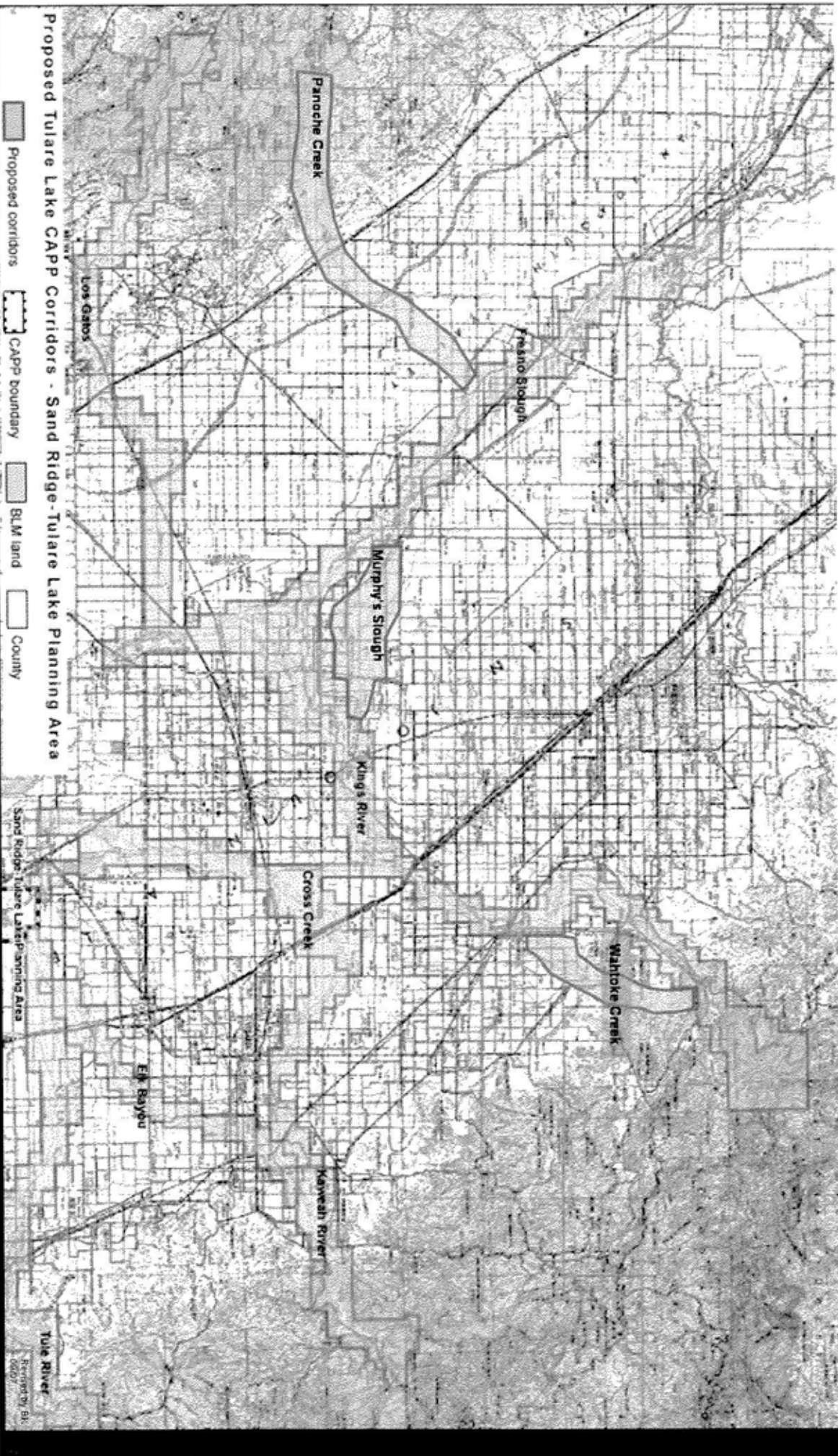






What's New with the Blueprint

November 16, 2007

"Why Blueprint?"

By the year 2050, the Valley's population will grow from 3.9 to 9.5 million people. How will this growth affect the quality of life here in the Valley? What does this mean for the air we breathe, the routes we travel and our ability to purchase a home? Will we have enough water, a healthy environment and the amenities we find desirable? What about our personal well being – will we be able to provide for a world class education, well-paying jobs and related economic security? Will we be able to compete in a global economy?

For the Valley to attain optimum economic vitality and livability, we must have a coordinated development plan for the future. This plan must consider economic prosperity, a quality environment and equitable solutions. This is the mission of the **San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint**. It is based on a vision that the Valley will be a place where people thrive on diversity and are engaged in creating a reality that allows for an exceptional quality of life. This region will be globally competitive, environmentally healthy and provide opportunities for all of its residents.

To achieve this, the **Valley Blueprint** must plan to house 5.6 million more people and 1.9 million more jobs; alleviate traffic congestion and facilitate transportation mobility; improve air quality; and encourage efficient land use preserving strategic farmland and protecting environmentally sensitive lands and species. This is a tall order, but it is doable with commitment.

Blueprints are being developed around the state to plan for population growth anticipated in California over the next 40+ years. Blueprints are regional in scope and integrate land use, transportation and resource planning. The process considers the "Three Es" of sustainable communities: prosperous **E**conomy, quality **E**nvironment, and social **E**quity.

Blueprint planning is comprehensive and requires innovation, collaborative planning, thinking on a macro scale and a willingness to follow through to implementation.

The eight Councils of Governments (COGs) in the San Joaquin Valley have come together in an unprecedented effort to develop a coordinated valley vision – the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. This eight county venture is conducted in each county, and ultimately integrated to form a preferred vision for future development throughout the Valley to the year 2050.

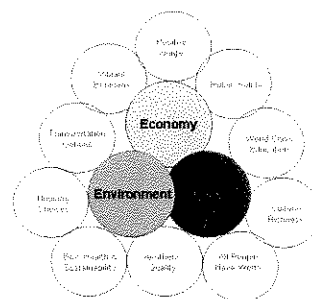
The Blueprint is a "bottom up" approach. Planning starts with the local stakeholders, community members and the COGs' member agencies. The Blueprint region extends to all of the 62 cities and 8 counties within the Valley. The challenge is creating a compelling, high level vision that local agencies can implement. While the Blueprint effort might seem daunting both logistically and politically, those involved are committed to outcomes and are making notable progress.

To date, the Blueprint planning process has been one of refining the public's input. During Phase I, Fresno COG alone heard from over 2,600 community members about what was important to them and what they wanted for their future. These comments were synthesized into ten overarching values and a vision statement that captures the essence of the feedback received.

Next steps will identify and map alternative growth scenarios that can be analyzed to compare how different development strategies can lead to very different outcomes.

Blueprint planning provides local agencies the opportunity to work with one another and with the community to develop a vision for the future. The work taking place today will ultimately guide development, both at the local level and throughout the region. The principles that emerge will provide the foundation for implementation of the Blueprint.

Fresno Blueprint Community Values and Underlying Themes



Values → Principles → Goals → Performance Measures

At this stage, the Blueprint is still a work in progress. It is being refined and will be tested for potential outcomes as it moves forward. Reaching consensus on the preferred growth alternative is anticipated in the fall of 2008.

More information on the Fresno county component of the Blueprint is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org or call Barbara Steck at 559-233-4148.

The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is a joint initiative of the eight Valley Councils of Governments from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare County and the Great Valley Center.

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October 5, 2007

Mr. Dale Bonner, Secretary
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Subject: San Joaquin Valley RTPA Trade Corridor Projects Hot List

Dear Secretary Bonner:

The eight San Joaquin Valley RTPAs have worked collaboratively to identify projects vital to both the regional, as well as, national movement of goods. The product of this regional endeavor is the *2007 San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan*.

This document is a framework which details three major topics of goods movement in the San Joaquin Valley. First it provides background information and highlights goods movement issues facing the San Joaquin Valley. Secondly, it describes and explains the goods movement system currently in place. Thirdly, it identifies projects strategically targeting system-wide improvements.

As part of the development of this plan, a two-tiered list of San Joaquin Valley Trade Corridor Projects has been developed. Combined, these two tiers represent the San Joaquin Valley's top priority goods movement projects. Tier I projects are top priority regional goods movement projects considered to meet all of the three key criteria:

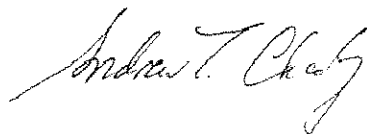
- 1) Trade Corridors of National or International Significance (and)
- 2) Have an identified local match of 50% (and)
- 3) Have an identified delivery date.

The Tier I Projects List is the San Joaquin Valley RTPA Trade Corridor Projects *Hot List*.

Attached is a list of the Tier I projects. All projects are listed in geographic order from North to South and have not been prioritized.

Please give these lists a final review. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tony Boren or Tom Webster at 559.233.4148.

Sincerely,



Andrew T. Chesley
Executive Director

Cc: John Bama, Executive Director
John Bougart, BT&H Agency
John Hummer, BT&H Agency
Will Kempton, Director of Caltrans
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Vice Chair

San Joaquin Valley RTPA Trade Corridor Projects Hot List **North to South**

Tier I*

Project	Cost	Match 50%	Match \$	Source	Delivery Date	Location
SR 4 (Crosstown Freeway) Extension to Port of Stockton	\$180,000,000	Yes	\$90,000,000	Measure K	2012	San Joaquin County
Altamont Pass Rail Corridor / Central Valley Rail Freight Shuttle	\$150,000,000	Yes	\$75,000,000	Measure K/Local	2011	San Joaquin County
Demonstration Project						
Crows Landing Intermodal Rail Facility. The project includes rail improvements along an alignment from the Port of Oakland to the Crows Landing Airfield in Stanislaus County.	\$52,000,000	Yes	\$26,000,000	P-P-P	2011	Stanislaus County
Shafter Intermodal Rail Facility	\$30,000,000	Yes	\$15,000,000	Local	2008	Kern County
Double Track Rail through Tehachapi Pass	\$85,000,000	Yes	\$42,500,000	BNSF	2012	Kern County
Total Cost: \$497,000,000		Total Match: \$248,500,000				

Total TCIF Request:

\$248,500,000

*Tier I projects are considered the Hot List of Projects. They are goods movement projects which effect trade corridors of national significance, have an identified local match of 50%, and have an identified delivery date.

**Tier II projects are top regional priority projects that either have uncertainty of matching funds, are not nationally significant, or, no identified delivery date.

Barbara Goodwin

From: Barbara Goodwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 4:07 PM
To: 'Erica.Martinez@asm.ca.gov'
Cc: Andrew Chesley; 'steve samuelian'
Subject: RE: TCIF
Importance: High
Attachments: Fwd: S.J. Valley Trade Projects Hot List

Hi Erica

I'm fine Erica, and I **thank you** for writing and asking this question, given our interest in the matter. The San Joaquin Valley has approved a list of five projects that we mutually (all eight counties) support. Please see attached e-mail from Andrew Chesley where we submitted this list to Secretary Bonner's office.

Four of these projects were already on the MTC list, and more recently they added our fifth project and we agreed to partner with MTC and the SACOG region in the presentation of our aligned lists. For purposes of the TCIF, and the strategy proposed for funding there are still four corridors but the Valley (SACOG region and San Joaquin Valley region) are partnering with the Bay region to present our jointly agreed upon proposal/list. (This may be where the perception of three corridors continues, but ignores our deliberation to jointly pursue our goals). MTC has been designated as the spokesperson for our partnership team; we still are stakeholders and desire to be invited to TCIF and other discussions regarding goods movement. We are not giving up our voice in speaking for the San Joaquin Valley, but rather joining with the other corridor strategically in presenting the entire list for the joined corridors. There were mutual concerns, and this strategic approach made good sense to us given the circumstances.

Should there be further legislation we would still advocate for our own corridor recognition, as it aligns with the four corridors contained in the State's Goods Movement Action Plan. Again, we are concerned with long-term precedent that legislation may set in future issues regarding goods movement in the State. However, when you look at the TCIF lists being submitted it is apparent that the Bay region and the Valley have mutual concerns and have agreed upon an approach.

Looking long-term the entire Valley is a major exporter of goods to the nation and through the ports to international markets, and it also is a corridor which sees great exchanging of goods between southern and northern California. That being said it has to be recognized that none of the four corridors in the State's Plan really operate completely independently from each other, but rather have interaction between the corridors. That is much more apparent in the interaction between the SACOG/San Joaquin Valley Regions with the Bay Area Corridor. The State's Plan even shows these two corridors with an overlap.

I thank you for your interest, and hope this clears up the issue. I have copied Andrew Chesley, our current Valley COG Director Chair. All eight of us have worked closely on these goods movement issues.

Barbara Goodwin



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2007 1:29 PM

To: Barbara Goodwin

Subject: RE: TCIF

Hi, Barbara

How are you? We met during the last days of session while the Legislature was trying to address the goods movement money in Prop. 1B. I staff the Speaker's Office on transportation. As you know the CTC is tackling this issue right now and it has been represented to me that the Central Valley stakeholders have agreed to allow MTC to represent their mutual interests, so there are three corridors. Is this correct? Im assuming the Great Valley Center and the San Joaquin Valley Partnership are ok with this approach too?

Thanks,
Erica

11/16/2007

November 16, 2007

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Trade Corridors Improvement Fund

Dear Chairman Ghielmetti:

As Legislators representing the San Joaquin Valley, we write to convey our strong belief that the Central Valley is and must be considered as an independent trade corridor integral to California's goods movement system.

As you know, the Goods Movement Action Plan released by the Administration in January 2007 identifies four principal trade corridors in the state, including the Central Valley (see enclosed map). As you may also know, the Valley is already bearing unique burdens from goods movement. According to data from the Air Resources Board, in 2010 truck traffic in the San Joaquin Valley will account for 44.9% of all the heavy heavy-duty diesel truck miles traveled in the state. In 2010 nitrogen oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions from these trucks in the Valley will similarly reach 49.6% and 46.4%, respectively, of total emissions of these pollutants statewide. It is no coincidence the San Joaquin Valley is in non-attainment of air quality standards for both NOx and PM.

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However, in future funding rounds — and in any legislation that may advance to guide the distribution of TCIF funds — we will be watching closely to ensure the Central Valley is considered an independent equal among the state's four principal goods movement corridors.

Sincerely,

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November 9, 2008

To: the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
From: SJV Affordable Communities Initiative Core Group, Rollie Smith, convener
Re: Approval of the San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust

The San Joaquin Valley Affordable Communities Initiative (SJVACI) Core Group is part of the LUAH Work Group of the Partnership implementing the housing recommendations of the Partnership Strategic Action Proposal (SAP) which called for the formation of a regional housing trust.

AB 1129 (Arambula), introduced to give state support to the SJV Regional Housing Trust in its formation and development, was endorsed by the Partnership Board. SB 586 (Dutton), signed by the Governor, reserves \$37 million of Prop 1C Funds for housing trusts and half of that (\$18.5m) for new housing trusts. We want to reserve as much of that as possible for Valley jurisdictions through the SJVHT.

Attached is a summary of the Regional Housing Trust that is being proposed to the Partnership. We are developing the Board of Directors and securing the funding for the organization. We believe that this organization will be a principal vehicle for implementing the values and goals of the Valley Blueprint process and the Land Use, Agriculture and Housing Strategic Action Plan in housing the Valley's growing number of residents and workforce.

The Core Group includes the following members:

Allysun Williams, CSUF
Ana Fuentes, Merced CAG
Anita Hellam, Stanislaus County Habitat for Humanity
Anthony Zepeda, San Joaquin County COG
Bob Hoskins, Kings County Housing Authority
Bob Keenan, BIA of Tulare and Kings
Candice Steelman, MCAG
Carlos Yamzon, Stanislaus County COG
Christie Hendricks, Merced County Office of Education
Christina Lehn, Kings County
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Darrel Hildebrand, Kern COG
Darryl Rutherford, California Coalition for Rural Housing
Denard Davis, South Dos Palos Housing Project
Dennis Wallace, Habitat for Humanity Bakersfield
Don Borgwaldt, Merced County Housing Authority
Elizabeth Wright, Blueprint, County of Tulare COG
Elliott Balch, Assemblyman Arambula
Gregg Jordan, International Electrical Workers
Larry Roselle, US Department of HUD
Laurie Mercer, County of Tulare
Leslie Gacad, City of Fresno

Mark Gregory, realtor
Masoud Niroumand, City of Merced
Matthew Jendian, CSUF, Fresno Housing Alliance
Michael Lane, Self Help Enterprises Inc
Mike Prandini, BIA Fresno
Miriam Krehbiel, United Way of Kern County
Nick Benjamin, Madera Housing Authority
Nick Ortiz, Nicole Parra
Paul McDougall, California HCD
Randy McNary, Kings County Housing Authority
Rhonda Haynes, City of Visalia
Rollie Smith, US HUD
Ron Prestridge, City of Madera
Sara Hedgpeth Harris, Fresno Housing Alliance
Scott Cochran, County of Tulare COG
Sharon Sheltzer, City of Visalia
Steven Pelz, Kern County Housing Authority
Teresa Kinney, Congressman Cardoza
Tina Sumner, City of Clovis
Tony Miranda, Fresno Habitat for Humanity
Vince Harris, Stanislaus County COG
Will Larsen, Kern County COG
Yvette Quiroga, Fresno County

**San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust:
A Fund and an Organization for Housing in a Manner that Sustains the Values,
Economy, and Ecosystem of the Valley**

Regional Housing Trust Fund: The SJV Regional Housing Trust is envisioned as a *fund* in which local jurisdictions that participate will build up and receive flexible funds that help them achieve the housing goals of their housing elements. The funds can be used for acquiring land, providing incentives to private developers, leveraging government programs and private loans, front-end master planning, and many more uses that would incentivize housing that is affordable to people who live and work in the locality. The funds would be used to encourage higher density, smart growth, or new urbanism projects that link jobs, transportation, and housing to ensure that the growth of the Valley preserves agricultural lands and promotes clean energy, air quality, and economic expansion in accords with the values being articulated through the regional Valley Blueprint process.

Regional Housing Trust Organization:

The Trust is being established as a nonprofit *organization* with a special relationship to the California Partnership and the SJV Blueprint.

Purposes: The by-laws state the following purposes for the organization:

1. Work with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to maintain a comprehensive and integrated and coordinated regional housing strategy.
2. Establish and support a broad network of partners to accelerate development of affordable and workforce housing in the Valley.
3. Develop and serve as a resource for information and expertise to increase investments in affordable and workforce housing in the Valley.
4. Incentivize the development of housing trust funds for local jurisdictions.
5. Ensure that the Valley is maximizing value received from available federal, state and local housing programs.
6. Communicate and demonstrate how the Valley can lead efforts to implement innovative strategies in creating affordable housing that is aligned with sustainable development and the preservation of farmlands and natural habitats.
7. Serve as a source of technical assistance and advocacy to local jurisdictions in order for them to achieve their goals as stated in the housing elements of their general plans.

The Board of Directors shall be constituted as follows:

The Chair and Deputy Chairs of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (collectively, the "Partnership Representatives") shall appoint one (1) director from each of the three (3) work groups of Energy, Economic Development and Land Use, Agriculture and Housing; each of the eight (8) SJV COGs shall each appoint one (1)

approved representative; the Housing Authorities throughout the Valley shall appoint one (1) director from a housing authority; the four (4) nonprofit developers of affordable housing and the three (3) housing advocates representing the three geographic regions of the Valley shall be elected by those present at annual meeting of the Corporation. After the initial selection of the Board, three (3) individuals with specialized expertise in child care, universal design, and workforce development and up to additional Directors with other areas of specialized expertise shall be appointed at the Board's discretion.

Activities of the Regional Trust Organization: To achieve the purposes of the organization, the following activities would be undertaken.

- Raise trust funds through public and private sources
- Provide funding for projects meeting criteria, using process established by board
- Assist jurisdictions in establishing their own trust funds and in planning and the effective use of trust funds in relation to their housing elements
- Assist COGS with Regional Housing Needs Assessments (RHNA) and with housing planning in relation to transportation and land use
- Assist jurisdictions to tie their plans and their projects into blueprint processes and smart growth principles
- Assist jurisdictions who have signed onto the National call to Action for Affordable Housing through Regulatory Reform review policies and regulations to remove obstacles and promote procedures that will foster housing affordable to residents and workforce.
- Community education related to housing including assisting jurisdictions avoid NIMBYism.

Funding of Regional Trust Fund:

- Prop 1C as seed funding
- Accounts of participating jurisdictions (individual trust funds)
- Private fundraising—Foundations, Corporations, Banks, Individuals
- Other state and federal funds

Funding of Regional Trust Organization (administration, planning, services, and education):

- Private Foundations
- State legislature in starting trust—3 year administrative costs
- Administrative fees and Membership dues

Until the Trust is organized and funded, California Coalition for Rural Housing has offered to attempt to raise resources for providing staff support to the Housing Trust Working Group.

