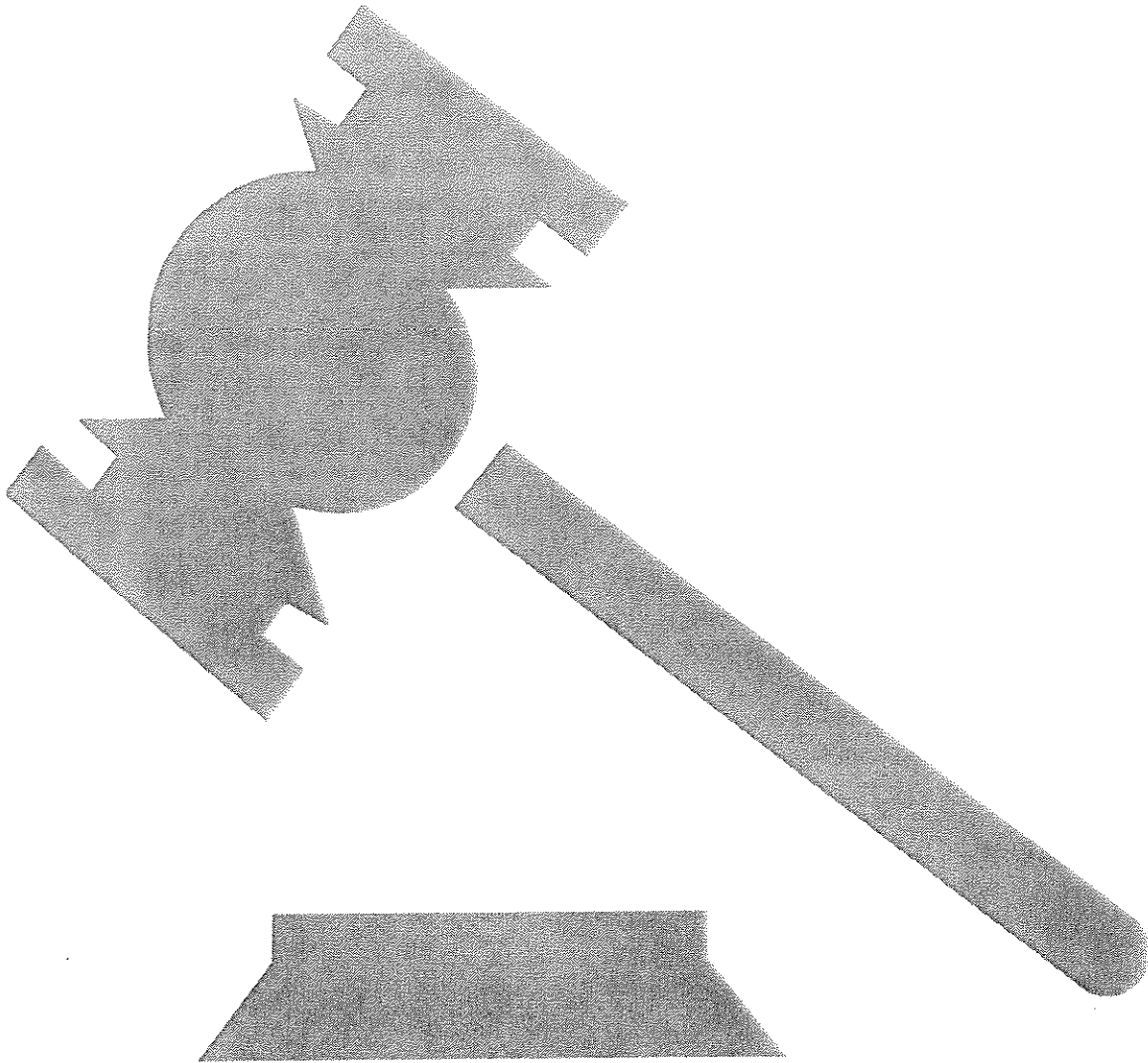




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RE: Fresno COG Letter of Support For the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Region Traffic Synchronization Project

Dear Mr. Wiemiller:

I am writing to express the Council of Fresno County Governments' Policy Board support for the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Region Traffic Synchronization Project. As you know, traffic congestion, air quality and mobility deficiencies in the San Joaquin Valley are currently problematic and are expected to significantly worsen. Good mobility and air quality is critical to the economic health and quality of life of all San Joaquin Valley residents but particularly seniors and youths. In addition, Fresno/Clovis transportation corridors are expected to experience even more congestion in the future, which will further compound the existing mobility, air quality and safety problems.

The Council of Fresno County Governments recognizes the need to provide for major improvements in air quality and mobility as an important component of the region's economic development and growth management future. The Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Region Traffic Synchronization project, if funded, would address current and future needs to improve air quality and mobility throughout the region, resulting in the creation of a more integrated transportation network within the Fresno/Clovis area and the region.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve the lives of San Joaquin Valley residents.

Sincerely,

Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman
Council of Fresno County Governments

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

