recommend support of the grant application. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Federal Transit Administration (Section 5316 and 5317), Resolution 2007-01

Les Beshears, Finance Director advised the Board that on August 21, 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a letter designating the Council of Fresno County Governments as FTA recipient for Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) programs. FTA requires the agency to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director of his/her designate to execute the grant documents. [BESHEARS]

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Magsig (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to authorize the Executive Director to execute FTA grant documents by approving Resolution 2007-01. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Measure "C" Update

Barbara Goodwin (COG) briefly explained that a matrix of responsibilities which will be required of Fresno COG as a result of the reauthorization of Measure "C" this past November is being developed. Ms. Goodwin went on to explain that application forms for the formation of the Citizens Oversight Committee are being created and will be distributed. A copy of "Appendix G – Citizen Oversight Committee" from the Expenditure Plan was included in the package. Ms. Goodwin went on to explain that the Steering Committee will be reconvened to discuss the details of the plan. It is hoped that the Steering Committee that put the concept together can be kept together during the process of finalizing the Expenditure Plan. The Steering Committee will meet on Friday, February 2nd.

Issues to be discussed include formation of the Citizens Oversight Committee, tentative timelines associated with development of the initial Expenditure Plan, and formation of the numerous "Implementation Guideline Committees" that are required for the majority of the Measure "C" Program components. The Mayor's Selection Committee will choose the

Citizens Oversight Committee from solicited applications at their April 26th meeting.
[GOODWIN/BOREN]

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

D. Caltrans Monthly Report

Alan McCuen (Caltrans staff) provided an update on Caltrans activities as follows:

- Completed its Mobility Improvement Program which is \$4.5 billion Statewide.
- Submitted its list of projects to CTC for review and decision at their February 28th meeting.
- Submitted its Route 99 corridor program to CTC for review and decision at their February 28th meeting.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

Quorum: Mayor Rodriguez (Kerman) left leaving a quorum of 44.95% of the population.

IV. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. Executive Minutes of December 14, 2006 | Approve |
| B. Adoption of Population Projections for Fresno County | Approve |

For a summary of these items, please see the January 25, 2007 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc.

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting staff gave the Board an update on lobbying activities as follows:

- Regarding Air Quality issues:
 - 4 letters from Legislators have been received
 - Attained 5 additional letters from Valley delegation
 - Pete Weber met with CALEPA and the letters are helping

- Called attention to a handout – Dan Dunmoyer, Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Schwarzenegger will speak at a luncheon in Selma on March 23, 2007.
- Secretary Dunmoyer will meet with COG staff after the lunch

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

B. 2006-07 Overall Work Program, Amendment #2

The 2006/07 OWP Amendment #2 in the amount of \$72,700 increases the budget to \$6,575,185 and has two components.

1. Work Element 310 Intergovernmental Coordination

Now that the voters have approved extending Measure "C", the Fresno COG must now turn the guidance plan that accompanied the ballot measure into a detailed Strategic Plan in order to implement the Measure C extension. In order to move quickly on this process we will be meeting with members of the Measure C Steering Committee and developing numerous subcommittees to deal with the Strategic Plan. Towards that end, the Executive Director is recommending a renewal of our contract with Dr. Gary Manross from Strategy Research Institute for the period between February 1 through June 30, 2007 to continue to mediate and build consensus on Measure C issues. In addition, Dr. Manross has indicated a willingness to undertake other tasks for the Fresno COG for a flat, all inclusive fee of \$5,500 a month (unless special data collection is required, i.e. hiring a survey firm). Dr. Manross, performed polls, developed statistical intelligence and successfully mediated the initial Measure "C" committee that put together the strategic plan that successfully accompanied the ballot measure. As part of this proposed scope through June 30, Dr. Manross' services will include:

- Salary survey comparing the agency's salary structure to similar regional MPO's and other comparable agencies,
- On call services, where Fresno COG has varying needs, but may not justify the hiring of an additional employee. This would include, as currently identified,
 - Data collection as needed, including analysis, report writing, presentation
 - Professional services such as opinion leadership surveys, focus group research, facilitating town-hall type meetings, crisis management, organizational communication, etc.
 - Consensus building among stakeholders and stakeholder groups/organizations as needed (Measure C, Blueprint, One Voice, and other projects not yet identified)
 - Public outreach services, to include both internal communication (with member agencies) and external communications (including but not limited to media relations, targeted public communications, and other stakeholders)
 - Other services, as needed.

The cost of renewing his contract through the remainder of this fiscal year will run \$27,500. Residual local funds carried over from last year will be used to cover the costs.

2. Work Element 111 Regional Transportation Modeling

An additional Planning Coordinator I/II position is requested to address increased GIS and modeling activities. The total salary and benefit cost of the position for the remainder of this year will be \$30,100 and around \$75,000 in next year's budget. In addition we will need to acquire an additional one time license from Citilabs to run the TP+/Cube Base modeling software \$11,600, and a new computer \$3,500. The total additional cost on this year's budget is \$45,200 to be paid for with a combination of Federal FHWA Planning funds and an 11.47% local match. [BESHEARS]

After an expressed opportunity for public input, a motion was made by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to approve the amendment with the two components as proposed. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Travel Allowance Policy

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director explained she is recommending a revision to the Employee Expenses Travel Reimbursement Policy (5003.01 #8). COG's current policy is over 20 years old and has not been adjusted to reflect current circumstances when traveling, or even to reflect that under federal guidelines the offering of a minimum 15% gratuity is an accepted process. In developing this recommendation we undertook a survey of other Valley COG's and the Cities of Clovis and Fresno as well as the County of Fresno to arrive at the entire recommendation (package enclosure). The proposed rates fall between the City of Clovis' rates and the County of Fresno's rates, and is similar to rates paid by San Joaquin COG (max \$63.25 when tip included) and Stanislaus COG (\$52.00 with receipts).

The main changes proposed are:

- Allow reimbursement for gratuities (tips) on meals (as identified under Incidental Expenses in the IRS Rules for Employer Provided Meals and Lodging) not to exceed 15% of the meal cost.
- Increase the current per diem amount from \$30/\$40, to \$50/\$60.
- Provide employees two options for reimbursement of meals while traveling.

The current per diem is set at \$30 per day except in major metropolitan areas where the limit is increased to \$40. The Executive Director recommends a change allowing employees the option of choosing between a Flat Per Diem Option (\$50) or an Actual Cost Option (\$60). The gratuity, not to exceed 15% of the cost of the meal, would be included within the dollar amount of the option chosen. The recommended amount is also based on the desire to have a policy that would probably not need a revision within the next five years.

The Policy Advisory Committee asked that staff notify the city if its elected official travels on COG business. [GOODWIN]

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Silva (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) to approve the revision to the Travel Policy regarding meal expenses. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. San Joaquin Valley Partnership Seed Grant Opportunities

The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Partnership is seeking Concept Proposals for Partnership Seed Grants. A total of \$2.5 mil. in seed grant funding has been made available in the State's FY 2006-07 budget. Seed Grants are intended to jump start major initiatives, as set forth in the *Partnership Strategic Action Proposal* that will result in significant immediate impact or will lay a solid foundation for long-term priority strategies and investments. Applicants are encouraged to be innovative both in their approaches and in their arrangements among and between participants (individuals and organizations) included in the proposals. All concept proposals must be consistent with the outcomes articulated in the *Partnership Strategic Action Proposal*.

To date Fresno COG has been informed that the following Seed Grant Concept Proposals are under consideration for submittal:

<u>Concept Proposal Description</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
Metro-Rural Loop Feasibility Study	City of Fresno
Farmland Conservation Model Program	Fresno COG
Tolling and Congestion Pricing	Valleywide COG Directors
Matching Funds for San Joaquin Valley Blueprint	Valleywide COG Directors
Kern Street Mobility Project	Central Transit & Dev. Corp.
Kerman/Flood District – Secondary Water Supply	City of Kerman
Clovis Technology	City of Clovis

Discussions at TTC focused on future COG Policy Board support for the Seed Grant Proposals. It was recommended that the Policy Board take an action to support the concept proposals at this time, with the expressed understanding that these are not formal grant applications but rather "*Seed Grant Concepts*" that are to be reviewed by the San Joaquin Valley Partnership, with the selected seed grant concepts, being requested to complete formal grant application packages. In the event any of our seed grant proposals are selected, COG staff would bring them forward for TTC/PAC/Policy Board support at the earliest opportunity.

Copies of the Seed Grant proposals identified above are available at the Fresno COG website www.fresnocog.org. The deadline for submittal of the Concept Proposals to the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency was **January 16, 2007, 5:00 p.m.** [BOREN]

TTC recommended that the Policy Board support the concept proposal submittals, but wanted the PAC to have the ability to review each of the proposals prior to taking their action. PAC then recommended that the Policy Board support the concept proposals with the understanding that in the event any of the seed grant proposals are selected COG staff will bring them forward for TTC/PAC/Policy Board support at the earliest opportunity. Further direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

Tony Boren, Deputy Director presented the information and suggested it would be brought back when the proposals are available.

E. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update

Barbara Steck (COG) reported on the community workshop that was held on Thursday, January 11th at the U.C. Center that engaged participants in an exercise aimed at prioritizing the community's values. These values will be translated into the goals, objectives and measurable outcomes that the Blueprint planning process will address as we move forward.

On another front, the Valleywide Blueprint coordinating committee has asked John Wright (Clovis Planning and Development Director) to convene planning directors from around the Valley to provide input on the more technical aspects of the planning process. Each of the eight Valley COGs submitted recommendations of those they felt should be invited. The first meeting of the group will be January 26th in Clovis.

COG has been notified by the state's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency the eight Valley COGs have been successful in their proposal for second year funding of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. The second year effort will be funded at \$1.9 million. [STECK]

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

F. 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice" Status Report

Barbara Steck (COG) reported that eighteen infrastructure projects were submitted for consideration for the 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice" trip. The selection committee reviewed the submittals and recommended that nine projects be included on the list of regional priorities (list enclosed in package). The projects total \$15,980,000 in funding requests. Three of the projects are not asking for dollar amounts per se but rather policy decisions. The list represents high scoring projects and/or ones that qualify for different appropriations bills and accounts.

At the December Policy Board meeting, the County of Fresno and the BIA made a presentation asking that the Veterans Boulevard project be included on the regional priority

list. After much discussion about adding projects to the list, the Board took a "compromise" position to create a "Tier 2" list for the three additional projects (Veteran's Blvd., and the Parlier and Kerman economic development projects). "Tier 2" projects will be included in the materials that we distribute (similar to local specific projects), but will not have formal presentations as we do with the priority projects.

There has been much discussion on appropriations bills and earmarks at the federal level. Several of the projects that were identified for earmarks from our trip last year have been passed on to the new Congress to address. We will discuss our strategy with our federal lobbyist on how to promote these projects in Washington in February.[STECK]

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

G. Paperless Agendas

Barbara Steck (COG) announced that the website was continuing to be updated and the opportunity to sign up for paperless agendas. A form was included in the package asking the members to provide information regarding the manner in which they would prefer to receive meeting packages.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Barbara Goodwin (COG) called attention to the Presentation Request Form and the procedure that was previously approved by the Board. The procedure is as follows:

For presentations beyond the regular three minute presentation, under Public Presentations, a letter, including this form and supporting materials, should be submitted to the Chair of the Committee at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721, detailing the subject matter and action to be taken by the Board and other pertinent details. In particular the letter should state why the Committee/COG Policy Board is the entity where this presentation needs to occur. Staff will schedule requests for each meeting, but limit the presentations to two per meeting, and the presentations themselves would be limited to five minutes each, and be placed at the end of the business agenda. Persons requesting more than five minutes may need special consideration.

Ms. Goodwin showed the Board the plaque that will be presented tomorrow night, January 26, 2007 at the Chamber of Commerce's annual installation dinner, in appreciation for the money raised and the effort extended during the campaign to pass Measure "C".

B. Items from Members

Mayor Victor Lopez (Orange Cove) wanted the record to show his appreciation and the appreciation on behalf of the many affected by the freeze to the following people and agencies:

- Governor Schwarzenegger for declaring state of emergency
- Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
- All media
- Pastor Franklin- Cornerstone Church for providing food
- All the others who were concerned and helped

A motion was then made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Supervisor Waterston (Fresno County) to approve sending a proclamation of thanks and appreciation to those mentioned. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mayor Magsig (Clovis) brought up an issue regarding a park and ride facility and whether there is funding available for it. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director responded she would check to see if there may be some funding available.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

A. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2006-07 First Quarter Status Report

Clark Thompson (COG) gave the following First Quarter Status Report.

As stated in the 2003 Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Plan, the Fresno COG, as administrator of the AVA Program, shall submit a quarterly status report to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. The Service Authority has directed the quarterly status report first be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Status reports are submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.
- An accounting of money expended for major purchases, if any.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.
- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2006-07 First Quarter Status Report as presented.

Mr. Thompson also reminded the Board that an article regarding Abandoned Vehicle Abatement issues will be published in The Bee within a few days.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

VIII. Board Presentations

A. Myung-Ho Lee, Chairman/ECO, DnEco Design & Ecology

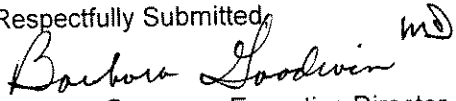
DnEco Design & Ecology Information—Myung-Ho Lee, Chairman and CEO DnEco Domestic and International Affairs and Miguel Lopez, President/CEO made a presentation to the COG Board regarding an advanced technology related to waste water treatment. A copy of request letter was included in the package.

This was an informational item, and required no action from the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Magsig (Clovis) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Goodwin". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized mark that appears to be "md".

BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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ATTACHMENT A

Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
January 25, 2007

George Conklin, Jr., Firebaugh
Telvina Conklin, Firebaugh
Jim Simonian, Fowler
Eileen Simonian, Fowler
Ron Lander, Coalinga
Angie Vega, Congressman Costa
Patrick Sweeney, Central Transit & Dev. Corp.
Stan Nakagawa, Fresno County
Russ Clemings, Fresno Bee
Steve Samuelian, Ca. Consulting
Robert Thompson, Fresno County
Dennis Manning, FARRC
Pam Lassetter, FCWIB

Barbara Steck, COG
Tony Boren, COG
Clark Thompson, COG
Renee DeVere, COG
Kathy Chung, COG
Dottie Wright, COG
Marla Day, COG
Les Beshears, COG
Mike Bitner, COG
Jason Paukovits, COG
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA



February 2007 Legislative Update

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ACA 4 Villines	Reapportionment.	1st Desk ██████████	5
ACR 12 Parra	Agriculture: frost damage.	1st Desk ██████████	6
SB 9 Lowenthal	Trade corridor improvement: transportation project selection.	1st Policy ██████████	6
SB 16 Florez	Railroads: rail crossings.	1st Desk ██████████	6
SB 19 Lowenthal	Trade corridors: projects to reduce emissions: funding.	1st Policy ██████████	6
SB 33 Simitian	Vehicles: wireless telephones and mobile service devices.	1st Policy ██████████	7
SB 45 Perata	Transportation funds for capital projects and capital expenditures.	1st Policy ██████████	7
SB 47 Perata	Transportation bonds.	1st Policy ██████████	7
SB 59 Cogdill	Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008.	1st Policy ██████████	7
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SB 113 Calderon	Elections: presidential primary elections.	1st Desk ██████████	8
SB 114 Florez	Disaster relief.	1st Desk ██████████	8



February 2007 Legislative Update

Bill# Author	Topic - Summary	Status/Hearing	Position	Subject
AB 5 Wolk	Flood Protection: local: central valley: plans. Existing law prescribes various responsibilities of state agencies, counties, cities, districts, and landowners with respect to levees. Existing law regulates the inspection, improvement, and maintenance of project and nonproject delta levees, as those terms are defined. Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources and the Reclamation Board administer various flood control programs. This bill would require an unspecified entity to create the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to address flood protection in the central valley. The bill would authorize local agencies to create a local plan of flood protection meeting the requirements of the bill, and would require priority for state funds to be given to local agencies that have adopted a local plan of flood protection. The bill would create the Local Flood Protection Plan Assistance Fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, assist local agencies by awarding grants to those agencies to conduct necessary activities in the development of a local flood protection plan. The bill would prohibit local governments in the central valley from approving new developments within high-risk flood prone areas, unless unspecified conditions are met to ensure appropriate levels of flood protection.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Water
AB 23 Ma	Department of Transportation: marked crosswalk: control signal. Existing law requires that whenever a marked pedestrian crosswalk is established in a roadway contiguous to a school building or its grounds, the crosswalk be painted or marked in yellow as shall be all the marked pedestrian crosswalks at an intersection in case one of the crosswalks is required to be marked in yellow. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to place and maintain an official control signal that emits a count down pedestrian display at a marked pedestrian crosswalk if that crosswalk crosses a state highway and is within 2,000 feet of a school building or the grounds of that school building or a senior center, as defined.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Transportation
AB 27 Parra	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency, to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements. This bill would, from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2020, create the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley,	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	MPO

	composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, local government members and private sector members, subject to specified criteria, to coordinate and improve existing local, state, and federal efforts for the valley to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley. This bill contains other related provisions.			
<u>AB 29</u> Hancock	Infill development: incentive grants. Existing law, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. This bill would require certain of those funds, upon appropriation, to be made available to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing for distribution to designated councils of governments, as defined, to fund competitive infill incentive grants for local public agencies that meet certain, listed criteria.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Economy
<u>AB 33</u> Jeffries	Income tax credit: school transportation costs. The Personal Income Tax Law authorizes various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would allow a credit in an amount equal to 20% of the school transportation costs, as defined, paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year. This bill contains other related provisions.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Economy
<u>AB 38</u> Nava	State agencies: Office of Homeland Security. Existing law establishes the Office of Homeland Security within the office of the Governor. This bill would transfer the Office of Homeland Security to become a division of the Office of Emergency Services and would make conforming changes.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Other
<u>AB 57</u> Soto	Highways: Safe Routes to School construction program. Existing federal law contains appropriations for a number of programs related to projects for the improvement of highway safety and the reduction of traffic congestion, including projects for bicycles and pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures in high-hazard locations. Existing state law authorizes certain state and local entities to secure and expend the federal funds for these purposes, but provides for the repeal of these provisions on January 1, 2008. This bill would delete the January 1, 2008, repeal date for these provisions, thereby extending the provisions indefinitely, and would make related changes. This bill contains other existing laws.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Transportation
<u>AB 60</u> Nava	Vehicles: bicycles. Under existing law a driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle or a bicycle proceeding in the same direction is required to pass to the left at a safe distance without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken vehicle or bicycle, subject to certain limitations and exceptions. A violation of this provision is an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first conviction, and up to a \$250 fine for a 3rd and subsequent conviction occurring within one year of 2 or more prior infractions. This bill would recast this provision as to overtaking a bicycle by requiring the driver of a motor vehicle	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Transportation

	overtaking a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction to pass to the left at a safe distance, at a minimum clearance of 3 feet, without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle. The bill would make a violation of this provision an infraction punishable by a \$250 fine. The bill would make it a misdemeanor or felony if a person operates a motor vehicle in violation of the above requirement and that conduct proximately causes great bodily injury, as defined, or death to the bicycle operator. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>AB 109</u> Nunez	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: annual report. Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution, and air pollution control districts and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Existing law, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, designates the state board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming in order to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, as specified, and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions, as specified. This bill would require the state board to report to the Legislature annually on the status and progress of implementing the act.	01/06/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.	Watch	Air
<u>AB 117</u> Beall	Traffic offenses: additional assessment: traffic safety. Existing law imposes a base fine, assessments, and other applicable fees and penalties on a person upon a conviction of an offense involving the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle on the highways. This bill would provide that, until January 1, 2010, a county may elect to levy an additional assessment in the amount of \$2 for every \$10 or fraction thereof, upon each base fine, not including other penalty assessments, fees, or additions, imposed and collected by the county for an offense involving the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle upon the highway in violation of the Vehicle Code or a local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code. The bill would require that the collected assessments be deposited in a Traffic Safety Committee Network Fund. The bill would require moneys in the fund, after deducting administrative costs, not to exceed 10% of the amount of the fund, be allocated in a manner so that 85% be used for local traffic safety programs approved by the county board of supervisors, as specified, and 15% be deposited in the county's Courthouse Construction Fund.	01/10/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee February 9.	Watch	Economy
<u>AB 118</u> Nunez	Alternative fuels: funding. Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law generally designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution. Under existing law, the state board, in conjunction with	01/10/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee February 9.	Watch	Air

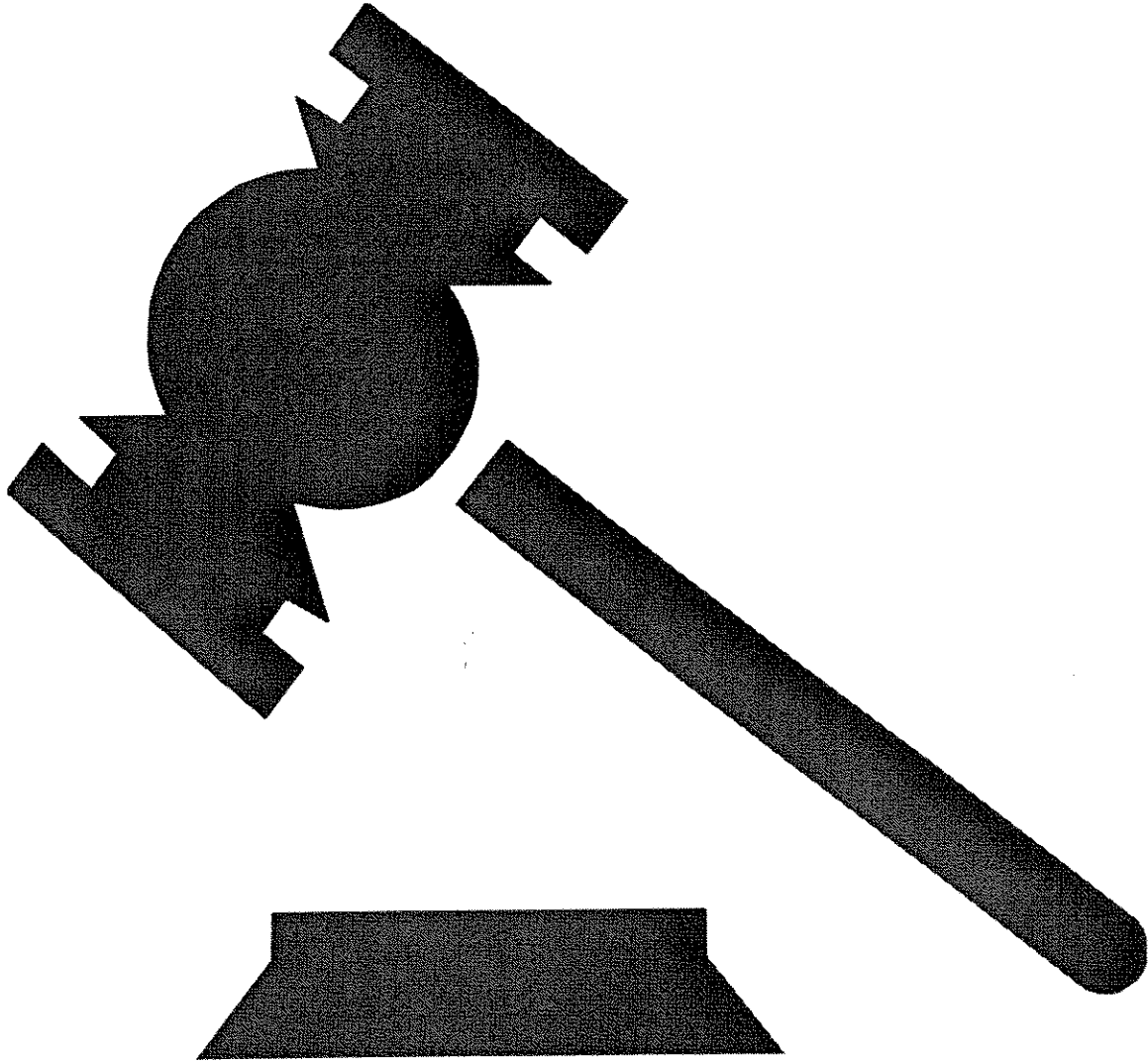
	other state agencies, is required to develop and adopt a state plan to increase the use of alternative fuels, as defined. This bill would declare legislative intent to provide ongoing funding for alternative fuel research, development, and deployment in order to advance the state's leadership in clean technologies, meet the state's clean air and greenhouse gas emission reduction standards, develop public-private partnerships, and ensure a reliable fuel supply.		
<u>AB 156</u> Laird	Flood control. The Department of Water Resources performs various flood control activities throughout the state. Existing law also authorizes the Reclamation Board to engage in various flood control activities along the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River, their tributaries, and related areas. Existing law requires the board to establish and enforce standards for the maintenance and operation of, and to undertake other responsibilities with regard to, flood control works under its jurisdiction. This bill would authorize the department to provide meals and other necessary support to any person engaged in emergency flood fight activities, as defined, on behalf of, or in cooperation with, the department. The bill would require the department, on or before December 31, 2008, to prepare, and the board to adopt, a schedule for mapping areas at risk of flooding in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River drainage. The bill would authorize the board or the department to establish a program of mitigation banking for the activities of the board or the department and for the benefit of local districts in the discharge of specified flood control responsibilities. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/19/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee February 18.	Watch Water
<u>AB 157</u> Plescia	Elections: Presidential primary elections. Existing law specifies that the Presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. Existing law also specifies that the statewide direct primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year, and be consolidated with the Presidential primary election in any year in which the statewide direct primary is in a year evenly divisible by the number 4. This bill would instead provide that the Presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. The addition of the Presidential primary election in February would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/19/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee February 18.	Watch Other
<u>AB 162</u> Wolk	Land use: water supply. The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county general plan to include specified mandatory elements, including a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for various purposes and a conservation element that considers, among other things, the effect of development within the jurisdiction, as described in the land use element, on natural resources located on public lands, including military installations, and provides that the conservation element may also cover, among other things, flood control. The bill would require the land use element to identify and annually review those areas covered by the general plan that are subject to flooding as identified by floodplain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency	01/23/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee February 22.	Watch Water

	Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources and would require, upon the next revision of the housing element, on or after January 1, 2008, the conservation element of the general plan to identify rivers, creeks, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitat, and land that may accommodate floodwater for purposes of groundwater recharge and stormwater management. By imposing new duties on local public officials, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>AB 224</u> Wolk	Water supply planning. Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project, which includes state water facilities, as defined. This bill would require the department, commencing in 2008, and every 2 years thereafter, to prepare and deliver to all State Water Project contractors, all city and county planning departments, and all regional and metropolitan planning departments within the project service area, a report that accurately sets forth, under a range of hydrologic conditions, the then-existing overall delivery capability of the project facilities and the allocation of that capacity to each contractor. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/29/2007-Read first time. To print.	Watch	Water
<u>ACA 1</u> Dymally	Elections: redistricting. The California Constitution requires that each Member of the Senate, Assembly, Congress, and State Board of Equalization be elected from a single-member district. Existing provisions of the California Constitution require the Legislature, in the year following the year in which the federal census is taken at the beginning of each decade, to adjust the boundary lines of the state Senate, Assembly, congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts in accordance with specified standards. This measure would delete these existing requirements, and would instead require the appointment of the Independent Redistricting Commission, composed of 5 members, that would be charged with establishing, by February 28 of each year ending in the number one, congressional, Assembly, Senate, and State Board of Equalization districts of equal population in compliance with the United States Constitution, pursuant to a mapping process for each district in accordance with specified goals. The measure would require the commission to approve a redistricting plan that includes the final maps for all districts. The measure would require the Legislature to adjust the boundaries of the districts of any of these offices for which the commission fails to approve a final map within one year after the deadline for the commission's appointment. This bill contains other related provisions.	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Other
<u>ACA 4</u> Villines	Reapportionment. The California Constitution requires the Legislature, in the year following the year in which the national census is taken at the beginning of each decade, to adjust the boundary lines of the senatorial, Assembly, congressional, and Board of Equalization districts in conformance with specified standards. This measure would repeal these provisions and instead require the Independent Citizens' Commission on Redistricting, to be comprised of an unspecified membership, on or before February 1 of the year following the year in which the national census is taken, to adjust the boundary lines of the Senate, Assembly, congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts in conformance with certain	12/05/2006-From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Other

	standards, prioritized in a certain order consistent with specified federal law.			
ACR 12 Parra	Agriculture: frost damage. This measure would request the Public Utilities Commission to cooperate with the state's public utilities in immediately approving advice filings to establish appropriate payment deferral programs for citrus growers whose crops were destroyed as a result of the cold storms and consequent frost damage that occurred in January 2007. The measure would also request the commission to authorize recovery for the actual administrative costs, with the exception of interest foregone on deferred amounts, and recovery of uncollected deferred amounts incurred by the state's public utilities as a result of this program.	01/19/2007-From printer.	Watch	Other
SB 9 Lowenthal	Trade corridor improvement: transportation project selection. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of \$19,925,000,000 of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes, including high-priority transportation corridor improvements. This bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes a process for the selection of transportation projects to be funded from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/18/2007-To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Economy
SB 16 Florez	Railroads: rail crossings. Existing law establishes the consumer protection and safety division of the Public Utilities Commission. The consumer protection and safety division is responsible for inspection, surveillance, and investigation of the rights-of-way, facilities, equipment, and operations of railroads and public mass transit guideways, and for enforcing state and federal laws, regulations, orders, and directives relating to transportation of persons or commodities, or both, of any nature or description, by rail. Existing law grants the commission exclusive power to determine and prescribe the manner and terms of installation, operation, maintenance, use, and protection of each crossing of a public or publicly used road, highway, or street by a railroad. This bill would require the commission to order that a public-rail grade crossing be equipped with automatic gates, if the commission determines in the course of investigating a public-rail grade crossing collision, that it is more likely than not that the collision would not have occurred if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates, or if the commission determines that the injury to person or property resulting from the collision would have been substantially reduced if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates.	01/18/2007-To Coms. on E., U. & C.; T. & H.; and APPR.	Watch	Transportation
SB 19 Lowenthal	Trade corridors: projects to reduce emissions: funding. Existing law requires that of the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, a specified amount of those deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006, be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature and subject to the conditions and criteria contained in a statute enacted by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources Board for certain emission reductions from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes conditions and criteria, as specified, for	01/18/2007-To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Transportation

	projects funded under these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions.			
<u>SB 33</u> Simittian	Vehicles: wireless telephones and mobile service devices. Under existing law, motor vehicle operation is regulated and drivers are required to follow many legal requirements or face criminal sanctions. Existing law imposes additional requirements on those persons operating motor vehicles pursuant to an instruction permit, student license, or provisional license. Under existing law, on and after July 1, 2008, it will be an infraction to drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, unless that telephone is designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking operation, and is used in that manner while driving, except as otherwise provided. This bill, on and after July 1, 2008, would prohibit a person possessing a valid instruction permit, student license, or provisional license, from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device, as the bill would define that term, including a handset equipped with a hands-free device. The bill would provide that this prohibition does not apply to a person using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device for emergency purposes. By creating a new infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/18/2007-To Com. on T. & H.	Watch	Other
<u>SB 45</u> Perata	Transportation funds for capital projects and capital expenditures. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Specified moneys in the fund are required to be deposited in the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for capital projects that provide increased protection against a security and safety threat, and for capital expenditures to increase the capacity of transit operators to develop disaster response transportation systems. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the application process for allocations from the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account.	01/18/2007-To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Economy
<u>SB 47</u> Perata	Transportation bonds. Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November, 2006, general election enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, which authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$1 billion for the State-Local Partnership Program, to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission to eligible transportation projects nominated by transportation agencies, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Existing law requires a dollar for dollar match of local funds for projects funded with these bond funds. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact provisions governing project eligibility, matching fund requirements, and the application process relative to allocation of bond proceeds to the State-Local Partnership Program.	01/18/2007-To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Transportation
<u>SB 59</u> Cogdill	Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008. Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water projects, facilities, and programs. This bill would enact the Reliable Water Supply	01/25/2007-To Com. on N.R. & W.	Watch	Water

	Bond Act of 2008 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for purposes of financing a water supply program, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$3,950,000,000. The bill would require the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election.		
<u>SB 71</u> Flores	Alternative fuels: biodiesel. Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in partnership with the State Air Resources Board, to develop and adopt a state plan to increase the use of alternative fuels, as defined. This bill would require all vehicles owned or leased by the State of California, by a city, county, or city and county, or by a mass transit district, that use diesel fuel to instead use B20 biodiesel fuel or a higher blend of biodiesel, as specified. The bill would require the State Air Resources Board to establish a program to implement and monitor these requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/25/2007-To Coms. on T. & H. and E.Q.	Watch Air
<u>SB 113</u> Calderon	Elections: presidential primary elections. Existing law specifies that the presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. Existing law also specifies that the statewide direct primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year, and be consolidated with the presidential primary election in any year in which the statewide direct primary election is in a year evenly divisible by the number 4. This bill would require that the presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday in February in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. By increasing the duties on county elections officials due to the presidential primary election in February, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/23/2007-From print. May be acted upon on or after February 22.	Watch Other
<u>SB 114</u> Flores	Disaster relief. Existing law authorizes a county board of supervisors to provide by ordinance for the reassessment of property that is damaged or destroyed, without fault on the part of the assessee, by a major misfortune or calamity, upon the application of the assessee or upon the action of the county assessor with the board's approval. With respect to certain counties that have adopted reassessment ordinances and have been declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency as a result of certain events, existing law provides for state allocations of the estimated amounts of the reductions in property tax revenues resulting in certain fiscal years from reassessments under those ordinances. Existing law also continuously appropriates, without regard to fiscal years, moneys in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for purposes of funding these state allocations. This bill would provide for similar state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura that were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to severe freezing conditions that commenced January 11, 2007. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/23/2007-From print. May be acted upon on or after February 22.	Watch Other



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM VI. A.

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-07

In the Matter of:)
2007 Regional Housing)
Need Allocation Plan)
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RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL
METHODOLOGY FOR 2007
REGIONAL HOUSING NEED
ALLOCATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the overarching purposes of the 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan (RHNA Plan), along with similar RHNA Plans developed for other regions of the state, are to address the statewide concern for "decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family," and to reflect the shared responsibility among local governments for accommodating the housing needs of all economic levels; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of the regional housing need, by income category, to individual cities and counties within a region is typically determined by the region's COG; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG is responsible for preparing the RHNA Plan; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG staff and the Policy Advisory Committee are recommending that the same methodology successfully used in the 2001 RHNA Plan and earlier RHNA Plans be used in the 2007 RHNA Plan; and

WHEREAS, the methodology is acceptable to HCD, is relatively straightforward to understand and implement, reflects a city-centered and balanced development pattern, and allows for the ability to make manual adjustments to each jurisdiction's allocation of the regional housing construction need; and

WHEREAS, housing market areas are used throughout the RHNA Plan in the gathering, analysis, and presentation of data; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG staff and the Policy Advisory Committee believe that the same five market areas used in the 2001 RHNA Plan remain valid and recommend their use in the 2007 RHNA Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 60-day public comment period of the methodology to be used in the development of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan was initiated on December 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on February 22, 2007 to hear and consider comments on the methodology for the 2007 RHNA Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments adopts the methodology for the 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 22nd day of February, 2007.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____

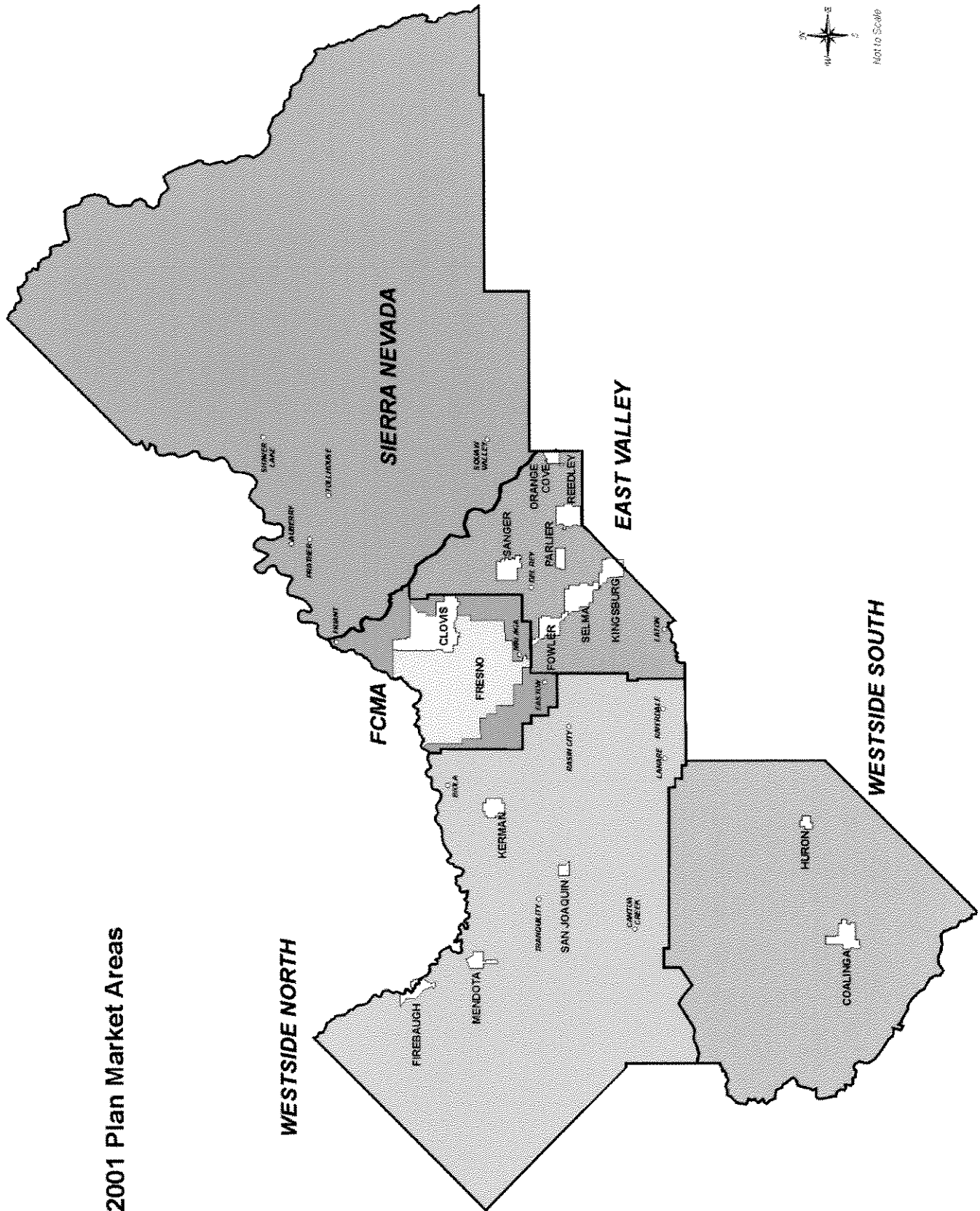
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

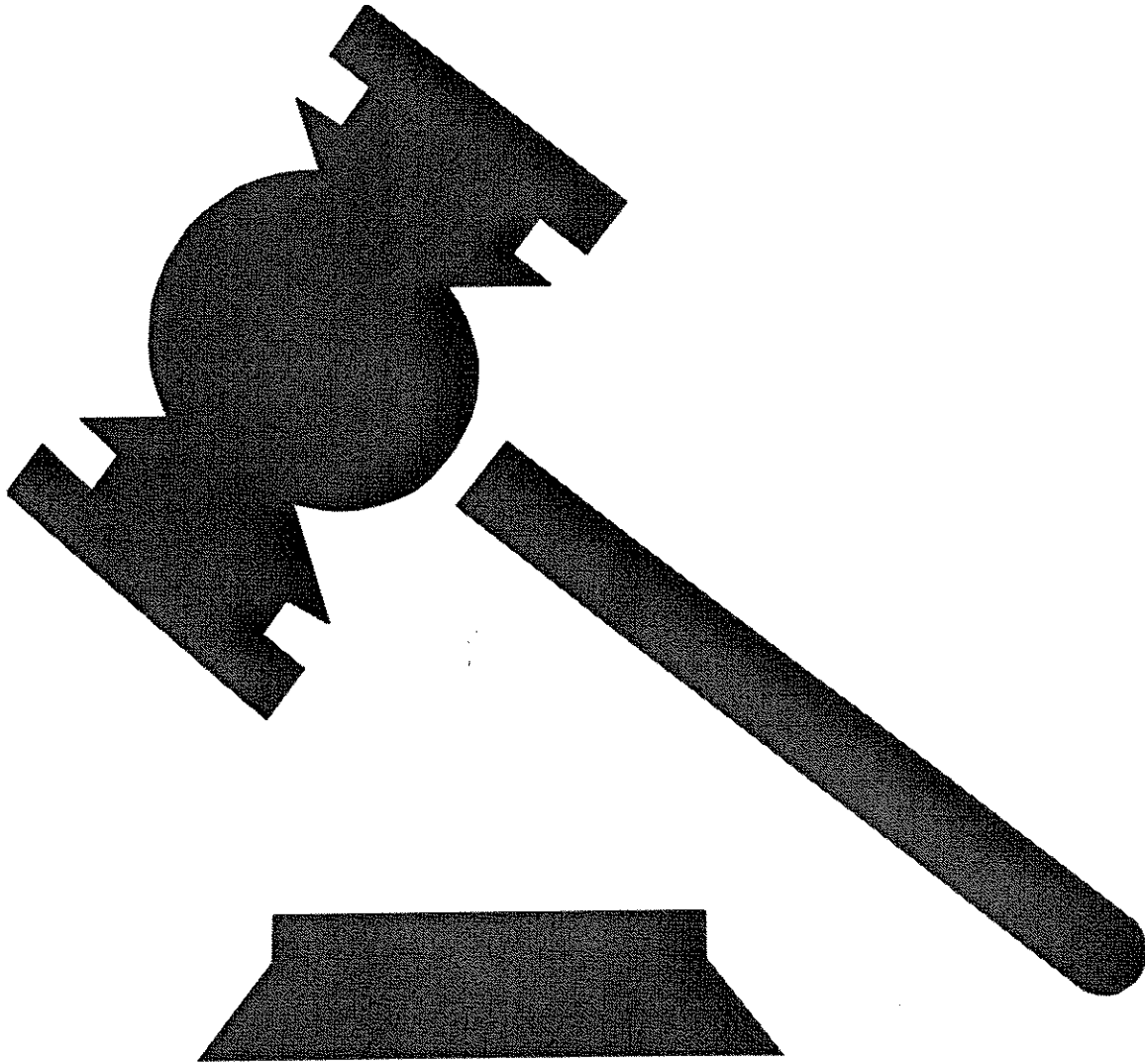
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of February, 2007.

Signed: _____

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

2001 Plan Market Areas





ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM VI. C.



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February 7, 2007

Memorandum

TO: Transportation Technical Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
COG Policy Board

FROM: Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director
Tony Boren, Deputy Director *TB*
Les Beshears, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Draft FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program

Recommendation:

Staff recommends release of the draft FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program and Annualized Budget totaling \$5,746,810 for a 45 day review and comment period.

Summary:

The FY 2007-08 Overall Work Program (OWP) totaling \$6,996,810 (including carryover projects) is submitted for your review. This year's budget total reflects a reduction of 8% (\$517,690) from the approved FY 2006-07. Note: The first two pages of Appendix F compare annualized revenue and expense estimates for FY 2007-08 with approved FY 2006-07 values. The annualized budget eliminates the impact of the carryover projects and is thereby more accurate in highlighting current revenue and expenditure trends. The budget details following these first two pages include all carryover projects (in keeping with Federal and State requirements) and reflect overall COG workload.

This year's OWP is formatted a little differently than year's past in that we've taken our entire Overall Work Program and broken it down into six primary components, in the hope that it will allow our member agencies and the general public to better grasp the work activities and responsibilities of the COG.

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

Those components are as follows:

1. Regional Transportation Planning
2. Transportation Program Development
3. Service and General Coordination Activities
4. Regional Coordination of Transportation, Land Use & Housing
5. Valleywide Coordinated Activities
6. Administrative Activities

Highlights for each of the six OWP components are listed below:

1. Regional Transportation Planning

The thirteen work elements contained within this section primarily carryout the long-range regional transportation planning program which the COG is statutorily responsible for.

New Work Elements

Work Element 121-(Public Transit-Human Services Transportation- JARC/New Freedom) has been added to implement two new federal transit funding programs whose aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring the public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs.

Work Element 113-Regional Transportation Studies

This new work element has been added in order to provide Federal Planning funds for multi-modal Regional Transportation Studies (metropolitan, rural or countywide) that are needed in order to provide the long term analysis of our regional transportation system. Examples include Corridor Preservation Studies, Metropolitan Mobility Analysis, Transit Needs Assessments, & enhanced public participation in the transportation planning process. Appendix D identifies the eligible uses for these funds.

Ongoing Activities Highlights

WE 110: Continued participation in the San Joaquin River Crossing Study

WE 114: Project Manager for Phase II of the Fresno-Madera Freeway Deficiency Study

WE 150: COG staff anticipates a significant role in the development of Bicycle & Pedestrian Plans that are a requirement of obtaining new Measure "C" funding.

WE 170: Preparation of an updated RTP is underway and should be completed in FY 07-08

WE 180: COG staff continues to serve as the project administrator and contract manager for the Valley Air Quality Liaison position which is funded jointly by the eight San Joaquin Valley COGs that comprise our air basin. All cost associated with this activity is apportioned among the eight agencies by population with Fresno COG's share being approximately 25%.

2. Transportation Program Development

Ongoing Activities Highlights

WE 210: With the reauthorization of Measure "C", COG will have a primary role in the development of the Strategic Implementation Plan that will guide the implementation of the Measure "C" program. Staff anticipates that there will be eight or nine Implementation Subcommittees that will provide input and guidance into the development of the Strategic Implementation Plan.

WE 220: With the passage of Proposition 1B, which authorized \$19.9 billion in state transportation funding and the passage of the Measure "C" reauthorization which authorized \$1.7 billion in local revenues for transportation, COG staff anticipates an increased level of programming activities.

3. Services and General Coordination

Ongoing Activities Highlights

WE 311: As a requirement of SAFETEA-LU, all Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to update their Public Involvement Procedures with a focus on a new federal requirement for a "consultation process" with transportation stakeholders and resource agencies prior to adoption of our RTP.

WE 312: COG staff in continuing to upgrade our Website in FY 07-08 with planned local road closure information being made available.

WE 330: Our Policy Board has identified this work element as an area they would like to see COG expand. COG staff will work with our member agencies and look for opportunities to provide enhanced technical assistance.

4. Regional Coordination of Transportation, Land Use & Housing

Ongoing Activities Highlights

WE 410: The State of California has made additional funding available to continue with San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Activities. Staff anticipates a high level of work activity with this program as the planning work evolves into development of alternative future land use scenarios for our region and the valley as a whole.

5. Valleywide Coordinated Activities

Ongoing Activities Highlights

WE 810: The combination of SJV Blueprint Planning activities along with the continuing work of the San Joaquin Valley Partnership portends an enhanced role for Fresno COG in Valleywide activities

WE 811: The passage of Proposition 1B (which allocates funding for trade corridors statewide) and the completion of the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study Phase III will require an increased role for Fresno COG as we work with our Valleywide partners to pursue funding for goods movement projects in the San Joaquin Valley.

6. Administrative Activities

Ongoing Activities Highlights

WE 940: The Freeway Service Patrol is continued for a 15th year of operation with the same program that was in place last year.

WE 950: FY 2007-08 marks the fourth year of operation for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program. The COG has been designated the local Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority to administer the AVA Program and Plan. The program is funded by an assessment of a \$1 additional registration fee to be used exclusively for the purpose of abandoned vehicle abatement within Fresno County.

WE 960: This work element is a carryover project from last year's OWP. The work element funds development of a Fresno Yosemite Village Revitalization Implementation Plan through a \$225,000 Caltrans Environmental Justice grant. The project is a partnership between the COG and the City of Fresno Housing Authority. The project was unable to be completed last year due to a number of administrative issues.

Staffing

- This year's OWP proposes adding one additional Planning Coordinator position to our staff to help with the additional workload that will result from the passage of Proposition 1B and the reauthorization of Measure "C". This brings total staff (including COG employees stationed at Fresno Area Express) to twenty-two. In addition, two of the Planning Coordinator job titles will be changed to 1.) Valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, and 2.) Public Information & Participation Coordinator to more accurately reflect the primary responsibilities of those staff members.
- This year's OWP is setting aside \$66,000 for potential consulting fees that may arise as a result of the development of the Measure "C" Strategic Implementation Plan. The Strategic Research Institute (Dr. Gary Manross) is currently under contract to provide this function for the remainder of the 2006-07 fiscal year

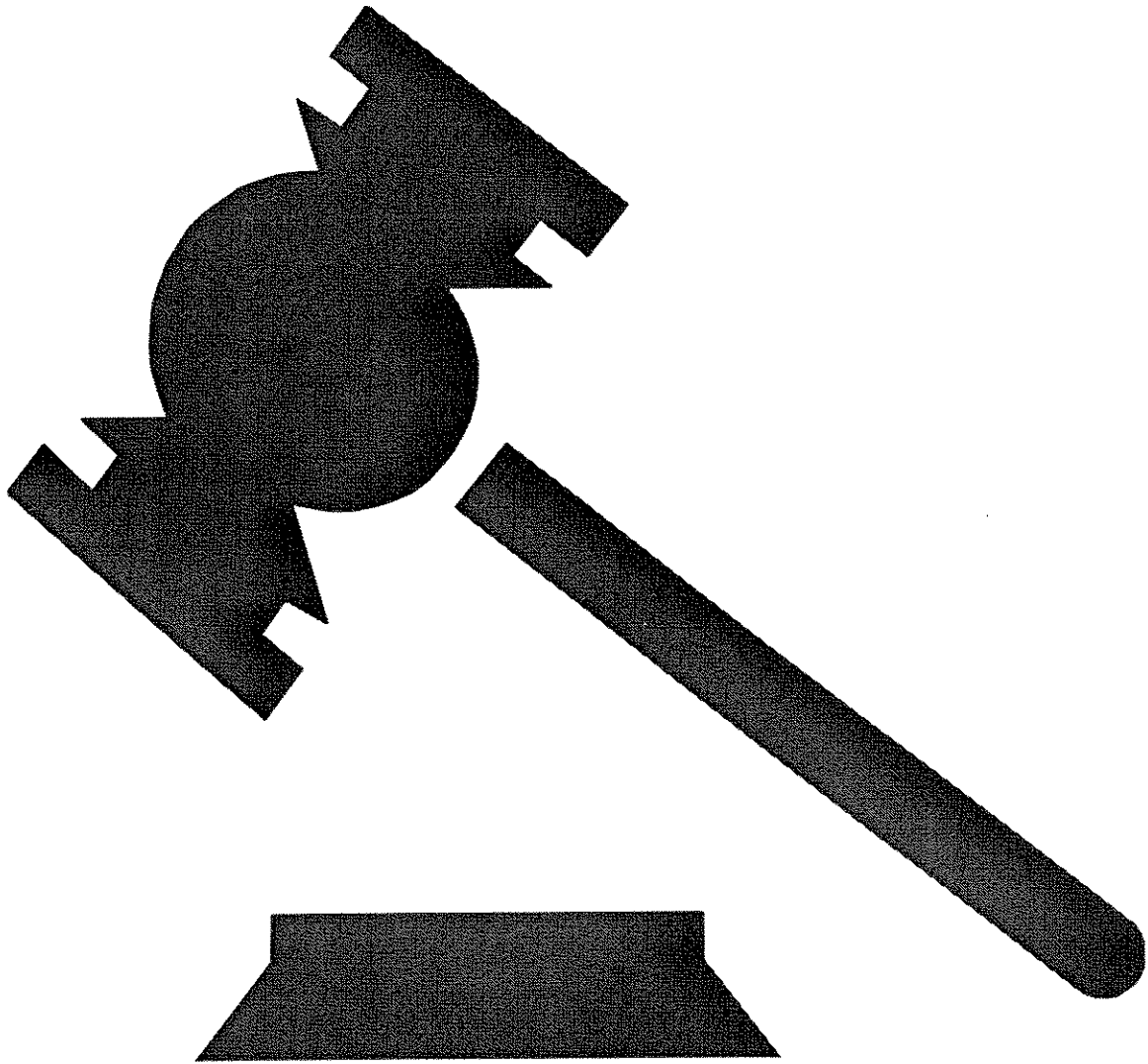
Office Overhead

Office overhead is the same as was proposed in FY 2006-07. COG's current lease rate for the offices we occupy at 2035 Tulare St. Suite 201 is \$1.30 per sq. ft.

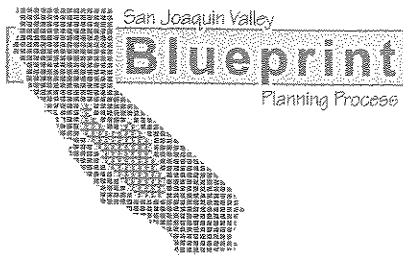
Fresno County Region "One Voice" Lobbying Efforts

COG will continue with its "One Voice" lobbying efforts in both Washington and Sacramento in the upcoming fiscal year. Both activities are ineligible for federal and state funding and are funded by local funds. Work Element 310 provides additional detail on the "One Voice" efforts.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM VI. D.



Fresno COG Blueprint Planning Workshop January 11, 2007

Value Statements

1. **Environmental Health and Sustainability**
*Rational use of environmental resources to provide the highest quality of life
Protection and prevention of potential environmental health threats*
2. **Vibrant Economy**
A healthy, independent and sustainable economy that benefits all citizens
3. **Public Safety**
Provision of effective and sustainable public services and community design
4. **World Class Education**
Provision of a breadth and depth of educational opportunities that challenge each student and trains the leaders of tomorrow
5. **Transportation Options**
A variety of options available to all income, age and cultural groups
6. **Housing Choices**
A variety of options available to all income, age and cultural groups
7. **All People Have Worth**
Respect for all people that truly reflects equal opportunity
8. **Aesthetic Quality**
Well-designed buildings with character
9. **Cultural Richness**
Activities, structures and districts that enrich religious, cultural, social and economic development
10. **Positive Image**
Promoting and experiencing a creative, innovative and viable community

* These values were reviewed by the Blueprint Roundtable on Jan. 24, 2007. The Roundtable consolidated the two environmental values and recommended that the Blueprint address all of the values in future tasks.

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Fresno County

Blueprint Planning Workshop

Polling Results

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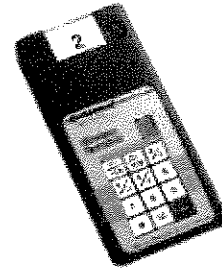
Appendix E – Results of Housing Poll by Demographic Group

Appendix F – Results of Future Growth Poll by Demographic Group

Meeting Overview

The public workshop was hosted by the Fresno Council of Governments as part of their ongoing effort to obtain public input for the Blueprint Planning Process. Over 165 people participated in an interactive polling process to collect and discuss their opinions on community values, long-range planning, transportation, housing and future growth issues.

Each workshop participant was provided a remote FM radio input terminal to respond to questions generated by computer and projected on a large screen. The results were tabulated and immediately presented back to the group for discussion. Demographic information was collected to assess the different perspectives of participants based on where they lived, who they represented, and a number of other categories. The survey questions are presented in Appendix A



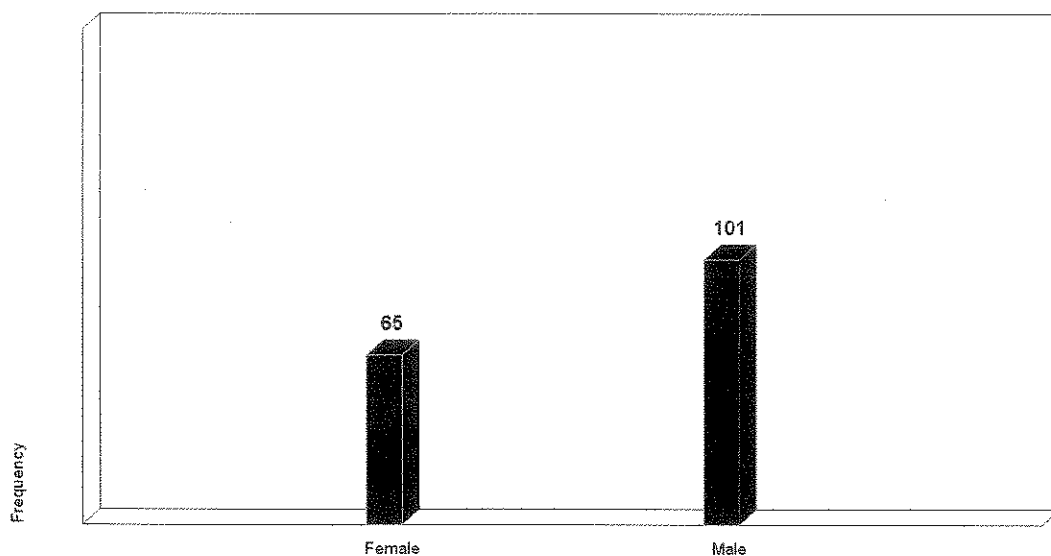
This report presents the results of the interactive surveys. The observations and conclusions from the discussion were recorded and will be reported separately.

It is important to note that the interactive polling process was designed to stimulate discussion and understanding of the perspectives of the various participants. It was not designed to be statistically representative of a broader group of participants. The number of participants may vary among polls since all participants may not have participated in every poll.

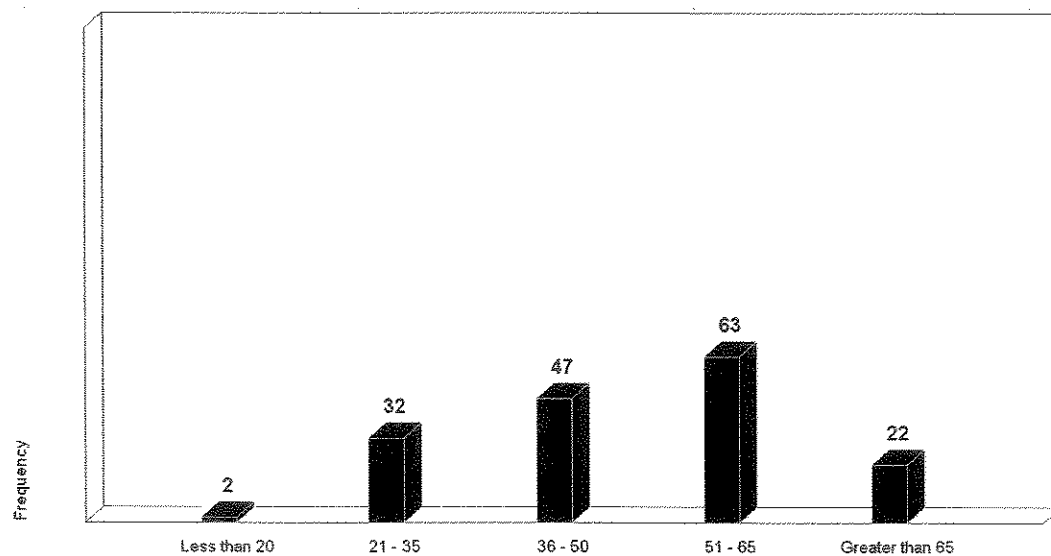
Demographic Information

The following demographic information was collected from the workshop participants.

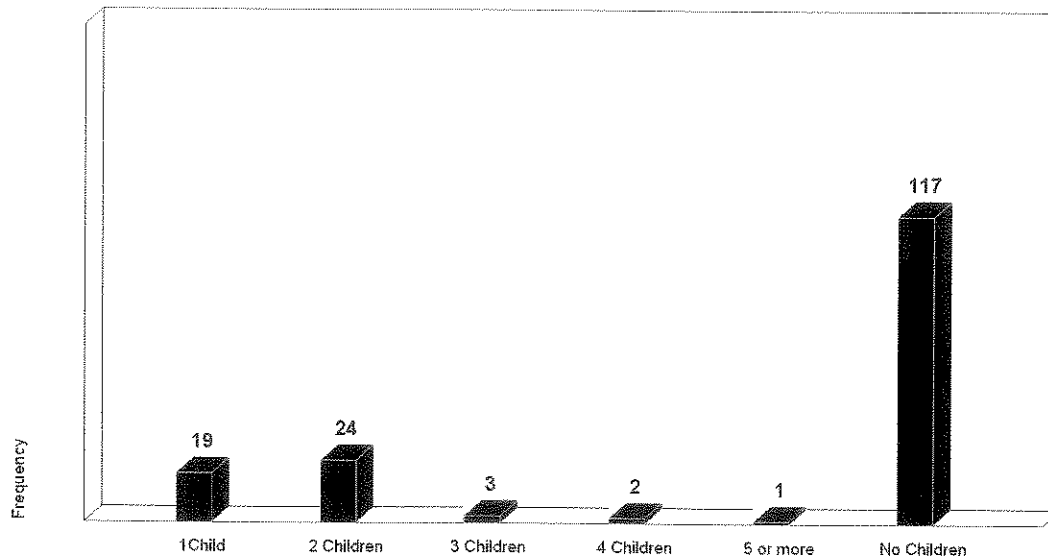
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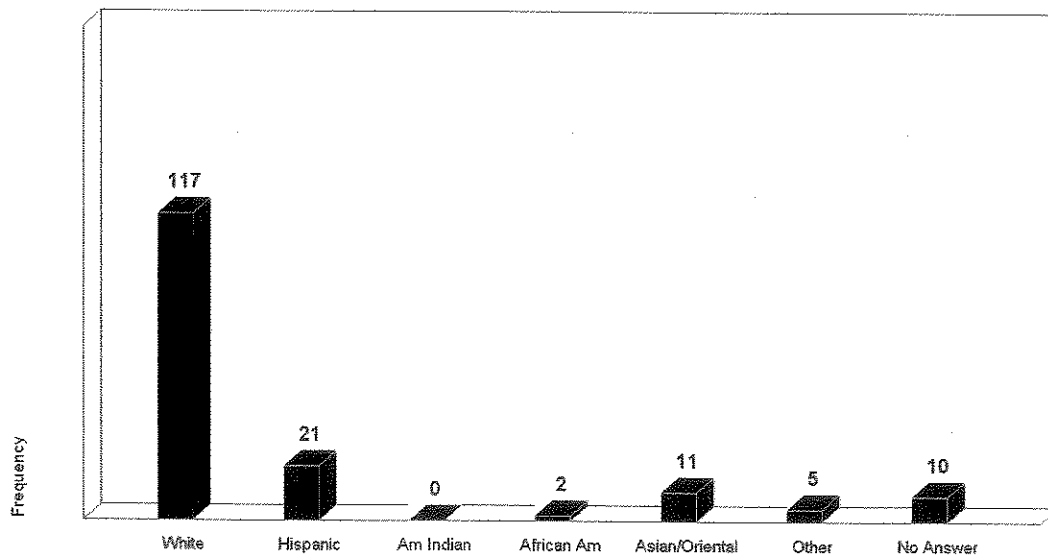
B- What is your age?



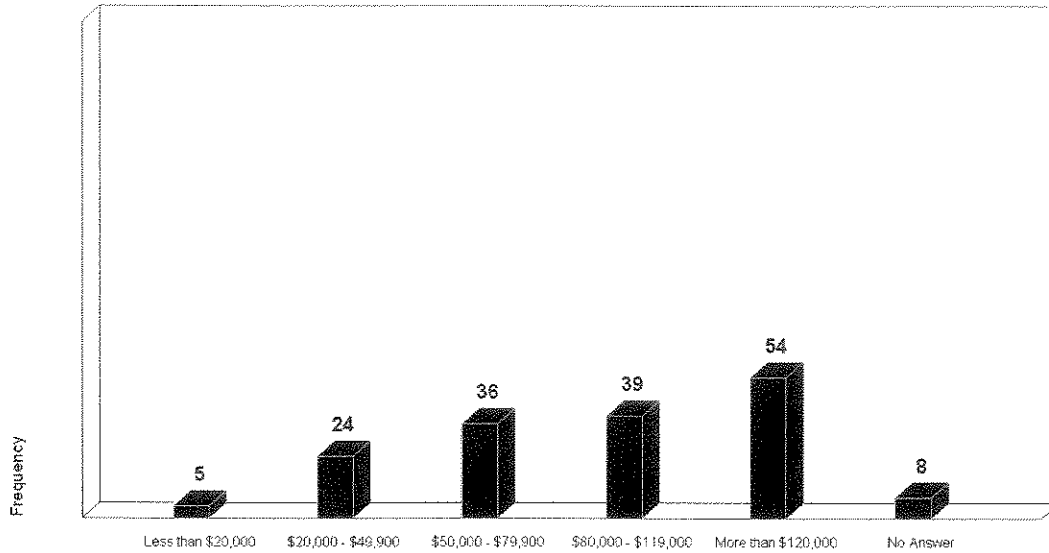
C- How many children under the age of 18 currently live in your household?



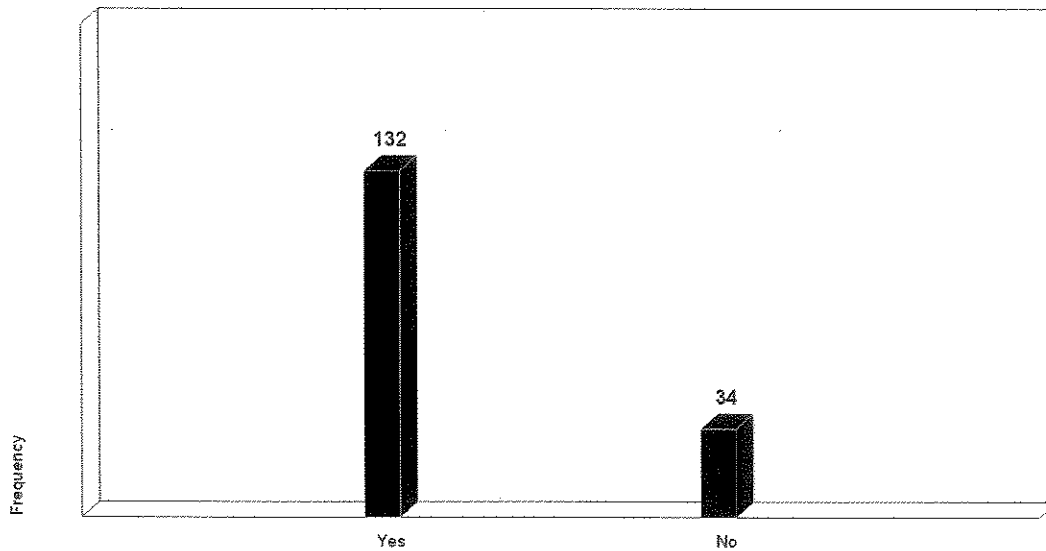
D- What is your racial or ethnic background?



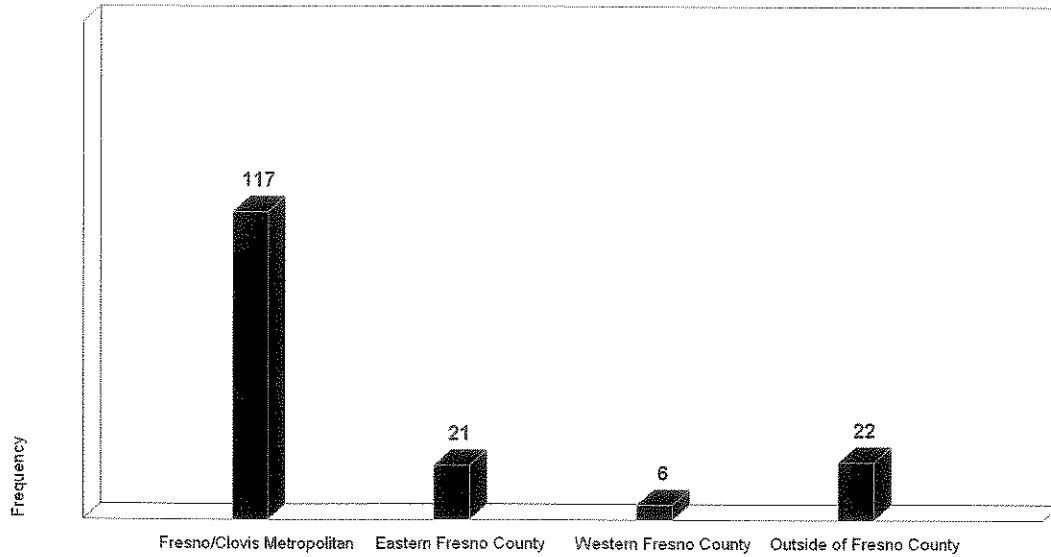
E- What is your Annual Household Income?



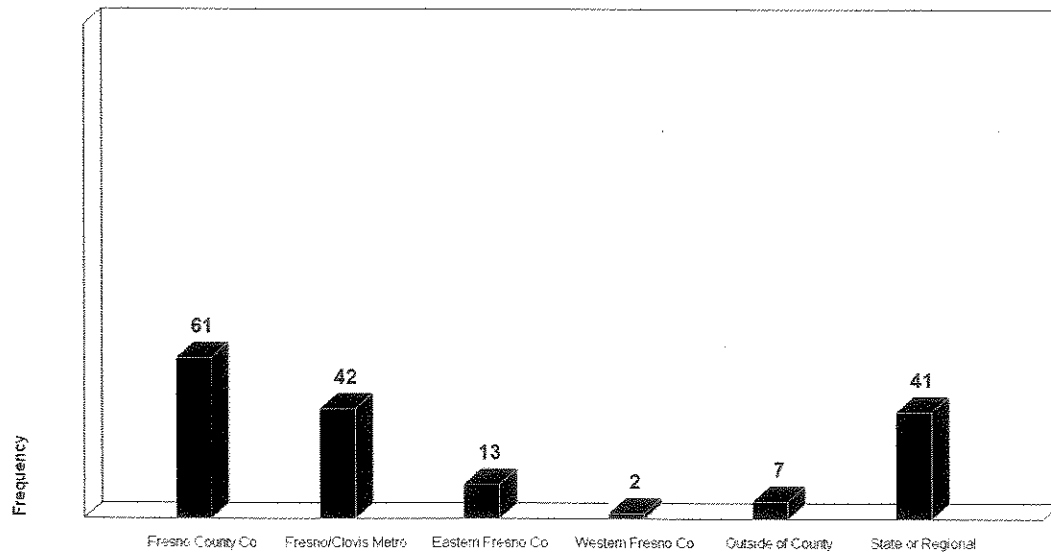
F- Do you own your home?



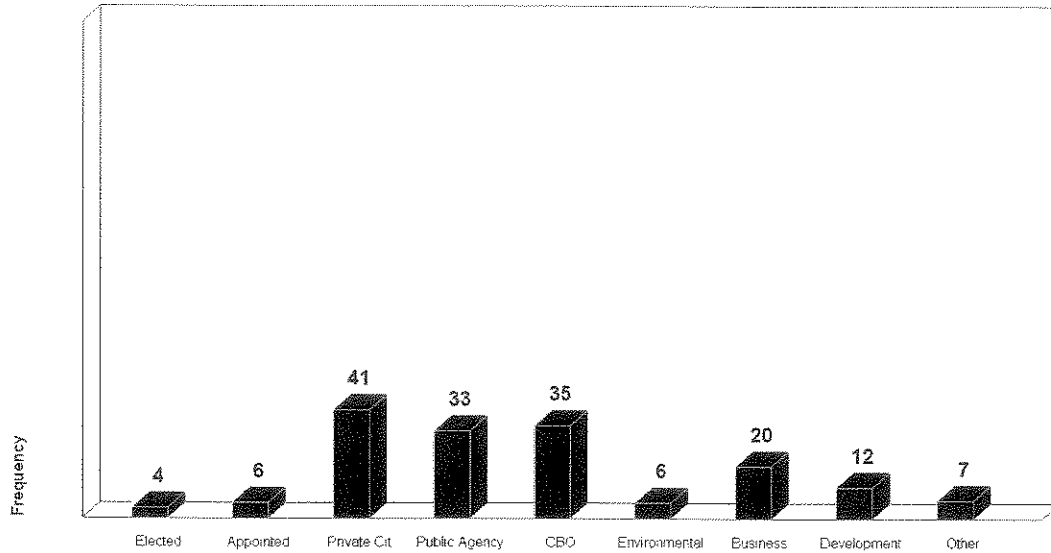
G- Where do you live?



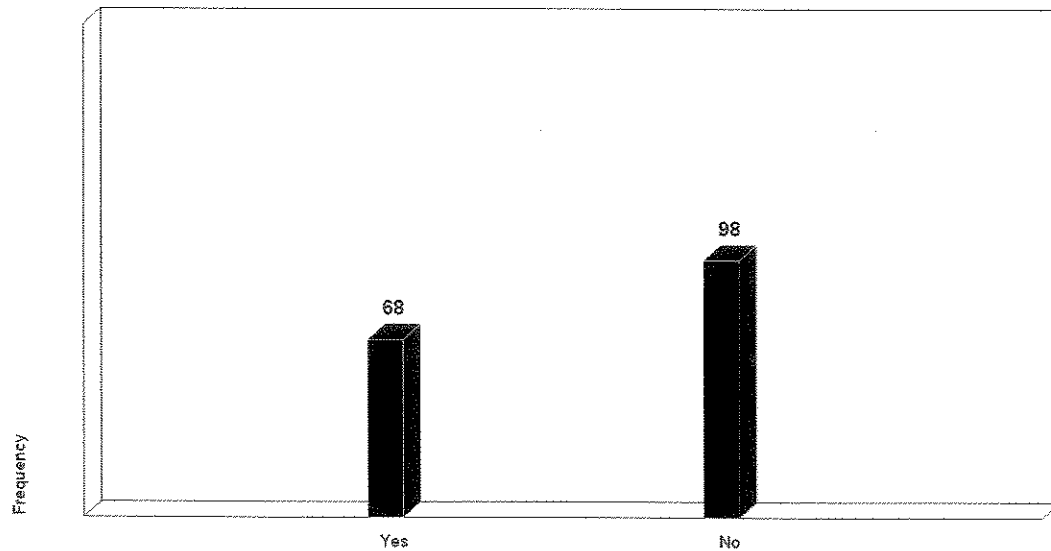
H- What geographic area do you represent?



I- Which of the following subgroups BEST describes you?



J- Have you participated in previous Blueprint planning activities?



Values Assessment

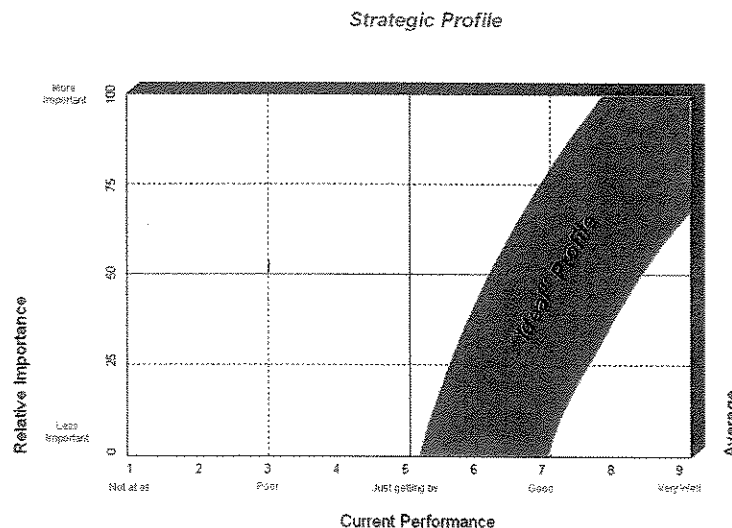
The workshop participants prioritized the following community values using a paired-comparison technique where two of the eleven values were projected on a screen and each participant simultaneously selected which of the two values was more important. After all possible combinations of the pairs were assessed, the relative importance of the values was calculated on a scale from 0 to 100 where a rating of 0 is the lowest priority and 100 is the highest priority.

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| A. Aesthetic Quality | G. Positive Image |
| B. All People Have Worth | H. Public Safety |
| C. Cultural Richness | I. Transportation Options |
| D. Environmental Sustainability | J. Vibrant Economy |
| E. Healthy Environment | K. World Class Education |
| F. Housing Choices | |

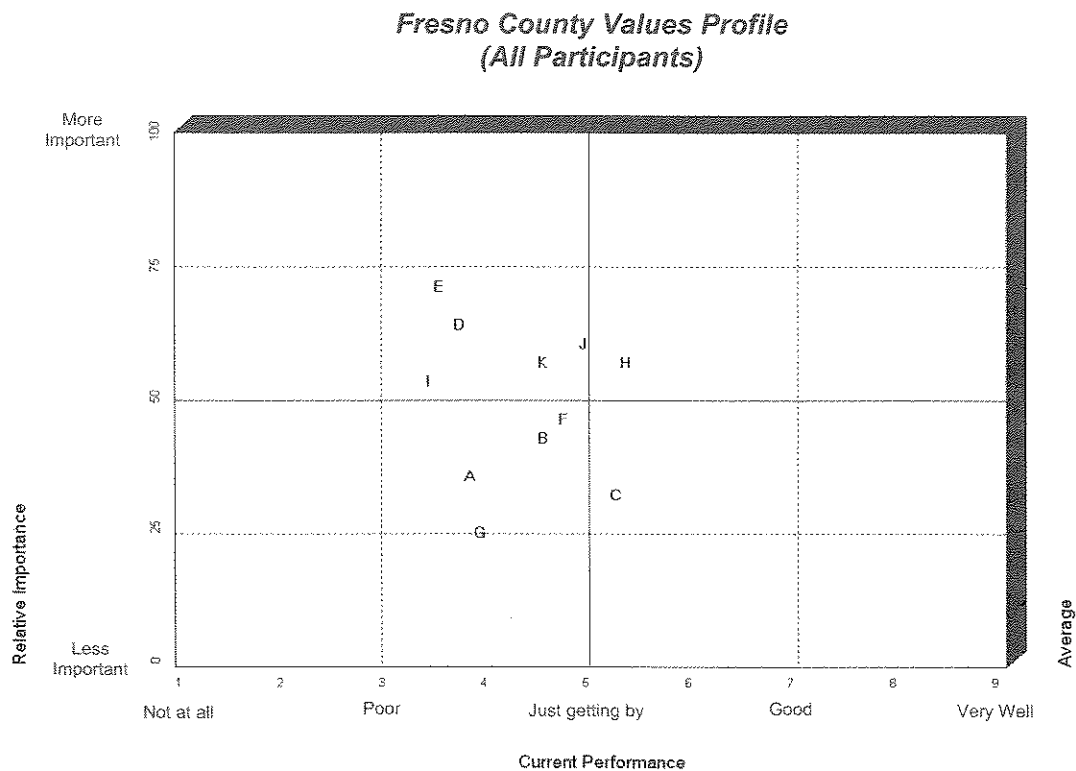
The workshop participants also assessed how well each of the values was being achieved today using the following scale:

1. Not at all
- 2.
3. Poor
- 4.
5. Just getting by
- 6.
7. Good
- 8.
9. Very Well

The results of this process were presented in a strategic profile, which presents the relative importance of the key services on the vertical axis and the current performance on the horizontal axis.

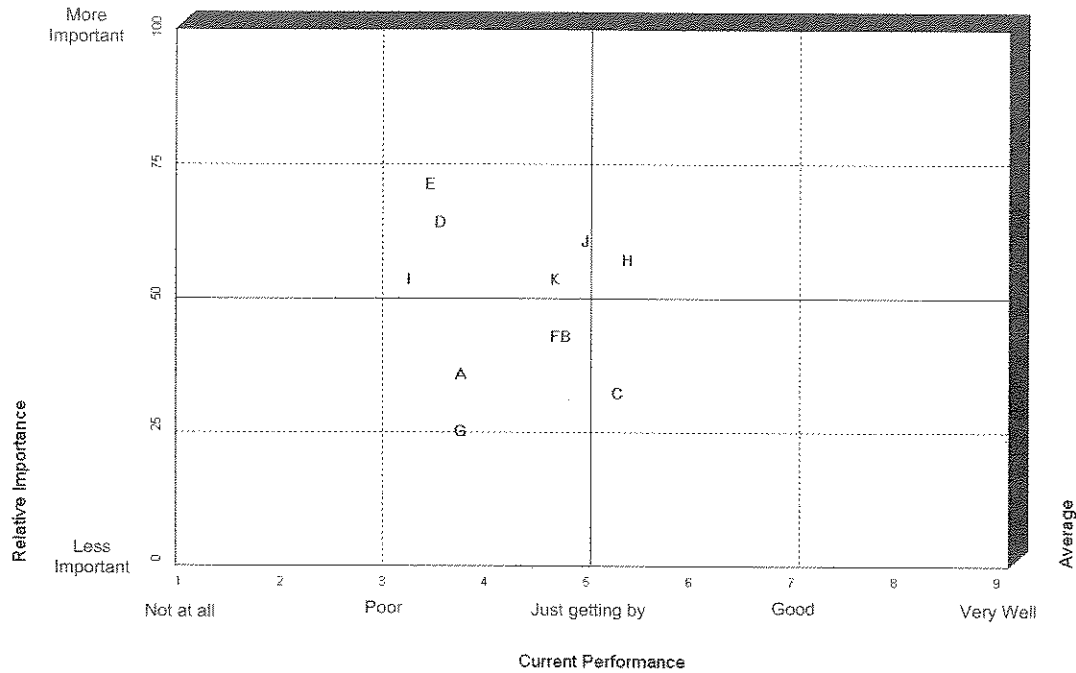


The Strategic Profiles for all participants and selected residential locations in Fresno County are presented in this report. The Strategic profile for each demographic category is presented in Appendix B.



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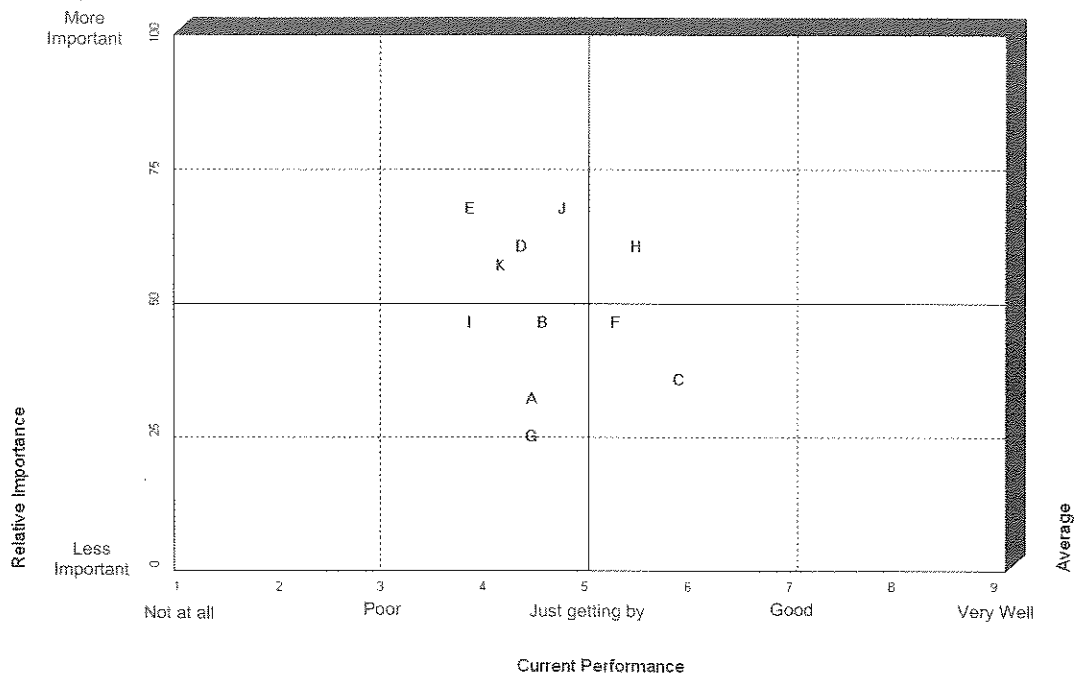
**Fresno County Values Profile
(Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area Residents)**



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- B. All People Have Worth**
- C. Cultural Richness**
- D. Environmental Sustainability**
- E. Healthy Environment**
- F. Housing Choices**

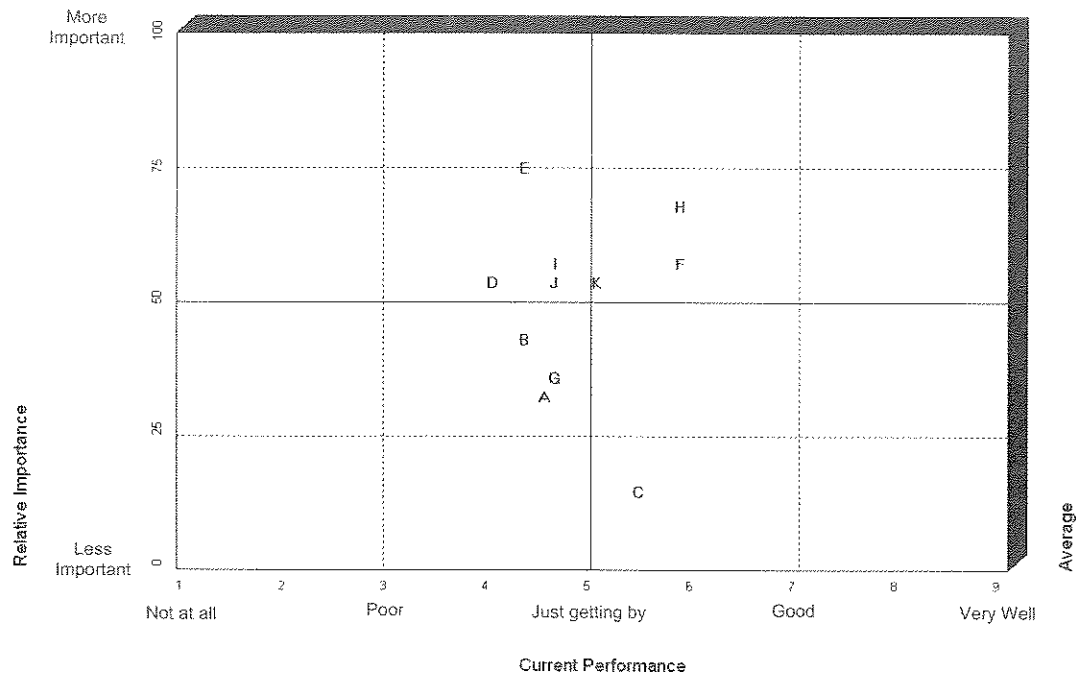
- G. Positive Image**
- H. Public Safety**
- I. Transportation Options**
- J. Vibrant Economy**
- K. World Class Education**

Fresno County Values Profile (Eastern Fresno County)



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| A. Aesthetic Quality | G. Positive Image |
| B. All People Have Worth | H. Public Safety |
| C. Cultural Richness | I. Transportation Options |
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Fresno County Values Profile (Western Fresno County)



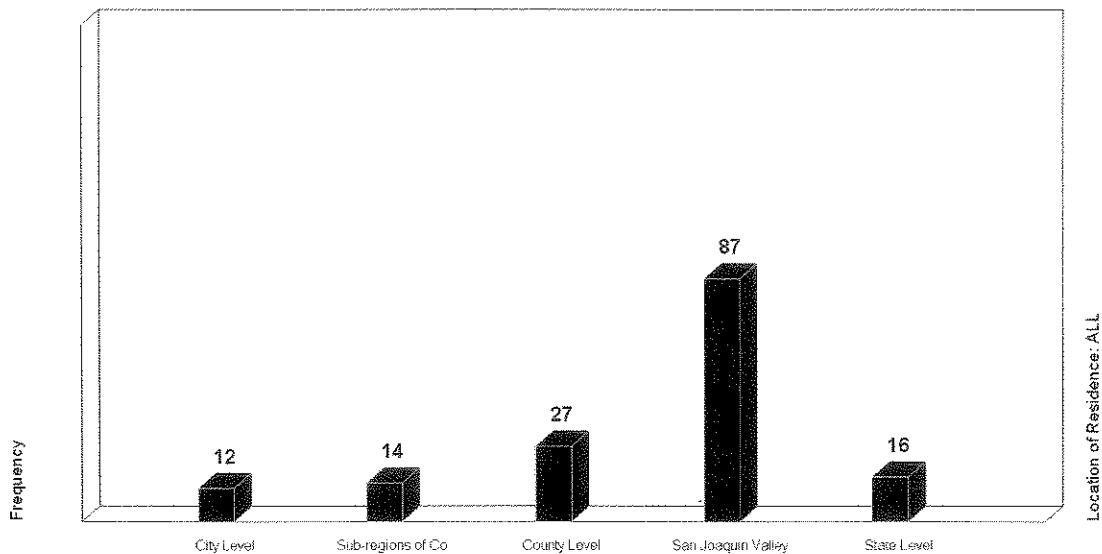
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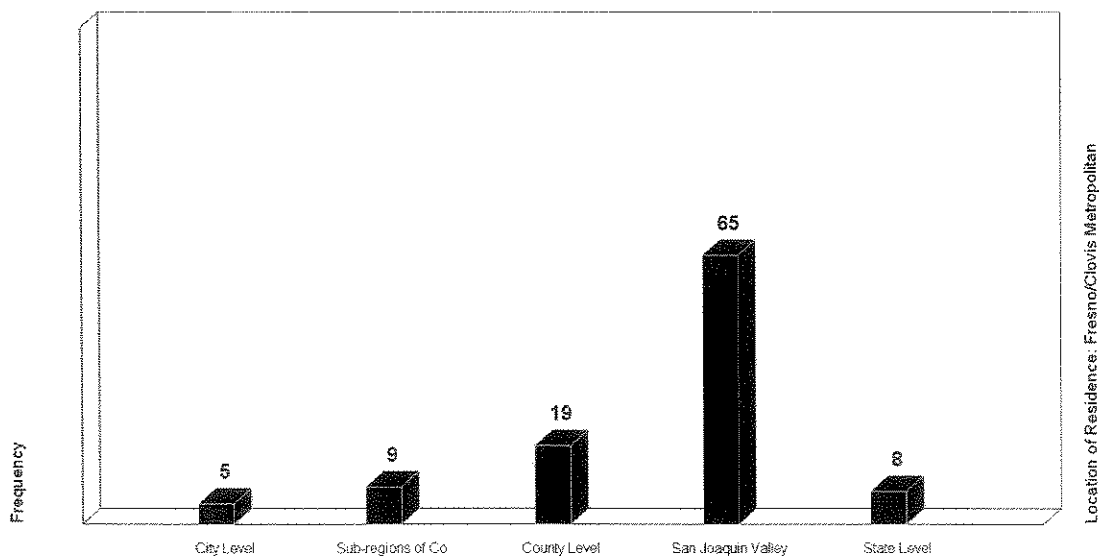
Long-Range Planning

Workshop participants were asked their opinion regarding the most effective jurisdictional level to conduct long-range planning. The results of the polls for all participants and selected residential locations in Fresno County are presented in the following charts. The results for all demographic categories are presented in Appendix C.

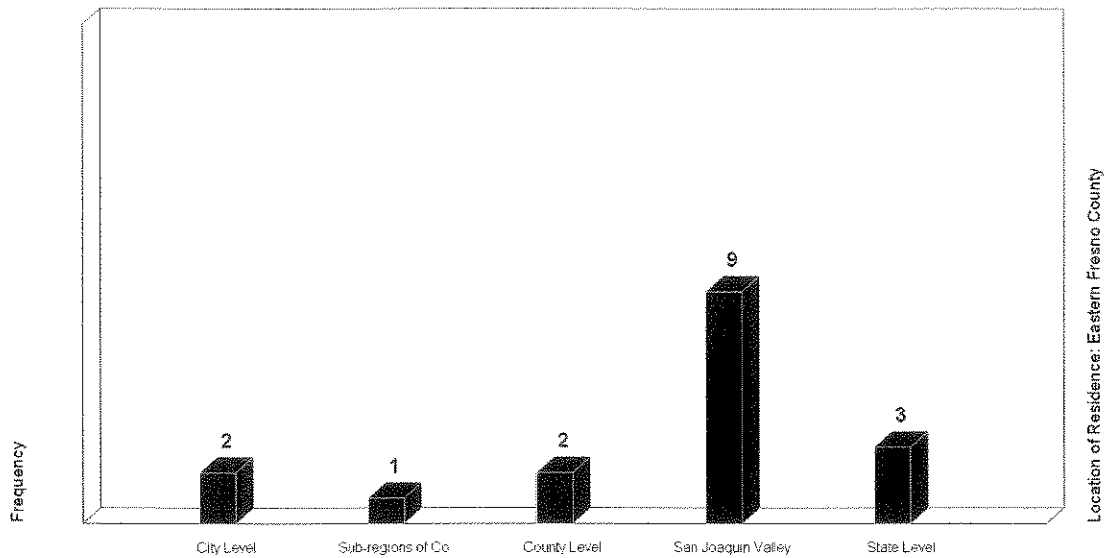
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(All Participants)**



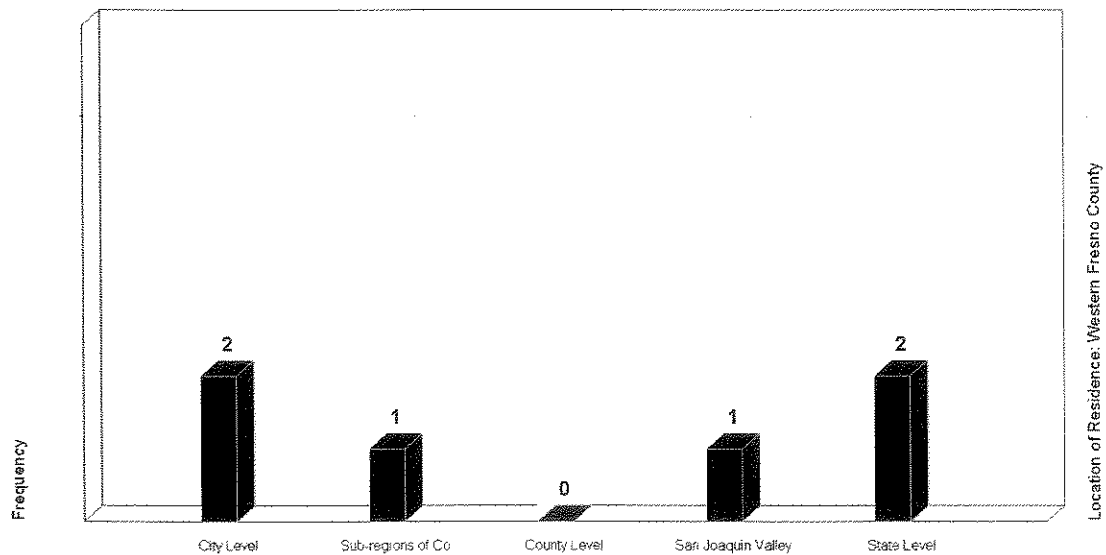
**Long-Range Planning (40+ years) is most effective at the:
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**Long-Range Planning (40+ years) is most effective at the:
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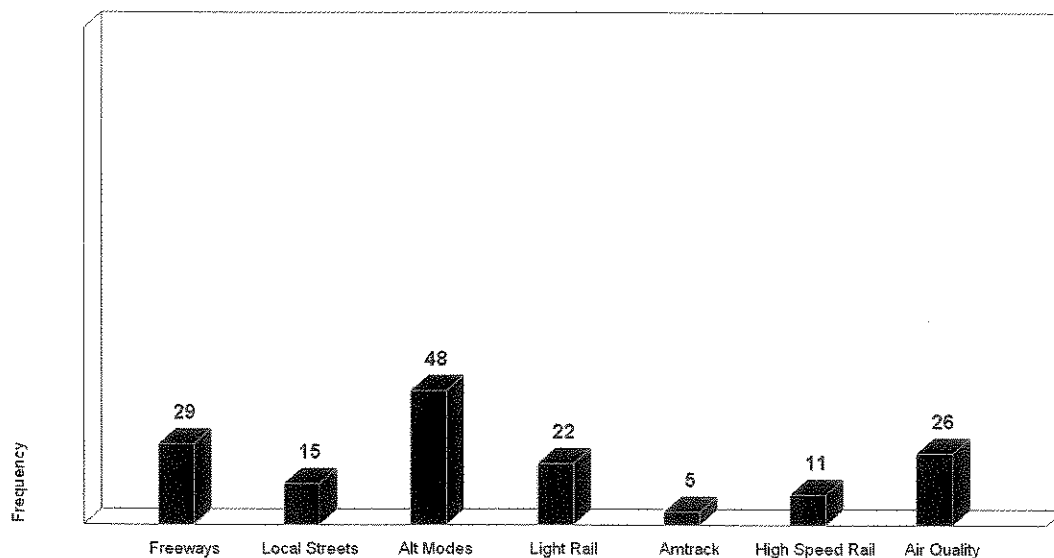
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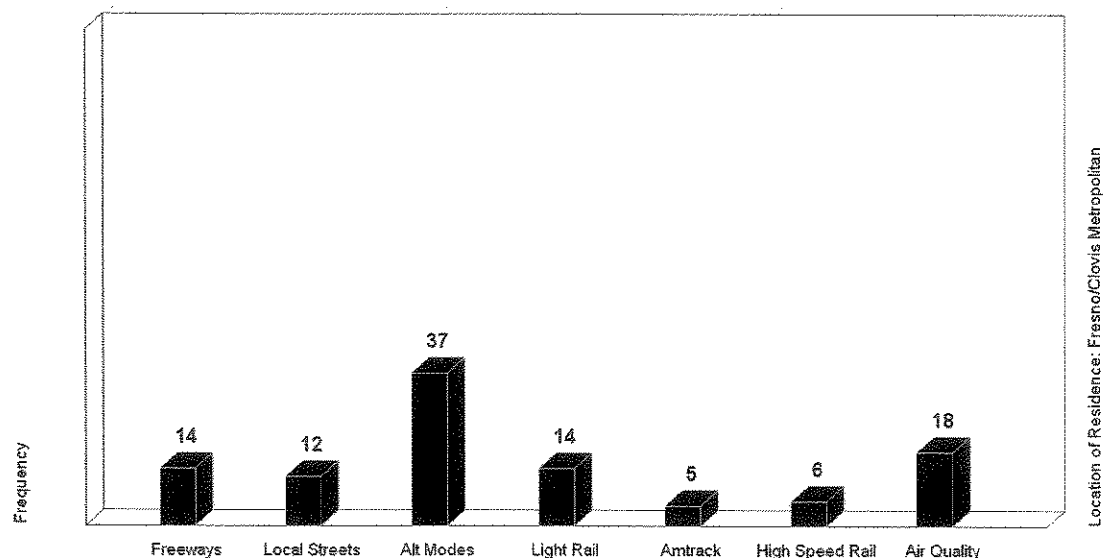
Transportation

Workshop participants were asked their opinion regarding where scarce transportation dollars should be spent. The results of the polls for all participants and selected residential locations in Fresno County are presented in the following charts. The results for all demographic categories are presented in Appendix D.

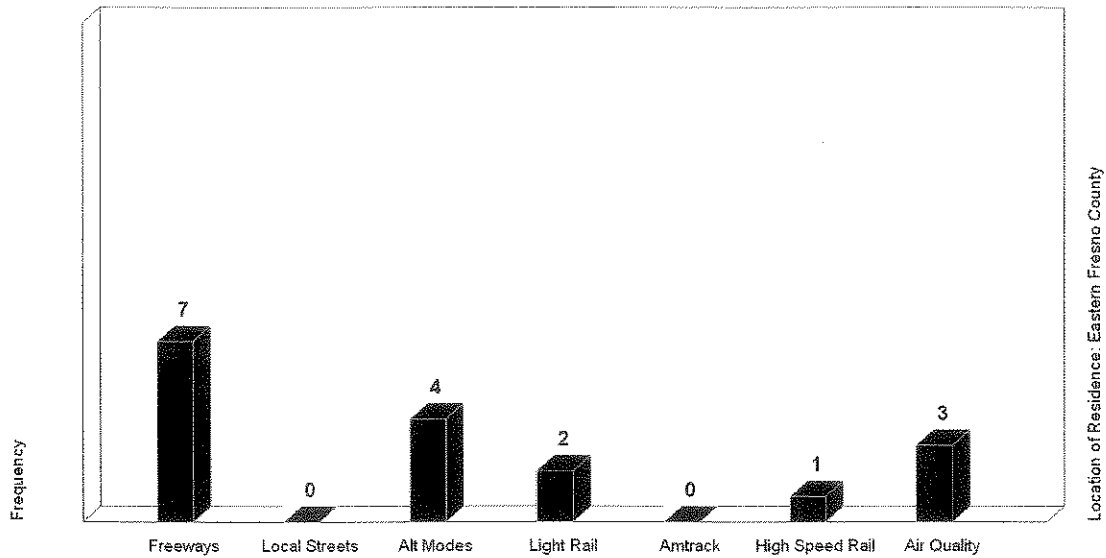
**How should we spend our scarce transportation dollars?
(All Participants)**



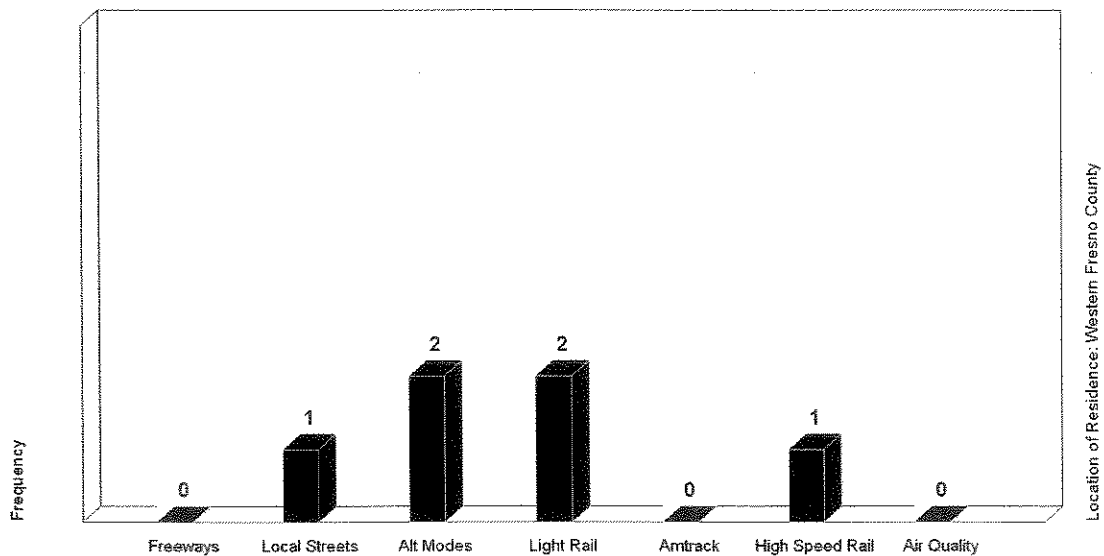
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How should we spend our scarce transportation dollars?
(Eastern Fresno County Participants)



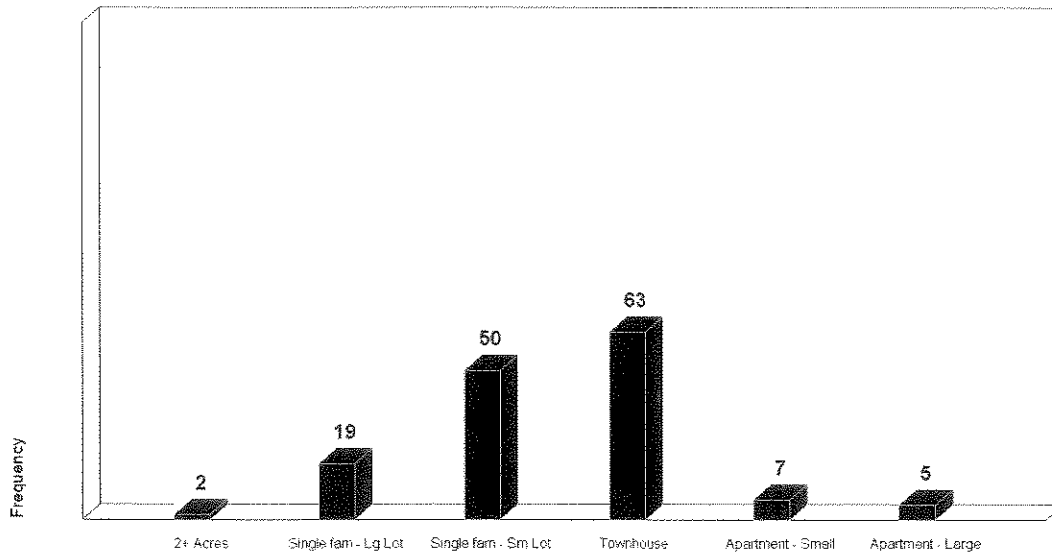
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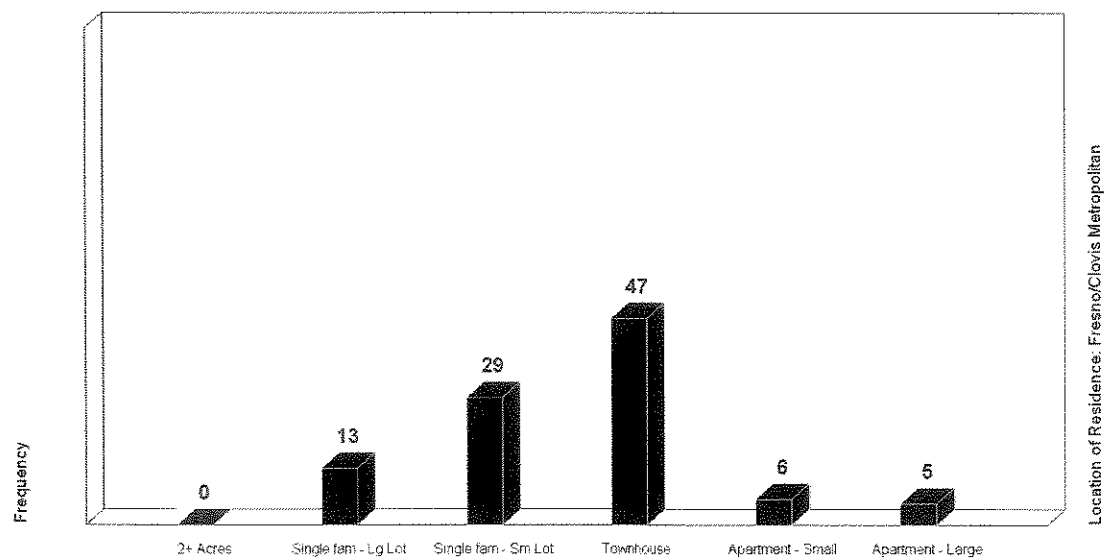
Housing

Workshop participants were asked their opinion regarding the type of housing that we should focus on in the future. The results of the polls for all participants and selected residential locations in Fresno County are presented in the following charts. The results for all demographic categories are presented in Appendix E.

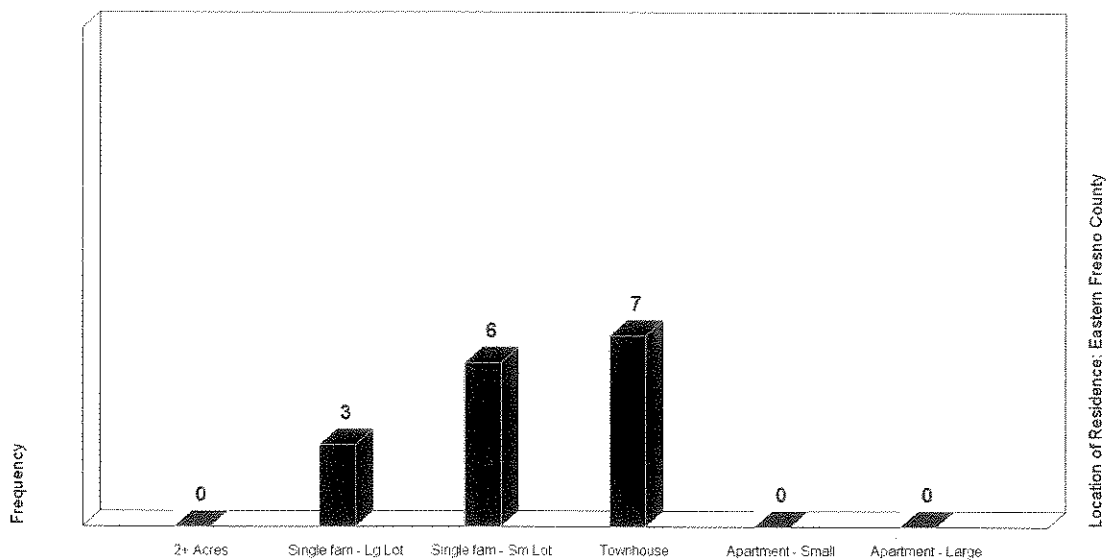
**What type of housing should we focus on for the future?
(All Participants)**



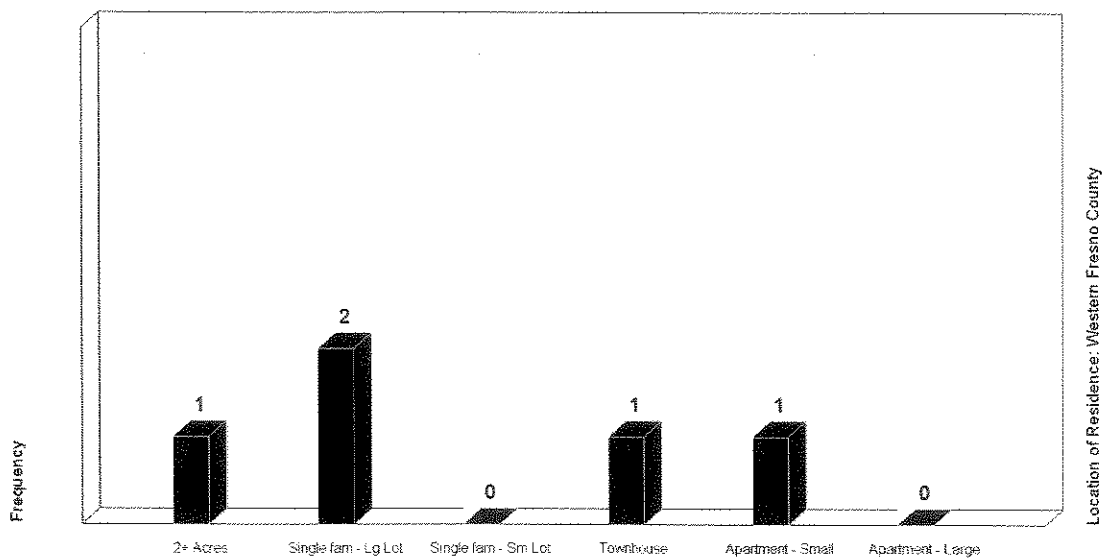
**What type of housing should we focus on for the future?
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What type of housing should we focus on for the future?
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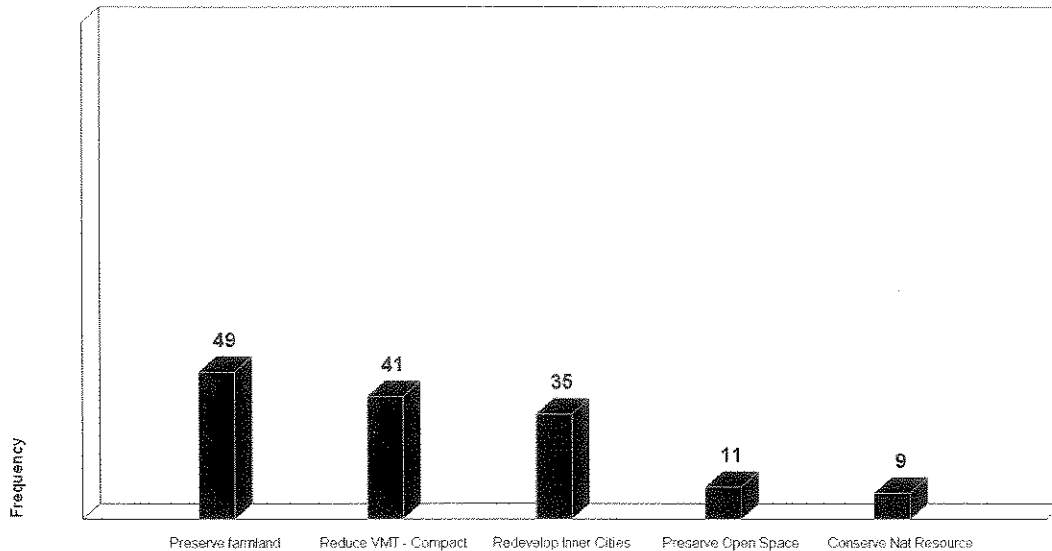
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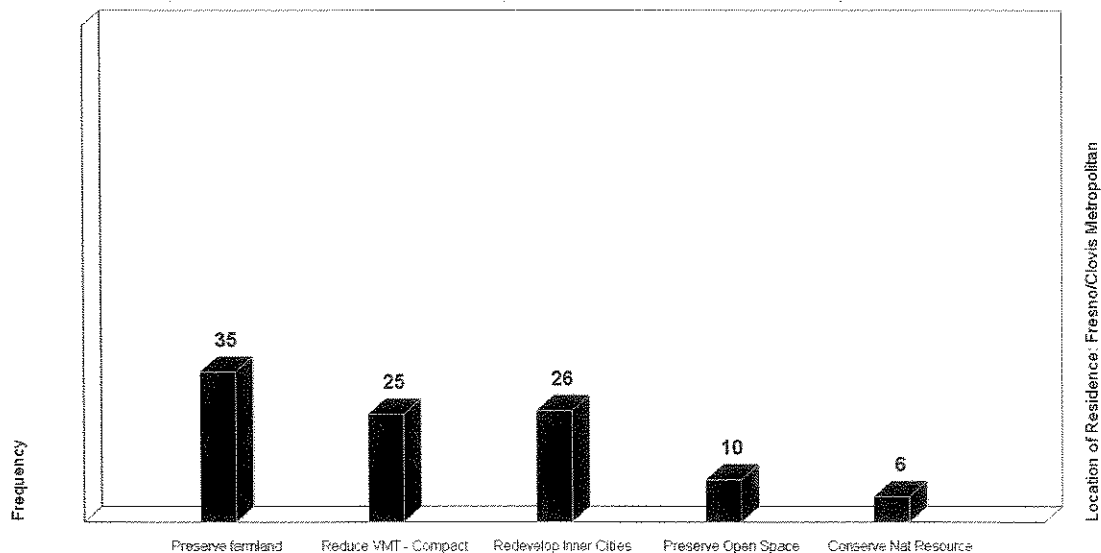
Future Growth

Workshop participants were asked their opinion regarding what is most important to consider as we grow in the future. The results of the polls for all participants and selected residential locations in Fresno County are presented in the following charts. The results for all demographic categories are presented in Appendix F.

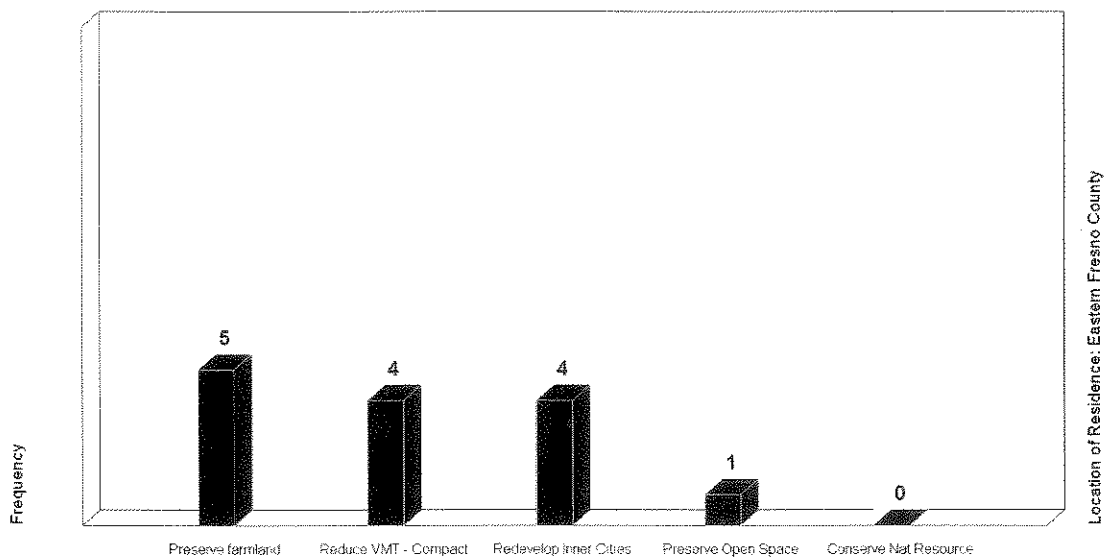
As we grow in the future, what is most important to consider?
(All Participants)



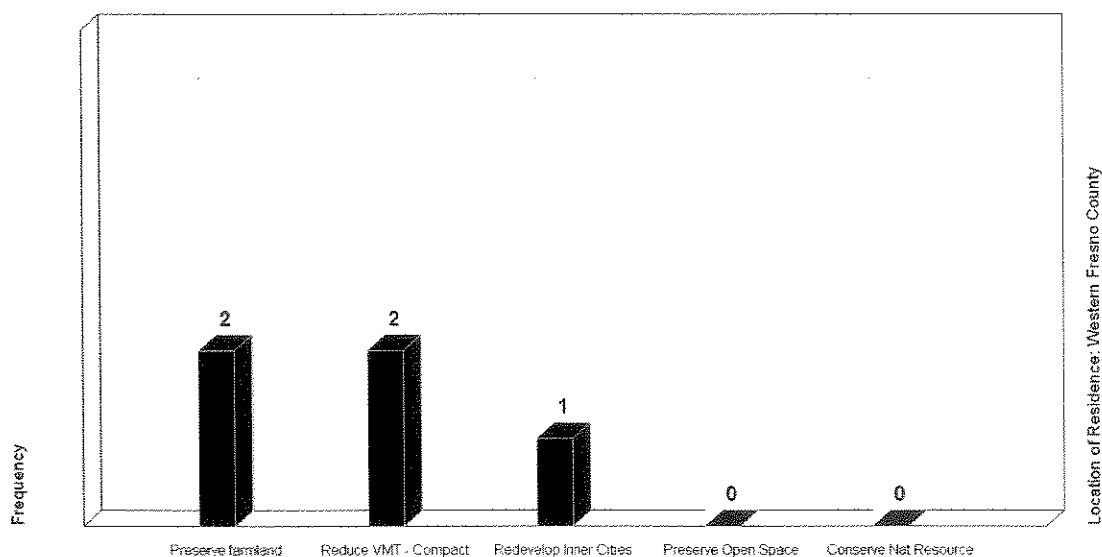
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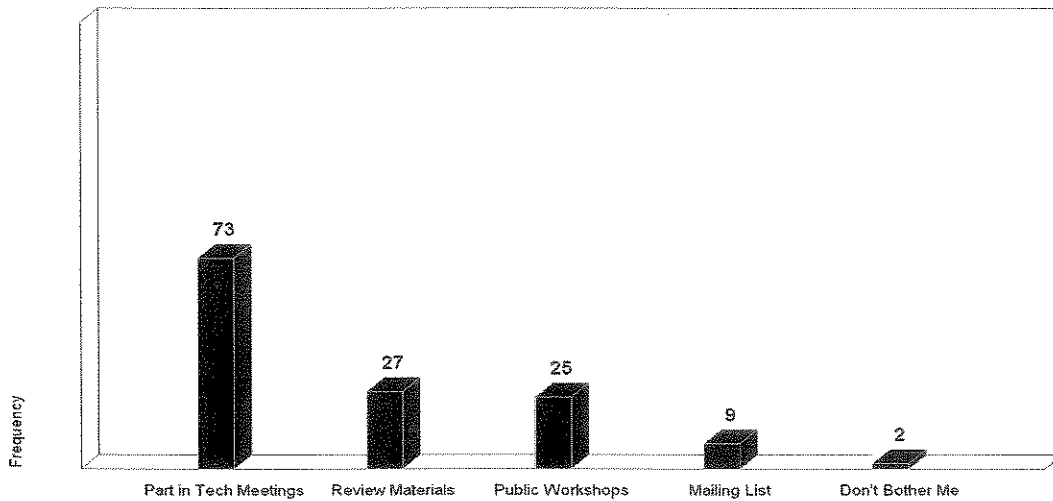
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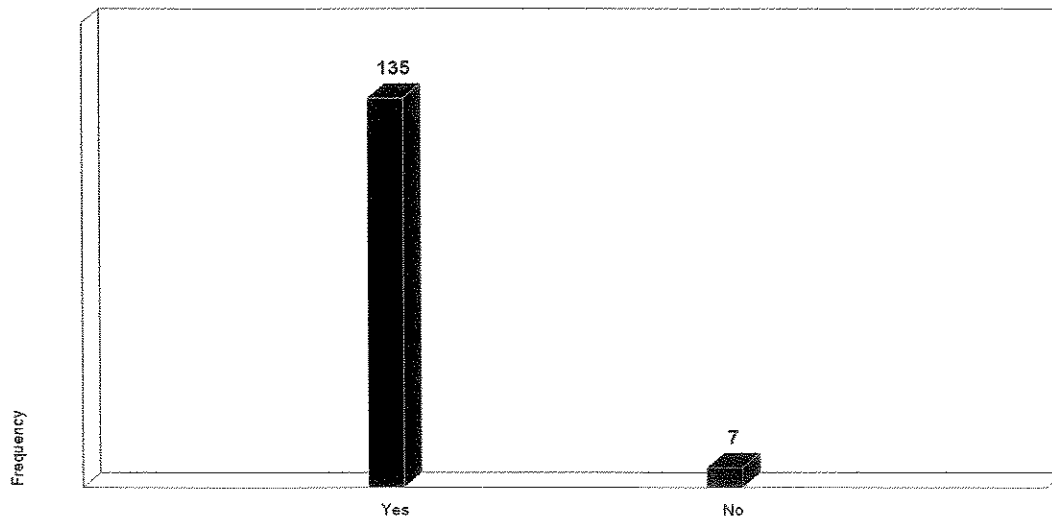
Future Participation in the Blueprint Planning Process

Workshop participants were asked what level of involvement they would like to have in the Blueprint Planning process over the upcoming year. They were also asked if they had access to the internet. The results of these polls for all participants are presented in the following charts.

**What level of involvement would you like to have in the
Blueprint Planning Process over the upcoming year?
(All Participants)**



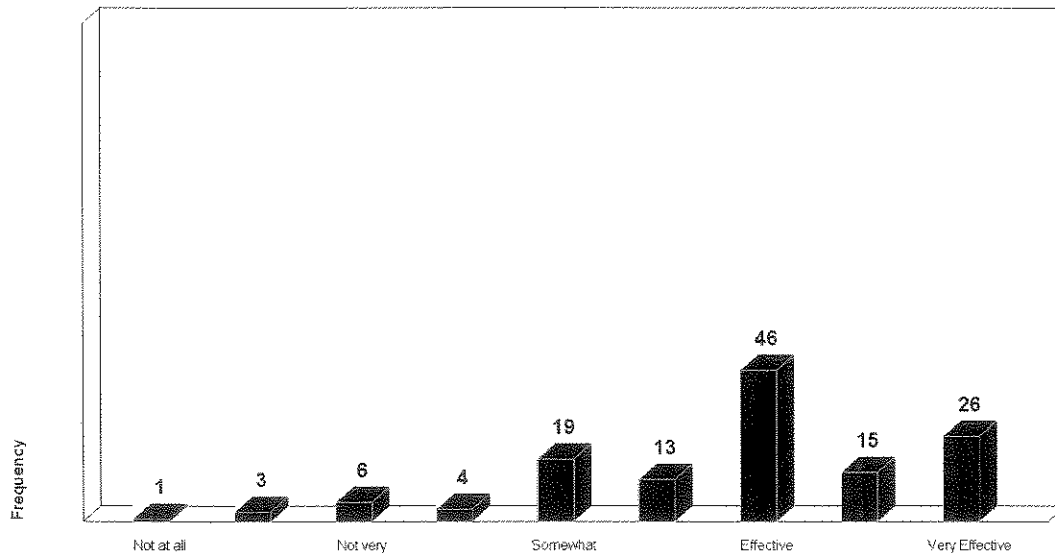
**Do you have access to the internet?
(All Participants)**



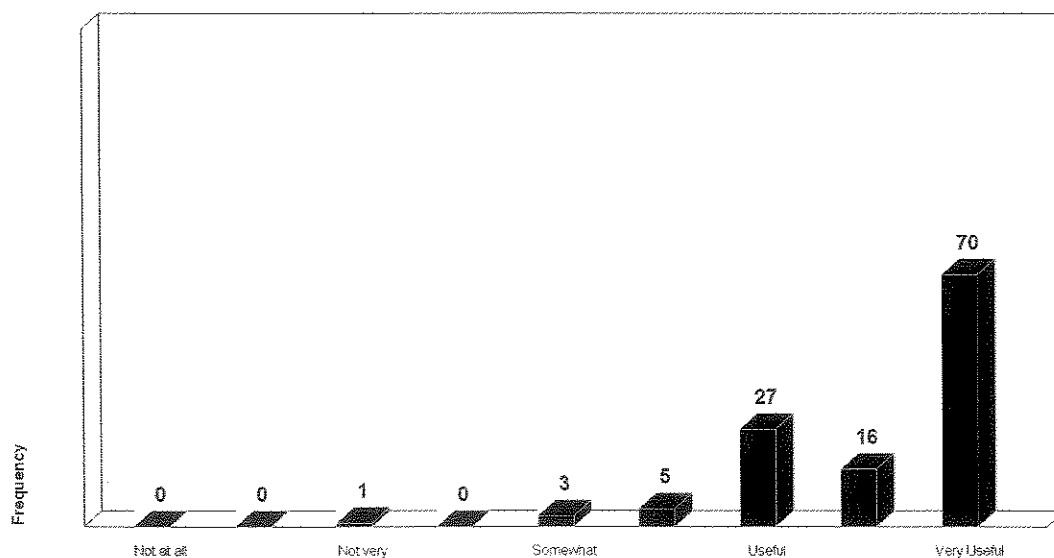
Meeting Evaluation

Workshop participants were asked their opinion regarding the effectiveness of the meeting to express their opinions and the usefulness of the interactive polling technology. The results of these polls for all participants are presented in the following charts.

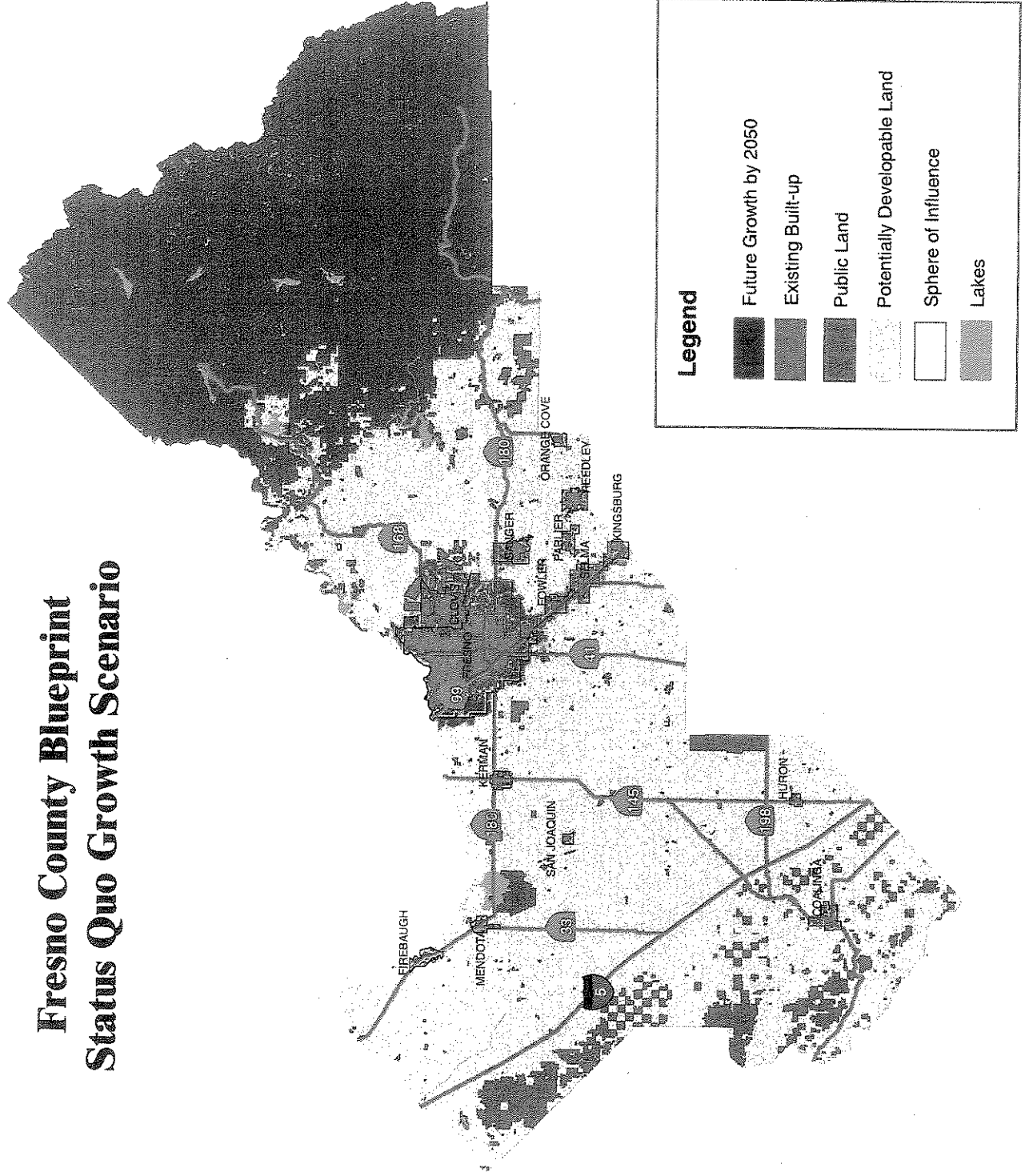
How effective was this meeting to express your opinions?
(All Participants)



How useful was the interactive technology?
(All Participants)

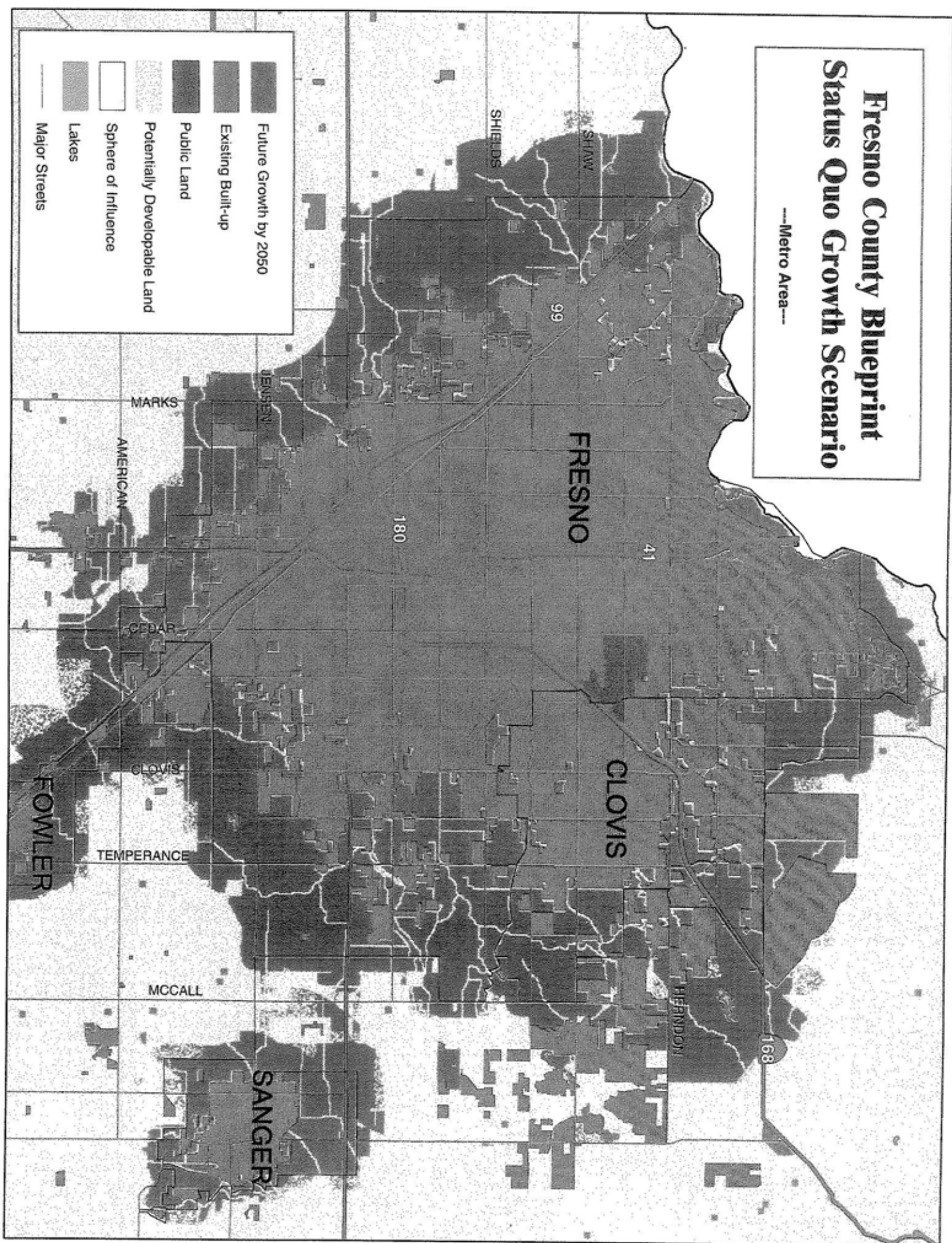


Fresno County Blueprint Status Quo Growth Scenario



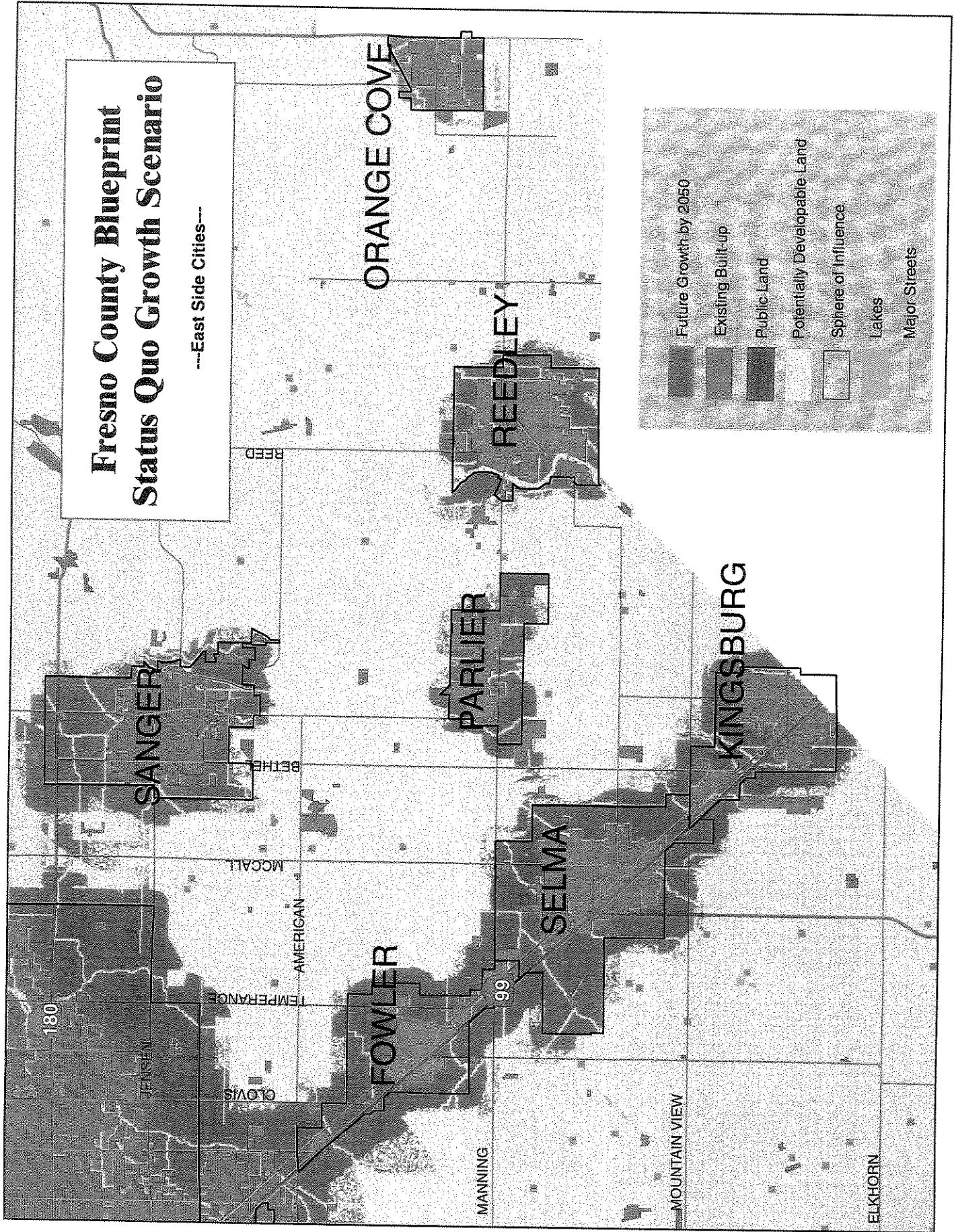
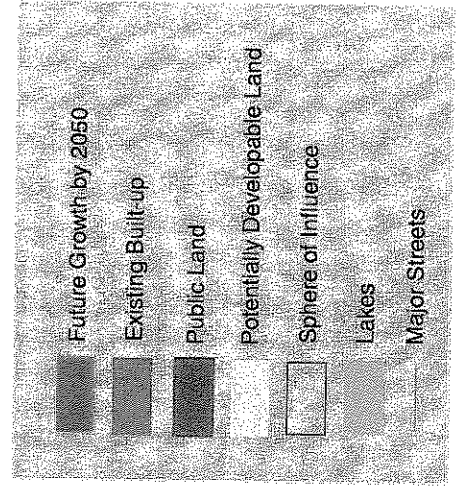
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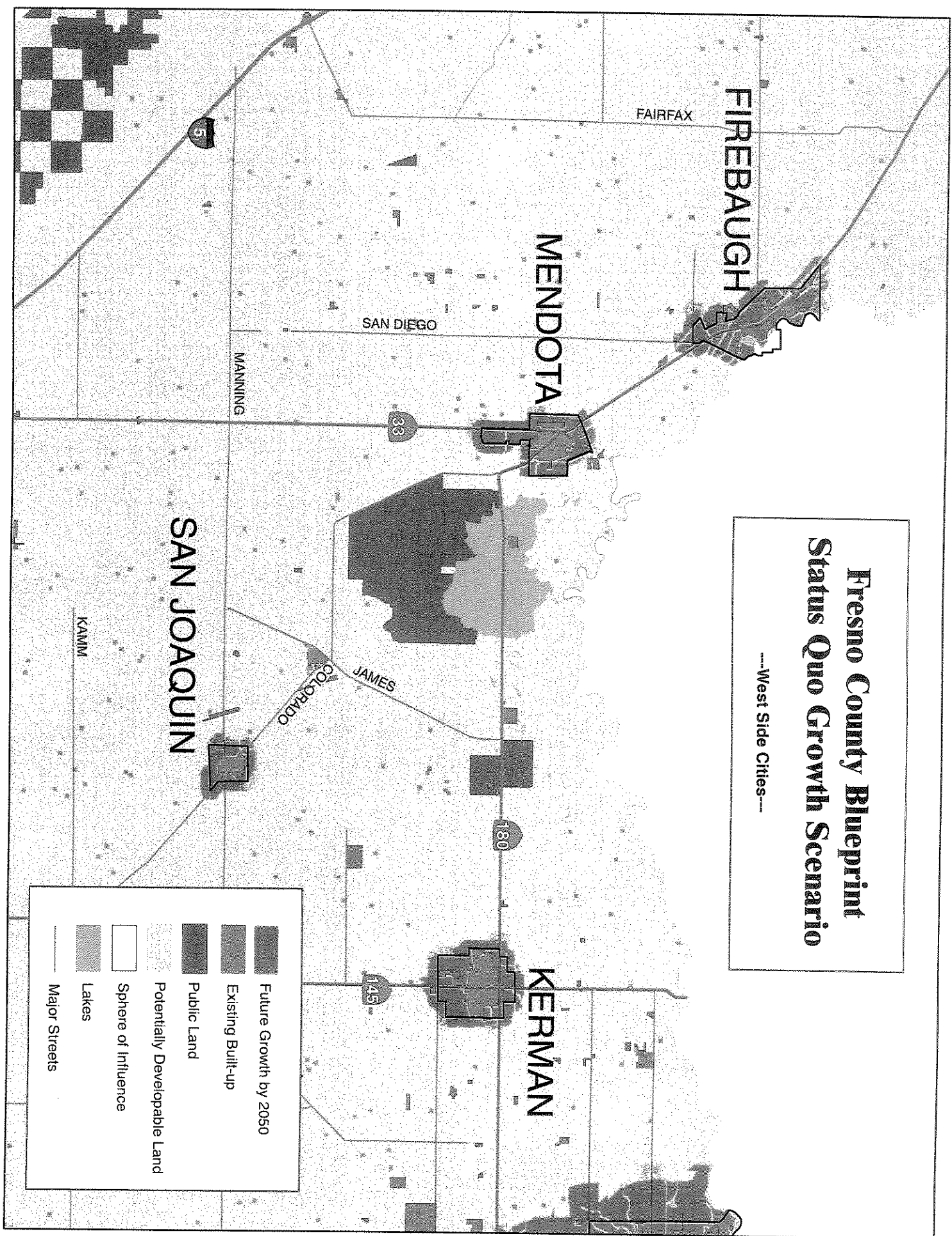
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---West Side Cities---



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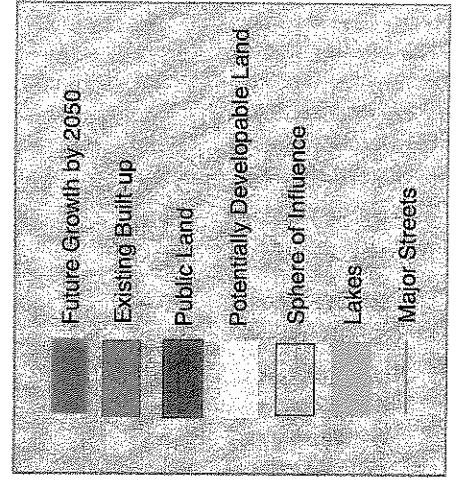
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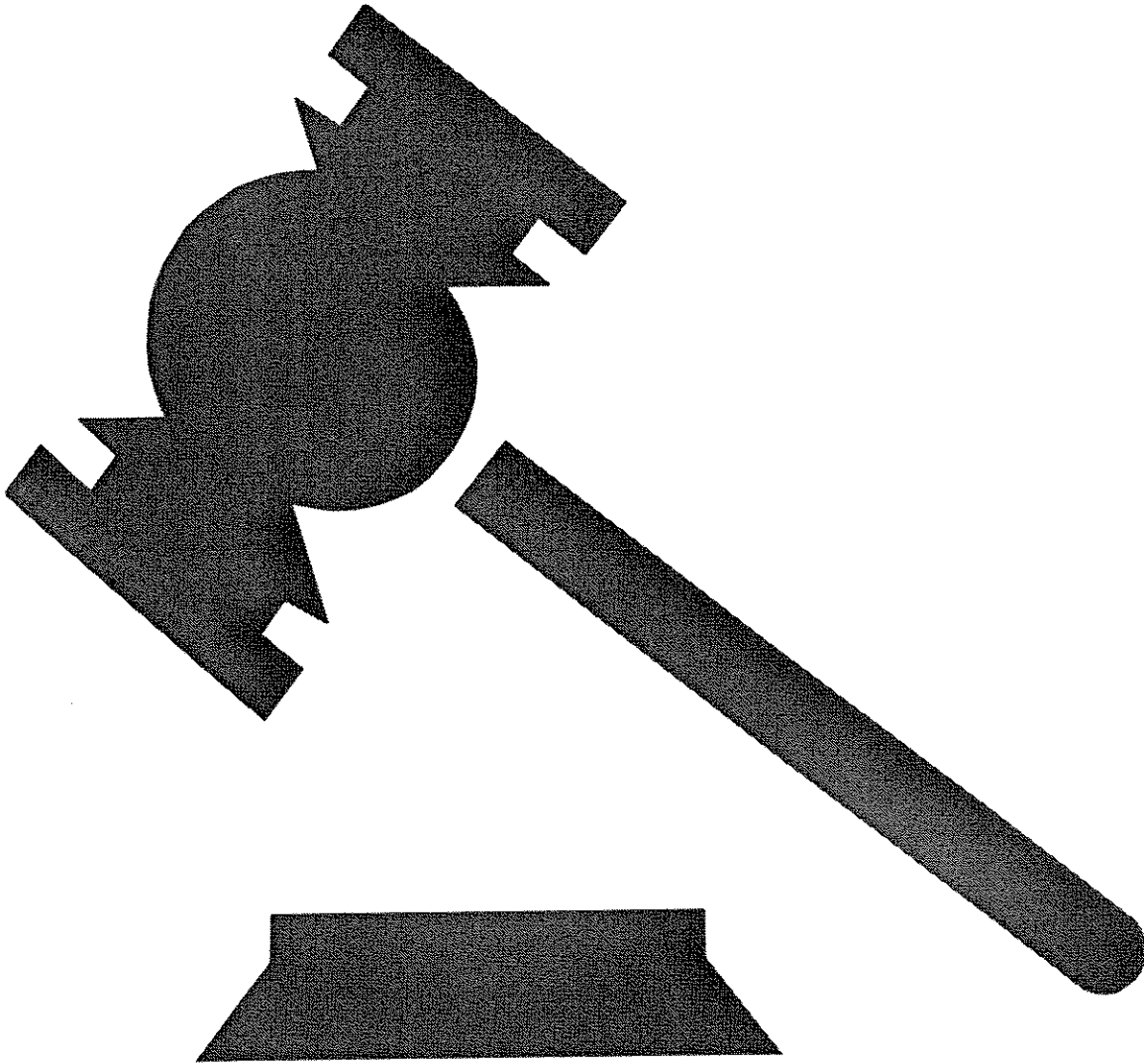
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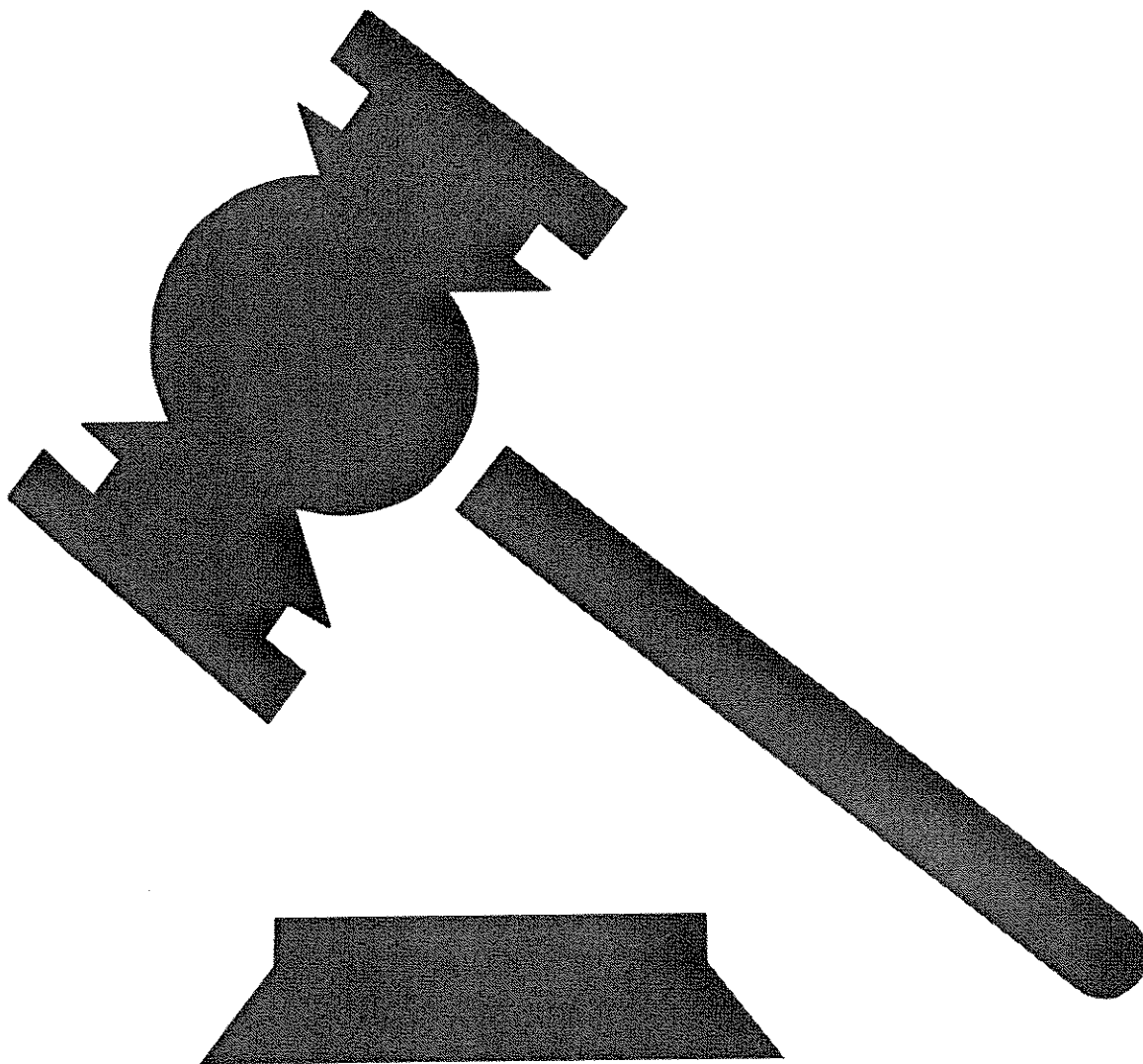




ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM VI. E.

2007 Fresno COG "One Voice" PROJECTS

Priority	Project	Project Description	Project Location	Total Request	Recipient
1	Friant Corridor Road Widening <i>TTHUD (TCSP)</i>	Widen two- lane road to four-lane divided road with class II bicycle lanes.	Friant Rd. Copper/Millbrook Aves to Millerton Rd.	\$3,500,000	County of Fresno.
2	State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave. <i>TTHUD (STP)</i>	Completion of construction of the segment of SR 180 from Temperance to Academy	Southeast Fresno County	\$5,000,000	Fresno COG
3	Golden State Corridor Ec. Dev. Infrastructure <i>TTHUD (STP)</i>	Roadway rehabilitation, improvements and enhancements to facilitate economic development.	Golden State Boulevard through Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, and portions of Fresno Co.	\$2,750,000	Fresno COG
4	Highway 269 Bridge Project <i>TTHUD (STP)</i>	Build a 500 foot bridge across the Arroyo Pasajero Creek	City of Huron	\$1,500,000	Fresno COG
5	Westside Vocational Center <i>TTHUD (EDI)</i>	Build or rehabilitate a vocational training facility to provide trade skills training to low income area of county.	Westside of Fresno County	\$3,000,000	I-5 Business Development Corridor, Inc.
6	Recycled Water Master Plan System - Phase C <i>Interior (EPA-STAG)</i>	Complete build-out of main water transmission lines. Developed in 5 phases - Total Cost - \$35 million	City of Clovis	\$2,300,000	City of Clovis
	Future of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard <i>Defense (Authorization)</i>	To assign F-15 aircraft to the 144th Fighter Wing to replace the F-16 dated to expire in the year 2012.	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	\$0	City of Fresno
	Fresno Yosemite International Airport <i>DHS (Authorization)</i>	Establish FYI as an international Port of Entry (POE) with the US Dept. of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP)	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	\$0	City of Fresno - Dept. of Airports
	Mendota Federal Correctional Institution <i>Justice (Byrne-JAG)</i>	Completion of correctional institution	City of Mendota	Restoration of Funding to complete facility	City of Mendota



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM VI. F.



February 5, 2007

The Council of Fresno County Governments would like to announce its second annual "Sacramento One Voice" advocacy effort. This effort will provide an opportunity to expand upon relationships with our local Senate Members, Assembly Members, and State Agencies in order to provide a foundation for continued awareness of the issues facing the Fresno County region. Discussion topics that will be addressed during this effort will be formalized by our Policy Board on February 22nd as part of a Regional Priority Projects list.

If you are interested in participating as a member of this delegation, please contact Renee DeVere at Fresno COG for additional information. Please keep in mind that space is limited.

"Sacramento One Voice" Trip:

March 12-14, 2007

RSVP: March 2, 2007 Deadline

Renee DeVere at (559) 233-4148

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Thank you for your interest!



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February 5, 2007

To: Sacramento One Voice Participants
From: Mary Lopez
Subject: Intent to Travel – Sacramento “One Voice” Trip – March 2007

We have scheduled our One Voice Trip to Sacramento on March 12-14, 2007. If you have budgeted to participate in this trip, please let us know so we can include you in our count for room reservations. The cost for hotel accommodations will be approximately \$170 per night (if you are eligible for a government rate). We will be staying at the Hyatt Regency. This rate includes the complimentary breakfast provided by the hotel. A limited number of rooms are available.

Please let us know of your commitment to participate by mailing or faxing this form to us by March 2, 2007. If you have any questions, please call me or Renee DeVere at 233-4148.

Name(s) of person _____

_____ Yes, I am committed to participate and will pay for the cost of the trip.

_____ No, I will make all my own arrangements.

I plan to attend: _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday

If you answered yes, please respond to the following question.

I will use the group hotel. Please include me in reservations for:

_____ Monday _____ Tuesday

Signature

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

The Council of Fresno County Governments
2007 Sacramento "One Voice" Delegation

Invite you to:

"A Salute to San Joaquin Valley Legislators"
~ Buffet Reception ~

Date: March 13, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm –8:00pm

Location: Frank Fats's
806 L Street

RSVP: Houry Samuelian
California Consulting, LLC
559-244-0801

FRANK FAT'S

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Time: 6:00PM

RSVP: 559-244-0801



*An opportunity to visit with Mayors,
Councilmembers, Supervisors and
community leaders from the Fresno
County region.*

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2007 FRESNO COG ~ Sacramento "ONE VOICE" REGIONAL PROJECTS

Improved Air Quality-Transportation Mobility-Prosperity for Fresno County

Ranking by Regional Priority	Project Description	Request
1.	Bond Programs: A. Air Quality Mitigation B. Trade Corridors C. State-Local Partnership D. Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account	 Ensure San Joaquin Valley is Included Ensure San Joaquin Valley is Included Ensure San Joaquin Valley is Included Adjustment to the Existing Grade- Separation Fund Program
2.	Reliable Water Supply Act – SB 59	Support of Bill
3.	High Speed Rail	Reconsider Higher Funding Level
4.	Valley Blueprint Update	Progress Report
5.	AB 27 – The San Joaquin Valley Partnership	Ensure Partnership continues

