

**Do you care
about the future of Fresno
farms and farmland?**



The Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) invites you to share your thoughts about the future of Fresno County agriculture.

Fresno County is experiencing unprecedented growth. In the next generation, population is expected to more than double to 1.93 million people! Because most of the County's cities are surrounded by farmland, this will place tremendous pressure on agricultural resources.

To address this growth and plan for the future of the County's farms and farmland, the COG is designing a Model Farmland Conservation Program (MFCP). The purpose of the MFCP is to design and implement a coordinated set of local policies that will effectively conserve the land and water resources necessary for Fresno County agriculture to remain economically viable.

Public input is the foundation of this process. To be effective, the MFCP must address your needs. We are looking for you and other concerned citizens to be an integral part of this process.

**We want to hear
your views!**

**Take the opportunity
to make a difference.**

**Join the
discussion.**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

**University of California
Kearney Research and
Extension Center
9240 S. Riverbend Avenue
Parlier**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, January 17, 2008

**University of California Center
550 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Proposals
Applications Due January 11, 2008**

Grant	Community-Based Transportation Planning
Title	Fresno West Area Community Planning Grant
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 20%	City of Fresno: \$75,000 Cash Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	<u>Project Description</u> This grant proposal will seek funds to address coordinated transportation and land use planning issues in the West Area Community of Fresno, generally that area west of SR 99, East of Garfield and North of SR 180. A study and report will be prepared outlining and coordinating the implementation of the Circulation Element of the City of Fresno 2002 General Plan and reviewing and perhaps modifying the land use plan designations to support the implementation of the Circulation Element for the area including the major street crossings on SR 99 and SR 180. A broad base of community stakeholders will be identified, systematically outreached to and involved, including: Residents, property owners, community organizations, schools and other local agency partners, developers, business interests, COG, City of Fresno, Fresno County, Caltrans, and other stakeholders.

Grant	Partnership Planning
Title:	Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Multi-Modal System Partnership
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 20%	City of Fresno: \$75,000 Cash Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	This grant proposal will develop a consensus base between local entities to build a base of communication about a coordinated regional land use policies framework to implement any proposed high capacity multi-modal corridor system adopted in the Fresno Blueprint Process.
Grant	Statewide Transit Planning Studies
Title	Transit Corridor/Trails Preservation Study
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 11.47%	City of Fresno: \$38,868 Cash Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno, Tree Tops, Sierra Club and other local ag-land preservation groups
Purpose:	This grant proposal will define urban forest, organic agriculture, and environmentally sensitive areas that would form permanent boundary along any proposed high capacity multi-modal corridor system adopted in the Fresno Blueprint Process. This project will be performed in coordination with the Fresno County Land Buffer Task Force.

Grant	Transit Professional Development
Title	Central Valley Transit Professional Development
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$50,000
Local Match 11.47%	City of Fresno: \$9,000 Cash Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	The grant proposal will invite experts from other areas of the U.S. and Canada who have developed world class Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) to present workshops, trainings, and/or seminars on how they did it from concept to final outcome. Trainings would be open to land use planners, transit planners, and operators from Caltrans and other jurisdictions in the region.
Grant	Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning
Title	Place Matters: Incorporated vs. Unincorporated Communities and Disparities in Motor Vehicle Fatalities
Partner/Contact	Central Valley Health Policy Institute, a Fresno State University Foundation
Grant Request	\$230,400
Local Match 10%	Fresno COG: \$12,800 Local Transportation Fund Cash Match FSU: \$12,800 In-kind Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: Central Valley Health Policy Institute
Purpose:	The purpose of the grant is to investigate Motor Vehicle Accidents in the city of Kerman and the community of Biola from the perspective of the residents and community stakeholders. Fresno COG, Fresno County, and the California Highway Patrol will partner with the Central Valley Health Policy Institute of Fresno State University on this project.

WORKING DRAFT DISCUSSION ONLY

Timeline for the Adoption of the 2009 FTIP and Associated Call for Projects

January 24th - SAFETEA-LU Subcommittee Meeting

February 29th - Approve and Release the Call for Projects

March 24th or 28th - Submit Projects

April 7th or 8th - Scoring Committees

April 9th - TTC

April 18th - PAC

April 24th - Board Approval of Project Selections

May 20th - Draft FTIP

June - Public Review/Hearing

July - COG Adoption of FTIP

November - FHWA Adoption of FTIP

December - Possible Amendment 1

February - FHWA Approval Amendment 1