

### OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the feasibility of acquiring and operating the portion of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) line in Fresno County in conjunction with the study being conducted for the same line within Tulare County.

### DISCUSSION

Fresno COG staff has been closely monitoring the proposed abandonment of a nearly 40-mile segment of rail line in Tulare County by the San Joaquin Valley Railroad. Staff is particularly concerned that, if successful, this abandonment could lead to future additional abandonments of the same rail line in Fresno County. Fresno COG has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Tulare County Association of Governments and Kern Council of Governments to coordinate the development of a strategy to address and prevent current and future abandonments of important railroad corridors. Fresno COG is also committed to assist any local jurisdiction that seeks to improve former railroad corridors within its community or jurisdiction.

The County of Fresno has requested the Fresno COG fund a study of 26 miles of San Joaquin Valley Railroad corridor from the Tulare County line to Fresno within Fresno County. The information developed from this study will complement similar information being developed for the San Joaquin Valley Railroad corridor in Tulare County. The information developed will help Fresno County understand the usefulness, and therefore importance, of the corridor and may inform potential future policy decisions regarding the corridor, not only in Fresno County but in all three of the counties in which the San Joaquin Valley Railroad operates.

### PREVIOUS WORK COMPLETED

1. Fresno County Rail Corridor Preservation/Acquisition and Transportation Alternatives Study, adopted January 30, 1997.
2. Memorandum of Understanding among Fresno Council of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments, and Kern County Association of Governments.
3. Updated Rail Modal Element, contained within the Regional Transportation Plan, adopted July 29, 2010.

### PRODUCTS

1. An illustrated comprehensive report including all research, interview and inspection results, valuations and economics, analysis, recommendations and next steps.

### TASKS

- 154.01 Physical inspection of the rail line to determine condition, value and problem areas.
- 154.02 Interviews of the existing customers to verify traffic amount, what service is needed, and estimated projected traffic.
- 154.03 Determine Net Liquidation Value (NLV) of the line as well as an annual maintenance budget for operations of the line based on existing condition.
- 154.04 Develop an operating plan for the corridor and determine the economic feasibility for the operations.
- 154.05 Develop all findings into an illustrated comprehensive report including all research, interview and inspection results, valuations and economics, analysis, recommendations and next steps.
- 154.06 Develop the formal report into presentations to be given to the Transportation Technical Committee/Policy Advisory Committee and Board.

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| 154.01 Physical Inspection           |             |                  |                  |             |                  | ■                | 11              |             |             |             | ■           | ■           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 154.02 Interview Shippers            |             |                  |                  |             |                  | ■                | 12              |             |             |             | ■           | ■           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 154.03 Determine NLV                 |             |                  |                  |             |                  | ■                | 20              |             |             |             | ■           | ■           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 154.04 Develop Operating Plan        |             |                  |                  |             |                  | ■                | 16              |             |             |             | ■           | ■           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 154.05 Develop Comprehensive Rpt.    |             |                  |                  |             |                  | ■                | 30              |             |             |             |             | ■           | ■           |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 154.06 Presentations                 |             |                  |                  |             |                  | ■                | 42              |             |             |             |             |             |             | ■           |             |             |             |             |             |

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| Revenues            | \$\$\$\$      |
|---------------------|---------------|
| FTA MPO 5303        |               |
| FTA 5316/5317       |               |
| FTA Section 5307    |               |
| FTA 5304            |               |
| FHWA PL             | 26,559        |
| STIP/PPM            |               |
| STATE SPR           |               |
| PARTNER PLANNING    |               |
| PARTNER SEED GRANTS |               |
| CAL BLUEPRINT       |               |
| PROP 84             |               |
| FSP                 |               |
| SPR                 |               |
| LTF                 | 3,441         |
| OTHER               |               |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>30,000</b> |

| Expenditures | \$\$\$\$      | -py- |
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| Fresno COG   |               |      |
| County       |               |      |
| Fresno       |               |      |
| Clovis       |               |      |
| FCEOC        |               |      |
| Contracts    | 30,000        |      |
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| <b>Total</b> | <b>30,000</b> |      |