

Policy Advisory Committee

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AGENDA ITEM III. B.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
OF THE
REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES
IN THE
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF THE UNDERSTANDING, which shall be effective upon the _____ day of _____ 2006, between and among the Council of Fresno County Governments, the Kern Council of Governments, the Kings County Association of Governments, the Madera County Transportation Commission, the Merced County Association of Governments, the San Joaquin Council of Governments, the Stanislaus Council of Governments, and the Tulare County Association of Governments, herein referred to as regional planning agencies, hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the above listed regional planning agencies first entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on September 21, 1992, agreeing to coordinate regional planning activities; and

WHEREAS, this memorandum of understanding shall supercede and replace the existing memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, since 1992 the above listed regional planning agencies have cooperatively addressed issues pertaining to transportation planning and related air quality responsibilities, transportation modeling, geographic information mapping; and

WHEREAS, the regional planning agencies of the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare are federally designated metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) responsible for implementing the federal comprehensive transportation process and have specified air quality/transportation planning responsibilities for their respective areas; and

WHEREAS, the eight regional planning agencies of the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare (hereinafter referred to as the "Eight Valley RPAs" are state designated regional transportation planning agencies (RTPA) or local transportation commissions (LTC) responsible for the state comprehensive transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Eight Valley RPAs shall cause to be developed and adopted a Valley Chapter of the Regional Transportation Plan, which shall be included within each regional planning agency's own plan. This chapter shall address issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries and specifically affect several counties, such as a transportation corridor, and may include air quality, highways, streets and roads, aviation, rail, goods movement, and transportation demand management efforts; and

WHEREAS, the regional planning agencies of the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare are responsible for the allocation of projected housing needs to their respective cities and county; and

- WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley is designated as:
- a nonattainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard,
 - a nonattainment area for both PM-10 and PM-2.5 standards, and
 - the urban areas of Bakersfield, Fresno, Modesto and Stockton are designated as maintenance areas for carbon monoxide, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Air Act requires nonattainment area plans to include transportation control measures; and

WHEREAS, the California Clean Air Act requires nonattainment area plans to include reasonably available transportation control measures; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005, and any successor federal act, requires that when multiple Metropolitan Planning Organizations exist within designated air quality nonattainment areas they shall consult with each other and with the state in the coordination of plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Eight Valley RPAs shall develop and maintain a unified and coordinated approach to air quality management planning process issues; and

WHEREAS, the cities and counties within the San Joaquin Valley are projected to have significant increases in population, housing and employment during the next thirty years requiring a cooperative, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process.

WHEREAS, the Eight Valley RPAs shall serve as a forum to encourage and facilitate regional data sharing, GIS development and mapping; and

WHEREAS, the Eight Valley RPAs shall rely, as much as practicable, on existing regional planning agencies for its financing, data and expertise, but may jointly contract for services if provided for in each of their individual Overall Work Programs and Budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the regional planning agencies of the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare shall coordinate as the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies with respect to the performance of the following tasks when interregional issues are involved:

1. Preparation of multi-modal transportation plans that will include coordinated forecast methodologies for future population, housing, employment, land use, and air quality, and identify other common elements in relationship to the San Joaquin Valley and major interregional transportation corridors.
2. Preparation of regional transportation plans and policies addressing identified common transportation issues occurring within the Valley.
3. Preparation and development of regional transportation improvement programs and other short-range programs to provide for timely implementation of transportation control measures consistent with schedules included in applicable Air Quality Attainment plans.
4. Coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District on emission reduction projects necessary for the implementation of the California Clean Air Act.
5. Coordination with Caltrans District Offices on transportation system planning efforts.
6. Coordinate planning efforts with the appropriate state and federal agencies to insure good communication is maintained on issues important to the San Joaquin Valley.
7. Development and use of coordinated transportation and traffic database information for transportation modeling and related emission modeling.
8. Preparation of interregional technical and transportation systems studies in developing transportation corridor or plan alternatives.

9. Coordination on rail issues (both passenger rail and goods movement) within the Valley, including the development of plans and policies that affect rail service.
10. Provide a leadership role for all Valley Blueprint activities by planning for future growth and quality of life through the integration of transportation, housing, land use, economic development and environmental protection elements. Such integration to result in a more efficient and effective transportation system and land use pattern to achieve the three outcomes (3Es) that define quality of life – prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity.
11. Provide a leadership role and act as a forum for Valley issues and concerns, where such issues and concerns transcend boundaries, allowing the development and consensus of policy questions of mutual interest in order to pursue a coordinated course of action without infringing on the jurisdictional powers of the individual governments.

BE IT FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that to oversee the coordination efforts the following organizational structures shall be established:

12. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council is hereby created consisting of two elected officials (and one alternate) appointed from each of the regional planning agencies policy boards listed herein. The Policy Council shall meet at least twice each fiscal year to provide guidance on common interregional policy issues. The Policy Council shall also represent the San Joaquin Valley at public forums, including before the California Transportation Commission, the Governor and his/her administration, and before State and Federal legislative bodies that require a common voice. The Policy Council shall also provide direction and guidance to the Regional Planning Agencies Executive Directors Committee.
 - a. The Policy Council shall cause to be created a set of By-Laws which shall further describe its operational structure and the operational structure of any subcommittees it may create.
 - b. The Policy Council shall provide direction to the Regional Planning Agencies Executive Committee on the development of an Annual Work Program and Budget for activities to be carried out jointly, including identifying revenue for the implementation of these activities. The Annual Work Program and Budget is to be reflected in each respective regional planning agency's budget documents as appropriate.
 - c. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting in any manner the authority and responsibilities of the respective regional planning agencies, and all plans, programs and activities shall at all times be carried out in such manner as to maintain and recognize the separateness and autonomy of the individual regional planning agencies.
13. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Executive Directors Committee consisting of the regional planning agencies' Executive Directors (or their designees) shall hereby continue to provide coordination and direction on all administrative work required to carry out the development of plans that address interregional issues. The Executive Directors Committee may establish technical committees to assist in research and plan development that address interregional issues as defined herein and on other interregional issues as directed by the Policy Council. One of the primary roles of the Executive Directors Committee shall be as the primary advisory body to the Policy Council on all items appearing on its agenda, and one of its functions shall be to recommend agenda items for the Policy Council's regular agenda. The Executive

Directors Committee shall implement the Annual Work Program and Budget as approved by the Policy Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their respective officers to be effective on the date first above written.

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Councilmember David Couch, Chairman Ronald E. Brummett, Executive Director

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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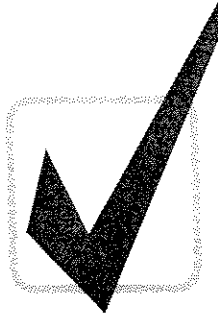
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Mayor James Ridenour, Chairman Vince Harris, Executive Director

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Supervisor Allen Ishida, Chairman George Finney, Executive Director



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**2006
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL ISSUES CONFERENCE**

October 4-6, 2006
Double Tree Inn
Bakersfield, California

Wednesday, October 4 (Optional Kern event)

10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Pre-Conference Kern Transportation Foundation Annual Forum (Optional – not included in the conference registration, but included on the registration form as a separate item. Cost \$25.00)
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Conference Registration
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	SJV COG Directors Meeting
6:00 pm	Night on the Town

Thursday, October 5 (Valley event)

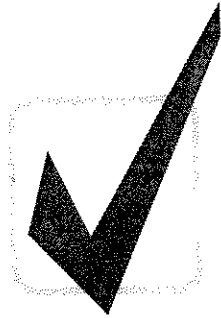
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks
9:15 am to 10:45 am	Session 1: One Voice From the Valley (San Joaquin, Fresno) How do we communicate now? How can we communicate better? How can we develop a One Voice from the Valley?
10:45am to 11:00 am	Break
11:00am to 12:15 am	Session 2: San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement What have we done? Why is it taking so long? What is in the November 2006 transportation bond for the valley? What priority should goods movement be for the valley?
12:15 am to 1:30 pm	Lunch and Keynote Speaker: From Washington
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Session 3: San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Process (Merced) What is a blueprint? Why do we need blueprint process for the valley? What blueprint process are you using n your region?
3:00 pm to 3:15 pm	Break

3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Session 4: Legislative Update What is happening in Sacramento? What is the bond pass in November? What do we want from the next SAFETEA:LU
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Reception Howard Silver, President American Public Transit Association
7:00 pm	Dinner on the Town
7:00 pm	COG Directors Dinner (Policy Board members and guest, COG Director's and Guests only)

Friday, October 6 (Valley event)

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am to 10:30 am	Session 5: Transportation Financing (Fresno) Who has developed a local transportation measures for November? What is in your transportation measure? How do you see the measure supporting your long-range transportation plan?
10:30am to 10:45 am	Break
10:45am to 12:00 am	Policy Members Meeting
12:00 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch

Interactive registration form will soon be available at www.kerncog.org



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Fresno COG Transportation Forum and Transportation Achievement Awards

Transportation + Economic
Infrastructure + Development = Jobs

Thursday, September 28, 2006
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at the
Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno
2233 Ventura Street

Please fill out one registration form per attendee.
Registration forms may be photocopied. There is
no charge for this forum but we do need your
registration to order refreshments.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION - FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

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Agency/Company:
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Fresno COG Transportation Forum

Forum Schedule
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Register/Gather - Sequoia Room

Welcome

**Trinidad Rodriguez, Kerman Mayor Pro Tem and
Fresno COG Policy Board Chair**

Opening

Assemblymember Juan Arambula

State Infrastructure Needs

Randell H. Iwasaki, Chief Deputy Director, Caltrans

Mr. Iwasaki will present an overview of state infrastructure needs, funding shortfalls, and will provide information on the proposed transportation bonds.

**Presentation of the Outstanding Project or Program
for a Rural Area**

**Regional Transportation Infrastructure Needs
Tony Boren, Deputy Director, Fresno COG**

Mr. Boren will discuss Fresno County's regional transportation needs in both the urban and rural areas and the financing strategies that are available to implement proposed projects. His discussion will also provide an overview of transportation funding with emphasis on how federal and state dollars reach local agencies.

How Measure "C" Fits In

Trinidad Rodriguez, COG Chair

Lynne Ashbeck, Clovis Councilmember

Mary Savala, League of Women Voters

Co-chairs of the Measure "C" Steering Committee will discuss the process used in developing the

(Measure "C", cont.)

expenditure plan for the proposed extension of Fresno County's transportation sales tax measure. They will explain how a 24-member committee reached consensus on a multi-modal transportation vision for Fresno County for the next 20 years.

**Presentation of the Outstanding Project or Program
for the Urban Area (FCMA)**

**Economic Development/Jobs Connection
Dave Spaur, President & CEO of Economic
Development Corporation Serving Fresno County
Ashley Swearengin, COO, Regional Jobs Initiative**

Executives from two economic development organizations will discuss the importance of physical infrastructure as it relates to the economic vitality of our community. Mr. Spaur will describe the relationship of infrastructure in connection with: expansion, attraction and retention of new and existing industries. Ms. Swearengin will conclude the presentation with an explanation of how this equation ties into job creation.

**Presentation of the "Terry O. Cooper Award"
for Outstanding Individual**

**Transportation + Economic
Infrastructure Development = Jobs**

Fresno COG thanks the

**Transportation Achievement Awards
Judges**

- John Donaldson, League of Women Voters
- John Downs, Fresno Area Express
- Mark Keppler, The Maddy Institute
- Paul Marquez, Caltrans
- Al Smith, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation Achievement Awards

The Council of Fresno County Governments, in partnership with the Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County and the Regional Jobs Initiative, is pleased to announce the fourth presentation of the **Transportation Achievement Awards**, to take place on September 28, 2006 at the Fresno COG Transportation Forum.

The **Transportation Achievement Awards** competition recognizes those individuals, projects, and programs that have made significant contributions to transportation planning and project implementation in the Fresno County Region, as they improve the quality of life in our community.

The following **2006 Transportation Achievement Awards** will be presented during the Transportation Forum.

The Terry O. Cooper Memorial Award for
Outstanding Individual

will be presented to:

Nicholas D. Paladino, Bicycling Advocate

Outstanding Project or Program for a

Rural Area

will be presented to:

"Public Transportation Infrastructure Study"

Outstanding Project or Program for the

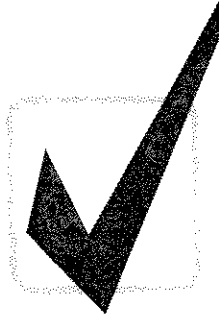
Urban Area (FCMA)

will be presented to:

"FAX Frequent 15"

Honorable Mention in this category
will be presented to:

**"Introduction of International Passenger Service
To the Region"**



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Fresno COG Blueprint Roundtable
Members
9/7/2006

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Jose	Barraza	Fresno ADA - Disability Community
Deryl	Bear	Fresno Area Sky Train
Keith	Bergthold	City of Fresno Planning
Lee	Brand	Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Kevin	Castanos	Wathen-Castanos
A. Ben	Ewell Jr.	Water Resources
Terri	Figgs	League of Women Voters
Marta	Frausto	General Public
Lynn	Gorman	County of Fresno Planning
Kathleen	Grassi	Health/Public Health
Dianne	Guzman	Eastside Cities Planner
Jeremy	Hofer	Metro Ministries/Health
John	Honnette	Sierra Club
Debbie	Hunsaker	Fresno Business Council
Kirk	Hunter Chair	SW Transportation Agency
Ryan	Jacobsen	Agriculture
Richard	Johanson	Goods Movement
Pam	Lassetter	Business/ Workforce Development
Nathan	Magsig Co-Chair	Affordable Housing
Larry	Miller	SJV Rail Committee
Michael	Prandini	Building Industry Association
Randy	Reed	Education
Jeff	Reid	Taxpayers Association
Carolina	Simunovic	Metro Ministries/Environmental
Bill	Skinner	Westside Cities Planner
Robb	Smith, MD	Health/Air Quality
Al	Solis	General Public
David	Spaur	Economic Development
J. Patrick	Sweeney	Central Transit & Development Corp.
Darrell	Tuckness	Fresno Co, Housing Authority
Robert	Wood	Building/Development
John	Wright	City of Clovis Planning
Ex Officio		
<i>Rico</i>	<i>Aguayo, Councilmember, Fowler</i>	<i>BRAC Appointee (Elected)</i>
<i>Amapreet</i>	<i>Daliwhal, Mayor San Joaquin</i>	<i>BRAC Alternate (Elected)</i>

FRESNO COG BLUEPRINT PROCESS

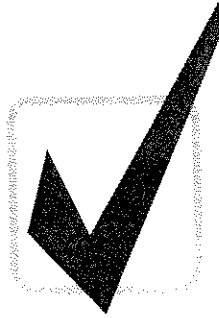
PHASE 1 - COMMUNITY VISION & VALUES PROGRAM

MAJOR TASK		SCHEDULE			
		AUGUST 06	SEPTEMBER 06	OCTOBER 06	NOVEMBER 06
Workshops - 5 locations					
1	Identify workshop locations	X			
2	Set workshop dates	X			
3	Prepare a workshop participant database	X			
4	Prepare workshop notice				
5	Prepare press release		X		
6	Send workshop notices		X		
7	Prepare for the workshops		X	X	
8	Conduct the workshops		X	X	
9	Follow-up with requests for information to participants		X	X	
10	Prepare synopsis of workshop findings				
Community Outreach - 25 presentation/meetings					
1	Identify the Participants/Groups	X			
2	Prepare the presentation	X			
3	Schedule the Meetings/Presentations	X			
4	Conduct meetings/presentations	X	X	X	
5	Follow-up with requests for information to participants	X	X	X	
6	Prepare synopsis of presentation/meeting findings				
Fresno County Roundtable Meetings - 4 meetings					
1	Identify participants	X			
2	Prepare agendas	X	X		
3	Prepare meeting materials	X	X	X	
4	Conduct meetings	X	X	X	
5	Prepare synopsis of meeting findings				
Prepare the Draft Vision Document					
1	Using the workshop/presentation/meeting findings, prepare the Admin. Draft Vision			X	
2	Based upon comment, revise the Admin Draft and prepare the Draft			X	
3	Present the Draft Vision to the Roundtable				X
4	Present the Draft Vision to the TTC				X
5	Present the Draft Vision to the PAC				X
6	Present the Draft Vision to the COG Board				X
7	Forward the Fresno County Blueprint Vision to the GVC				X

FRESNO COG BLUEPRINT PROCESS
PHASE 1 - COMMUNITY VISION & VALUES PROGRAM

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS

#	Agency
Education	
1	Primary and Secondary Educators
Building Industry/Economic Development	
2	Fresno County EDC
3	Fresno County Workforce Investment Board
4	Fresno West Economic Development Corp
5	Building Industry Assoc.
6	Downtown Fresno Coalition
7	Downtown Association
8	Asian Village Business Development Group
9	Westside Housing & Habitat for Humanity
10	Banking Industry
11	Trade Unions
12	Rural Chambers
13	Fresno Chamber of Commerce
14	Black Chamber of Commerce
15	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
16	I-5 Business Corridor
17	Five Cities Economic Development Authority
18	Realtors Associations
19	Housing Authority
20	Fresno Business Council
Environmental/Social Service	
21	ADA
22	Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
23	Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
24	Sierra Foothill Conservancy
25	Sierra & Foothill Citizens Alliance
26	League of Women Voters
27	Fresno Bicycle Coalition
28	Medical Advocates for Healthy Air
29	Fresno Madera Medical Society
30	Planning & Conservative League
31	Coalition for Liveable Fresno County Communities
32	FACETS
33	Fresno County Farm Bureau
34	American Farmland Trust
Cultural	
35	National Hispanic Environmental Council
36	La Union del Pueblo Entero
37	Relational Culture Institute
38	Latino Issue Forum
39	United Black Men and Black Women
40	Loa New Americans Coalition
41	I-5 Social Services Corporation
Religious	
42	Fresno Metro Ministries
43	Fresno Area Congregations Together
44	Jewish
45	Faith Based Coalition
46	Fresno Covenant Foundation
Youth	
47	CSUF
48	Reedley College
49	Westhills Community College
General Public	
50	Reedley Shopping Center
51	Coalinga Shopping Center
52	Kerman Shopping Center
53	Selma Shopping Center
54	Sanger Shopping Center
55	Mendota Shopping Center
56	Native American Tribes - Marta Frausto (confirmed)
Other Groups/Agencies	
57	Neighborhood Groups included in Council Districts
58	Council Districts - Fresno
59	Caltrans
60	High Schools
61	Fresno Pacific
62	California Trucking Association
63	CSAA
64	CELSOC
65	ITE Central California
66	Non Profit Council
Workshops/Charettes	
1	Courthouse Park -City/County/Other Admin
2	Fresno District Fair
3	Reedley Community Center
4	Kerman Community Center
5	Selma Community Center



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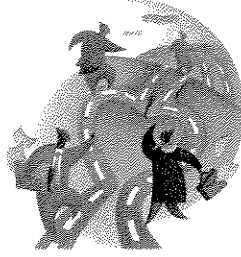


*2006 Summary of February Washington D. C. Visit
Recommendations for 2007*



Fresno COG "One Voice" Washington D. C. Participants

A Heartfelt Thank You



To Our "One Voice" Financial Sponsors

The Council of Fresno County Governments and its "One Voice" delegation are grateful to have received several sponsors for our 2006 advocacy effort. Their sponsorships allow us to continue to improve our efforts in reaching our regional goals.

The following companies generously supported the 2006 "One Voice" effort:

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VRPA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$300
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DEDEKIAN, GEORGE, AND SMALL ACCOUNTANTS	\$250
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FRESNO COUNTY FARM BUREAU	FRUIT GIFT PACKS
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TOTAL	\$14,550
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We encourage all our Policy Board members and the "One Voice" delegates to personally thank our sponsors if the opportunity presents itself. We are appreciative of their interest in our "One Voice" endeavor and grateful for their support. It is through community collaboration that "One Voice" will continue to gain momentum and achieve success.

FRESNO COG “ONE VOICE” 2006 SUMMARY OF WASHINGTON D.C. VISIT AND 2007 RECOMMENDATIONS

Background:

In 2002, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) Policy Board decided to undertake a “One Voice” effort seeking federal and/or state funding for projects of broad community-wide benefit within Fresno County. The goal was to assemble a private-public delegation, select prioritized projects, and then visit our Congressional and federal departmental representatives in Washington D. C. to pursue earmarked funds. The Fresno COG proposed this as an annual effort and would like to make a similar effort at the State level in Sacramento. There has been four “One Voice” delegations making the trip to Washington D.C.; a 15-member delegation in 2003, a 20-member delegation in 2004, a 24 member delegation in 2005, and a 27 member delegation in 2006 (See Appendix A for 2006 participants and Appendix B for the 2006 Washington D. C. Schedule).

Our absence in Washington D.C. as a united Fresno community had been noted over the years. Our “One Voice” effort was modeled upon other successful programs within California, those programs in turn bringing federal and state dollars into their community once it was apparent they would be consistently proactive with their elected representatives.

The message received from our past efforts was that we were welcomed and encouraged to return and continue communications, especially if we built upon the broad-based coalition we were assembling. The “One Voice” approach is positively recognized and viewed as a means of helping our elected federal representatives to prioritize and shepherd needed projects through the federal budget process.

“One Voice” Mission Statement:

“One Voice” unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds annually for projects of regional significance. All projects chosen shall contribute significantly to an improved quality of life throughout Fresno County.

“One Voice” Community Partners:

The Fresno COG is a Joint Powers Agency that represents the 15 cities within Fresno County, and the County of Fresno. Therefore, the Fresno COG “One Voice” effort encompasses:

The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and the County of Fresno.

Other active partners in developing the “One Voice” effort have been:

**Fresno County Farm Bureau
Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County
Fresno Business Council
Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings Central Labor Council
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
I-5 Business Development Corridor
Five Cities Economic Development Authority
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Chambers of Commerce from Clovis and the other 13 cities
Fresno County Office of Education
League of Women Voters of Fresno County
Building Industry Association**

Additional organizations and agencies have been invited to participate, and the Fresno COG welcomes other interested community agencies and organizations as well.

How Projects Are Selected:

In the past, Fresno COG's "One Voice" Task Force worked on the effort and developed criteria that included both transportation and non-transportation projects. Because our lobbyist has recommended that we limit the number of priority projects that we take back, we needed to rethink our selection criteria. Last year we selected five "physical infrastructure" projects for the list. Since the Fresno COG and its members are providing the foundation for the "One Voice" effort (including the major funding) we are clear that it should be the Fresno COG Board who ultimately determines the selected projects. We are well aware that there are hundreds of community projects of worthwhile benefit that should be considered and funded, but only a few can be selected and pursued effectively within select time frames. The Task Force will continue to work with its community partners in reviewing projects submitted for consideration and putting together a recommended list, which includes the votes of the community partners. The list is then recommended to the Fresno COG Policy Board for its ultimate selection.

Former List of Projects:

Subsequent pages provide a summary of past projects, the funding requests, and the status of the projects back in Washington D.C. *Appendix C* contains copies of project summary sheets provided in Washington D.C. meetings.

Fruits of "One Voice":

The fruits of "One Voice" to date include:

Four "One Voice" projects were included in the 2005 omnibus appropriation:

- \$250,000 for the **Non-Point Source Water Quality Management Program** within Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development (VA/HUD) to Fresno COG to contract with the Fresno County Farm Bureau.
- \$500,000 for the **Friant Corridor Improvements Project** within Transportation/Treasury to the County of Fresno.
- The **Regional Jobs Initiative**: \$200,000 within Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development (VA/HUD) to CSUF and \$400,000 within Department of Labor (DOL) to the Workforce Investment Board.
- \$225,000 for the **Rural Vocational Training Centers Project** within Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (Labor/HHS/Education) to the County of Fresno.

Three additional "One Voice" projects were contained in the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill (SAFETEA-LU) signed in August of 2005:

- \$1,200,000 for **Road Widening on Friant Road**
- \$7,600,000 for **Freeway 180 Improvements**
- \$ 240,000 for **Willow and Herndon Traffic Flow Improvements**

In addition, \$900,000 for State Route 180 East Improvements within the Fiscal Year 2006 Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

Status of the Fresno COG "One Voice" projects in the Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations Process.

The House Transportation-Treasury-HUD Spending bill included the following projects:

\$500,000 for State Route 180

\$250,000 for the construction of a vocational training facility in Mendota, California

Senate Transportation, Treasury, HUD bill included the following projects:

\$1,000,000 for State Route 180

\$200,000 for Fresno County, CA for the West Side Vocational Training Center

Please note that the Labor/HHS/Education bill also included the following:

\$200,000 for the County of Fresno, CA to provide vocational training services

\$300,000 for Fresno County, CA, for the West Fresno County Vocational Training Project

The Grand Total for "One Voice" projects to date: \$13,965,000.

2006 FRESNO COG ~ REGIONAL "ONE VOICE" PROJECTS

Improved Air Quality-Transportation Mobility-Prosperity for Fresno County

Priori ty	Project Description	Amount Request ed	Funding Recipient	Congressio al Districts within Project Area
1	State Route 180 East and West Improvements a. SR 180 East: Clovis Ave. to Temperance - \$33.6 million b. SR 180 East: Temperance to Academy - \$14.5 million c. SR 180 West: Brawley to Hughes/West -\$7 million	\$7 million	Council of Fresno County Governments	1. Nunes for East Extension (letters a and b) 2. Costa for West Extension (letter c)
2	Golden State Corridor Economic Development Project Phased Improvements at Specific Locations	\$2.75 million	Council of Fresno County Governments	Costa and Nunes
3	Friant Corridor Improvements Widen two-lane undivided road to four lane divided arterial with Class II bicycle lanes from Bugg Ave. to Millerton Rd.	\$2.9 million	County of Fresno	Nunes
4	Highway 269 Bridge Phased Improvements to alleviate severe economic disruption to the Huron area caused by the flooding of Arroyo Pasajero Creek.	\$3.8 million	Council of Fresno County Governments	Costa
5	Westside Vocational Training Center Construct a vocational training facility in the rural city of Mendota	\$4.3 million	County of Fresno	Radanovich

Summary of the 2006 “One Voice” visit from Fresno COG Executive Director, Barbara Goodwin

In reflecting back on our trip, and before writing a full report on all our meetings and follow-up tasks, I wanted to share with you in writing some notable highlights from our trip that you could share with others when asked. These highlights are not just my reflections, but also represent comments from our delegation members and comments made by those with whom we met.

Fresno COG “One Voice” Delegation Well Received

Our 27-member delegation was warmly welcomed to our Nation’s Capitol. The “One Voice” concept, of bringing together community leaders to proactively present our priorities, is viewed positively not only by our Congressional delegation and their staff, but by the agency staff with whom we met as well. Our Senators and Congressmen all noted how much easier their jobs can be if an entire community can agree and rally behind a common set of needs. They noted how this year there are no large reauthorization bills pending and that it is a time that they will be mainly dealing with the 2007 appropriations effort. With the size of the federal deficit our representatives noted they anticipate tight budgets. However that is another reason they felt that a collaborative yet diverse group has a large and positive impact on helping them set priorities within their individual congressional districts. The federal agency staff members also commented on the diversity of the group, and that it reflected well upon our community that we could bond together so well.



Meetings with California Congressional and Senate Representatives, and with Federal Agency Representatives (see attached schedule).

Meeting Format: Having federal agency administrators, House delegation staff, and Senate staff meet us as a group versus traveling to and from all of their various offices again proved very effective. It avoids the rush of moving from one building to another and endless security checkpoints. With the “Marketplace” format we have a much more efficient meeting agenda and are able to have longer question/answer periods. We especially want to thank Congressman Radanovich’s office for helping us secure the 121 Cannon Office Building meeting room, and for writing letters to the administrative agencies asking for them to meet with us on various matters.

At 121 Cannon we were able to meet with the staff of all our congressional representatives (Radanovich, Nunes, Costa and Cardoza). We traveled to the Hart Senate Office Building to meet with Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein’s office. At 121 Cannon we met with:

- Congressman Nunes
- Department of Labor
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Federal Highways Administration
- Economic Development Administration

We also had presentations and dialogued with:

- Chief Counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on the subject of telecommunications. On the same subject we also met with representatives from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the League of California Cities on Telecommunications Reauthorization.
- Chief Counsels for the House and Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional issues, on the

subject of eminent domain

- Representatives of the Department of Homeland Security and a representative of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, on the subject of Homeland Security.

At a group dinner we had a presentation from the Environmental Protection Agency on Regional Air Quality Planning, and the tie with Land Use and Transportation Planning.

One of our favorite visits was our breakfast briefing with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs).

Congressman Radanovich, Congressman Nunes, Congressman Costa, Senator Feinstein, and Senator Boxer

Before highlighting the individual meetings, a couple of common threads did emerge. One, they all commented on how pleased they were that we had narrowed our list to five projects, and also that we were sensitive to the fact that this year our requests had to be in smaller amounts in order to be favorably considered. Second, almost all noted that our projects were primarily transportation, which meant that perhaps our projects would be competing against each other versus other projects outside of the region. Fresno COG staff, in working with Simon and Company staff, had already been aware of that potential and had been working at identifying other potential appropriations other than transportation to fund some of the infrastructure projects. The good news is that we believe we will be able to target more than one particular administrative branch for the funding of our top five priorities and that they will be spread out over a variety of funding sources other than just transportation.

However, the “One Voice” community should revisit whether we should seek to further diversify our projects in “type” during years when only annual appropriations are being made versus years in which a large reauthorization bill is passed (like the transportation bill – SAFETEA-LU). The goal is to work with our delegation and present to them the best opportunities for helping with funded projects in our region.

Senator Feinstein: Again, one of the highlights of our trip was the half-hour personal meeting with Senator Feinstein and her top staff. Senator Feinstein does her homework and was prepared with specific questions on our projects. We all very much appreciate her personal time to actually go over the projects with attention to the details.



Congressman Nunes: Congressman Nunes met with us in 121 Cannon. In addition to recognizing the projects we were bringing back as requests he also provided comments on what challenges are before Congress this year. He also devoted a full half-hour to our delegation, above the time his staff had already spent with us.



Congressman Radanovich: We also met with Congressman Radanovich at a luncheon, where he addressed the delegation at large, and expressed his appreciation of the “One Voice” approach of presenting our priority needs. He continues to encourage the “One Voice” efforts at the federal level.

Congressman Costa and Congressman Cardoza: We hosted a dinner for Congressman Costa and Congressman Cardoza. Unfortunately Congressman Cardoza, a bit under the weather, was unable to stay through dinner.

However he did address the “One Voice” delegation and also expressed his appreciation of our efforts to present regional needs, on a prioritized basis. Congressman Costa joined us for the entire dinner, and although there was no formal presentation of the projects (this work being done at



the staff level) he also updated us on what was happening in Washington both currently and anticipated over the next year, specifically highlighting topics he thought would be of interest to our group.

Senator Boxer: Our meeting with Senator Boxer was more of a “meet and greet” and her recognition that we had met with her staff to go over our projects.

Federal Agency Meetings: This memo already highlighted the specific agencies we met with, but deserve some mention here on the difference of our presentation to them. The approach with these agencies is not to telegraph that we want earmarks (which they can’t and wouldn’t help us with), but whether they have “homes” for our projects in existing or developing programs under their watch. These meetings end up by being mutual presentations: our priority needs presented to them, their programs and “heads up” on new developments to us.

White House Office of Intergovernmental Relations: We once again met with Ruben Barrales, the Presidential Appointee and Director of this office. Mr. Barrales reports directly to the President. He provided an overview of the Administration’s goals this coming year. Specifically he invited group members to contact him personally if we have any federal aid projects with money available that seem to be stalled in any way. He noted that in such cases he could help us get answers on either delays or project issues very quickly through his office. We very much appreciate this kind and extremely important offer.



Thank You Sponsors: Once again we want to acknowledge our sponsors, highlighted in an attachment to this memo. I will, however, also list them here as their financial contributions to the “One Voice” effort are greatly appreciated:

- Granville Homes
- Lance-Kashian and Company
- Hatch, Mott & MacDonald
- Omni-Means
- Central Valley Community Bank
- Guarantee Real Estate
- Strategy Research Institute
- Provost & Pritchard
- Mendoza & Associates
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- Wonder Valley Ranch Resort and Conference Center
- Generation Homes
- VRPA Technologies, Inc.
- Dedekian, George, and Small Accountants
- Fresno County Farm Bureau.

2007 Recommendations:

As in former years, we rely on the feedback we receive from our consultant, Simon and Company. Their recommendation letter follows.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Goodwin

FROM: Len Simon
Shannon Long

SUBJECT: 2006 Fresno COG “One Voice”: *Observations and Recommendations*

DATE: August 28, 2006

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with the 2006 Fresno COG “One Voice” delegation. As with previous “One Voice” efforts, 2006 was very productive and the caliber of projects, presentations and meetings continue to grow each year.

In preparation of the 2007 “One Voice” meetings in Washington, we have outlined some recommendations that the COG staff and delegation members may wish to incorporate in the 2007 trip.

2007 “One Voice” Recommendations

1. **Format** - We recommend replicating the marketplace meeting format. The federal agency marketplace format provides the delegation with an excellent opportunity to interact with federal agency staff and to learn more about important policy initiatives and federal grant opportunities. The joint congressional briefing worked well also and as you will recall, the congressional staff were thoroughly engaged in the discussion of projects, which continued among them subsequent to the “One Voice” visit.

We would suggest that for 2007 the COG might consider a delegation-wide lunch where the “One Voice” group honors all four House members and congressional staff, as compared to individual dinners each night. We would be happy to work with the congressional offices to reserve a banquet facility in one of the House office buildings and have the event catered. We would also work on arranging COG group dinners each evening. Given the demands on the schedules of **Senators Feinstein** and **Boxer**, we would suggest individual meetings with each office.

Based a various comments from the 2006 “One Voice” delegation members, we suggest ending each day’s events around 3:00 to allow the delegation members some personal time before each night’s group dinner. We could also work on a pre-dinner social/tourist event to ensure that the group remains together each evening.

2. **Discussion of Policy Issues** – We will structure the time with members and their staff to allow discussions of both appropriations and policy. Representatives of the Fresno County congressional

delegation serve on a number of influential committees that have jurisdiction over important policy issues that impact the county. For example, health care and tax issues continue to be issues of importance to Fresno County and Rep. **Devin Nunes** is a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, with jurisdiction over both matters. Rep. **George Radanovich** is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over air quality and telecommunications. The reauthorization of telecommunications laws will continue to be a focus of local governments and air quality remains a priority for the valley. Water issues are also important to the entire Central Valley and Rep. **Jim Costa** services on the Resources Committee that handles water rights issues. We should take advantage of the time with the members of the delegation to discuss both appropriations and policy, which very often have a larger impact at the local level.

3. **Materials** - The materials that the COG staff provided each member of the delegation, their staffs and federal officials was quite impressive and we would advise that same general package be used next year. The materials should also include the details of both federal and non-federal funding sources for all projects. As we have previously suggested, the package for federal officials should not contain any reference to the project requests that the "One Voice" group is giving to the congressional delegation.

4. **Presentations** – We recommend that the COG continue the use a few PowerPoint backdrops when discussing the "One Voice" projects. The use of the slides made it easier for both the federal agency and congressional staff to understand the funding requests and other unique factors which can be presented visually. We will work with the federal officials to broaden their presentations to provide a more comprehensive overview of federal programs and will also encourage them to use PowerPoint presentations as well.

5. **Grants** - As we suggested in our 2006 recommendations, the COG members briefing books should contain a list of federal grants that match up well with the "One Voice" federal funding priorities for COG members to review in advance. We also suggest that the COG staff do a "grants inventory" to determine what federal grants the COG members are currently receiving and/or interested in to better target the federal agency marketplaces.

6. **Project Selection** - The COG was very successful in its efforts to only request funding for five projects and although this is the standard we have previously mentioned, we would suggest that only three "One Voice" projects be submitted for Fiscal Year 2008. The congressional delegation was quite appreciative of the smaller number of projects and it was much easier to justify a \$7 million request, as compared to a \$137 million request.

Thus far in the appropriations process for "One Voice" projects submitted by Simon and Company, the House included \$500,000 for State Route 180 in the Transportation, Treasury, HUD bill.

The House Transportation, Treasury, HUD bill also included \$250,000 for Fresno County for the construction of a vocational training facility in Mendota. The Senate Transportation, Treasury HUD bill included \$1 million for Friant Road and \$200,000 for Fresno County for the Westside Vocational Training Center.

The House Labor, HHS, Education bill included \$300,000 for the West Fresno County Vocation Training Project and \$200,000 for Fresno County to provide vocational training services. *Please note that these projects were submitted directly to the congressional delegation by Fresno County.*

Increased scrutiny on earmarks and congressional ethics will likely continue during the next session of Congress, therefore the “One Voice” projects should reflect this reality and remain in the \$2 to \$5 million range. The delegation should also only try to have one project in each appropriations bill and we can work with you during the project selection to ensure a variety of requests. This will increase the credibility of the requests and again, make it easier for the congressional offices to justify them.

7. Voices of Fresno County - The many “voices” of Fresno County continue to be an issue for the congressional delegation, although the inclusion of “local projects” is a step in the right direction. The “One Voice” delegation will need to reiterate its message that the “One Voice” projects are regional in nature and have been agreed upon by the local governments represented by the COG. However, as we have mentioned, the same entities that support the “One Voice” projects will also be presenting their own list of projects to the congressional delegation, which often must decide which projects truly are a priority for the region.

As we suggested last year, everyone may be best served if projects from all entities were arrayed in advance presenting the congressional delegation with the “whole picture.” The COG could then pick regional projects from the overall list that could represent “One Voice” priorities.

8. Changes on the Horizon – It is quite possible that leadership of Congress will change in either one or both chambers. We will work to ensure that next year’s program is reflective of that.

We hope that you find this information helpful as you begin to think about your future “One Voice” efforts.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance. We look forward to talking with you soon.

Appendices

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Appendix A

2006 Fresno COG “One Voice” Delegation List

2006 “ONE VOICE” TRIP PARTICIPANTS

1. **Trinidad Rodriguez**, Fresno COG Policy Board Chairman and Kerman Mayor Pro Tem
2. **Phil Larson**, Fresno County Board of Supervisors (District 1)
3. **Nathan Magsig**, Mayor, City of Clovis
4. **Rico Aguayo**, Councilman, City of Fowler
5. **Leland Bergstrom**, Mayor, City of Kingsburg
6. **Yvette Quiroga**, Councilmember, City of Mendota
7. **Scott Brockett**, Councilman, City of Reedley
8. **Michael Derr**, Councilman, City of Selma
9. **Kathy Millison**, City Manager, City of Clovis
10. **Bruce Rudd**, Interim Assistant City Manager, City of Fresno
11. **Jeff Roberts**, Representing the Building Industry Association
12. **Dan Doyle**, President & CEO, Central Valley Community Bank; Board Member, Fresno Business Council
13. **Debbie Hunsaker**, President, Alert-O-Lite; Board Member, Fresno Business Council
14. **Alan Kasparian**, First Vice President, Fresno County Farm Bureau
15. **David Spaur**, President & CEO, Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County
16. **Steve Geil**, Chairman, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
17. **Al Smith**, CEO, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
18. **Barbara Goodwin**, Executive Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
19. **Frank Franco**, Chairman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
20. **Bob Van Wyk**, General Manager-Secretary, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
21. **Lydia Zabrycki**, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County
22. **Ryan Jacobsen**, Issues Coordinator, Fresno County Farm Bureau
23. **Richard Fosse**, Executive Director, I-5 Business Development Corridor, Inc.
24. **Ray Dunn**, Board Member, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
25. **Tony Boren**, Deputy Director , Council of Fresno County Governments
26. **Barbara Steck**, Senior Transportation Planner, Council of Fresno County Governments
27. **Marla Day**, Secretary, Council of Fresno County Governments

Appendix B

2006 Washington D.C. Schedule

Fresno COG One Voice Delegation Washington 2006 Final Agenda

Time	Saturday February 11	Sunday February 12	Monday February 13	Tuesday February 14	Wednesday February 15	Thursday February 16
7:30 am	4:30 am Travel to Washington DC	Open			Briefing – Army Navy Club	6:00 am – Travel to Fresno
8:00 am			Travel to Hill		Breakfast Briefing with White House Office of Intergovernmental Relations	
8:30 am			Briefing and set up	Briefing – Army Navy Club		
9:00 am				Travel to Hill		
9:30 am			Joint House Delegation Staff Briefing-Cardoza, Radanovich, Nunes, Costa	Briefing with the Staff of Senator Boxer	Travel to Hill	
10:00 am				Return to Hill	Open	
10:30 am						
11:00 am				Federal Agency Marketplace: Department of Housing and Urban Development	Lunch with Congressman Radanovich – Capitol Hill Club	
11:30 am			Lunch Break			
12:00 pm			Break			
12:30 pm			Federal Agency Marketplace: SAFETEA-LU Implementation			
1:00 pm			Legislative Issue Marketplace: Telecommunications Reauthorization	Break	Senator Boxer Constituent Briefing	
1:30 pm				Break	Open	
2:00 pm			Briefing at Army Navy Club	Meeting with Senator Feinstein & Staff	Federal Agency Marketplace: Homeland Security	
3:00 pm		Break				
3:30 pm		Legislative Issue Marketplace: Eminent Domain		Meeting with Congressman Nunes	Local Perspective on Telecommunications Reauthorization	
4:00 pm		Dinner	Dinner – EPA Air Quality Briefing Hunan Dynasty	Open	Closing Dinner – Rep. Nunes Staff La Colline	
4:30 pm				Congressional Dinner with Rep. Costa and Rep. Cardoza		
5:00 pm						
5:30 pm				The Monocle		
6:00 pm						
6:30 pm						
7:00 pm						
7:30 pm						

Appendix C

Copies of the Project Summary Sheets Provided In Washington D.C. Meetings



STATE ROUTE 180 EAST AND WEST IMPROVEMENTS

REQUESTED FUNDING:
\$ 7 MILLION
FOR THE CORRIDOR

PROJECT GOAL: Three segments have been identified as next steps in the process of completing the improvements on State Route 180. This vital corridor will ultimately connect the Sierra Nevada Foothills on the East to Interstate 5 on the West.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- A) Contribute partial funding to extend a new multi-lane freeway on State Route 180 in Fresno from Clovis Ave. to Temperance:
Needed to complete project: \$33.5 million (Total Cost: \$90.4 million).
- B) Contribute partial funding to extend State Route 180 in Fresno from Temperance Ave. to Academy:
Needed to complete project: \$14.5 million (Total Cost: \$66.7 million).
- C) Contribute partial funding to complete the extension of State Route 180 from Brawley Ave. to Hughes/West.
Needed to complete project: \$7 million (Total Cost: \$73 million).

PROJECT NECESSITY:

- Provide much needed East-West route extensions that will ultimately provide connection to the only Interstate in Fresno County, Interstate 5.
- Provide improved access to the National Parks and other recreational areas to the East.
- Enhance farm-to-market shipping opportunities for the region.
- Improve safety conditions and traffic flows across the San Joaquin Valley and provide connections to our major interregional roads: Interstate 5, Route 99, and Route 41.
- The 180 Route will ultimately connect the cities of Sanger, Reedley, Clovis, and Fresno, and small communities across the Westside to Interstate 5.
- When State Route 180 is ultimately completed from the Sierra to Interstate 5, it will relieve highly congested SR 99 of truck traffic, and assist in air pollution control by moving traffic away from the metropolitan Fresno area.

RECIPIENT:

Council of Fresno County Governments

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HIGHWAY 269 BRIDGE PHASED IMPROVEMENTS

**REQUESTED
FUNDING:
\$3.8 MILLION**

ARROYO PASAJERO CREEK BRIDGE

PROJECT GOAL: To alleviate severe economic disruption to the Huron area caused by the flooding of Arroyo Pasajero Creek. The project is consistent with the Fresno County Westside Action Plan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The following components make up the \$17 million Highway 269 Bridge Project :
(CalTrans estimates)

	Estimated Cost
A. Project Approval and Environmental Documents	\$ 1.240 M
B. Bridge Design	\$ 1.697 M
C. Right-of-Way Purchase	\$ 0.879 M
D. Construction	\$11.021 M
E. Construction Support	\$ 1.685 M
F. Miscellaneous	\$ 0.478 M
Total Project Cost	\$17.000 M

PROJECT NECESSITY:

Since Highway 269 came into the state highway system in 1976, the road has been closed a total of 551 days. Cost to the community of Huron, it's residents and businesses, has averaged \$454,044 per year for 30 years. This is the same creek that washed out Interstate 5 in 1997. Because this highway is the only access to the community from the north, it is a 28-mile detour to get around the flooding. The 7,500 people living in Huron are mostly farm-workers who depend on Highway 269 as their route to work.

RECIPIENT: Council of Fresno County Governments

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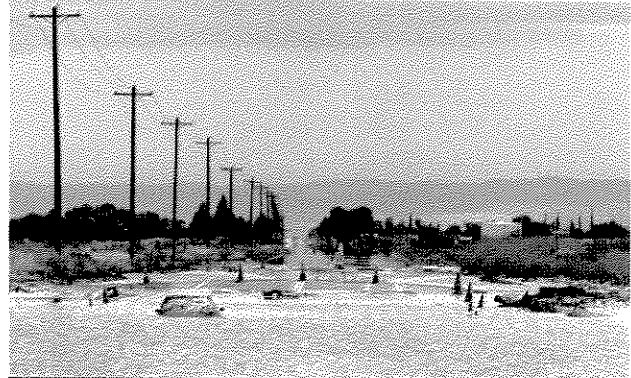


Photo Courtesy Fresno Bee

Photographer: Christian Parley

May 7, 2005

A car sits submerged in middle of water that is the Arroyo Pasajero Creek, which has flooded across Highway 269 about a mile from the Western Fresno County community of Huron. Flooding of the creek and highway, as this photo shows so well, has occurred 551 days since 1978 (when records were first kept). CalTrans estimates that closure of the highway is responsible for a total loss per year of \$454,044 (for 30 years) to the businesses and residents of Huron.



FRIANT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

**REQUESTED
FUNDING:
\$ 2.9 MILLION**

PROJECT: FRIANT ROAD IN THE COMMUNITY OF FRIANT

PROJECT GOAL:

To fund the construction of a segment of improvements on Friant Road within the community of Friant. Friant Road is a major regional corridor used for both economic and recreational purposes. The Friant corridor from Copper Avenue in the City of Fresno to the north limits of the community of Friant is planned to be improved to a 4-lane divided expressway/arterial. This project segment within the community of Friant will serve as a catalyst for investment and commercial growth in the area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Widen two-lane undivided road to four-lane divided arterial with class II bicycle lanes from Bugg Avenue to Millerton Road, 1.1 miles:
Requested Amt: \$2.9 million

PROJECT NECESSITY:

- The project will help to improve regional mobility, reduce congestion and traffic conflict, and improve safety by increasing roadway capacity.
- The project is consistent with County of Fresno economic development goals for the community of Friant.
- Friant Road serves Millerton Lake State Recreational Area, Millerton New Town, Indian Rancherias, and regional traffic to Madera County, Fresno County foothill communities, and the Sierra National Forest.
- Friant Road is experiencing a high rate of traffic increase.
- Friant Road experiences heavy recreational bicycle use.
- The community of Friant is the only redevelopment area in Fresno County. This road improvement project will spur commercial development, which will generate tax increment revenue to finance needed improvements within the area.

RECIPIENT:

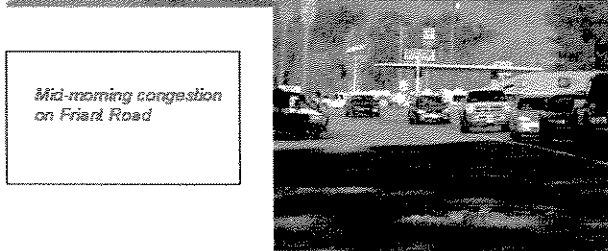
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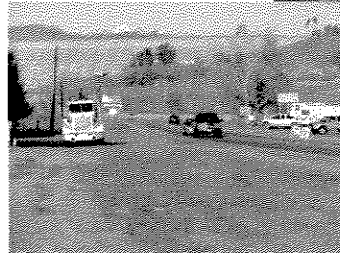
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Friant Road within the community of Friant. Friant Dam on the San Joaquin River in the background.



Mid-morning congestion on Friant Road



The community of Friant with Friant Dam and the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the background



GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR

PHASED IMPROVEMENTS AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

**REQUESTED
FUNDING:
\$2.75 MILLION**

PROJECT GOAL: To facilitate economic development and revitalization along the Golden State Corridor, a regional industrial and commercial corridor that parallels State Route 99 and links the three neighboring cities (Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg) with the Fresno Metropolitan Area.

The proposed infrastructure improvements will create a positive environment along the Golden State/Freeway 99 Corridor where business may grow and thrive for the benefit of all of the corridor cities and the region as a whole.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Golden State Corridor Economic Development Project will be phased to include segments of the ultimate plan and will include the following:

- Construct roadway and related improvements at specific locations along the master planned corridor to make it safer and more user-friendly for commercial users and local drivers. Improvements will include intersection improvements and traffic signals.
 - Temperance Avenue Intersection w/ Golden State Blvd. (Fowler)
 - Dockery Avenue (Selma)
 - Kamm/Bethel Avenues Intersection (Kingsburg)
- The ultimate plan will create a common vision for the attractive revitalization of the Golden State Corridor that will support job creation, preserve the surrounding agricultural lands, and enhance the environment of this important regional economic corridor.

SPECIFIC

- The Golden State Corridor is an area specifically planned for industrial and commercial development within the contiguous spheres of influence of the cities of Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg. It is well suited for such use by virtue of its proximity and access to State Route 99 and Union Pacific Railroad, and the continuous linkage of Golden State Boulevard itself. The three cities have made a concerted effort to work together in developing a seamless project. In this proposed phase, each of the cities will construct staged improvements within their jurisdiction which will be part of the overall corridor master plan. These projects are the initial, and most critically needed, elements of the larger corridor enhancement plan.

RECIPIENT:

Council of Fresno County Governments

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*Photo of Temperance
Avenue Intersection
with Golden State
Boulevard (Fowler)*

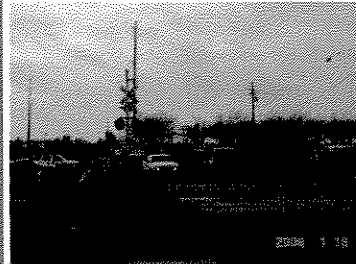


*Photo of the
Kamm/Bethel Avenues
Intersection
(Kingsburg)*



WESTSIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

REQUESTED FUNDING:
\$ 4.3 MILLION
FACILITIES GRANT

DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

PROJECT GOAL: To construct a vocational training facility in the rural city of Mendota on the west side of Fresno County. This project is consistent with objectives of the Fresno Regional Jobs Initiative and the Fresno County Westside Action Plan. The area has been hard hit by Land Retirement in the Westlands Water District.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- The 12,000-square-foot Westside Vocational Training Center will train individuals as skilled trade workers, technicians, production and office workers, and for jobs in Agricultural Infrastructure, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant, Maintenance Mechanic, Construction, and for GED classes.
- The facility will also provide customized training programs developed with business sector participation. By customizing programs, trainees learn only necessary skills in the shortest period of time. This customization is an economic development tool to assist in attracting new businesses to the area.

PROJECT NECESSITY:

- Fresno County employers have difficulties finding qualified candidates for highly skilled jobs.
- There is a lack of available job training in both public and private facilities, especially in the targeted job clusters in Western Fresno County. No vocational training is available for 50 miles.
- These are statistics for Fresno County's Westside residents (US Census 2000):
 - Unemployment Rate is 22% (10-yr average)
 - 32% live below poverty level
 - Per Capita Income is only \$6,967 (for California \$22,711)
 - 66% of over-25 population have less than high school education

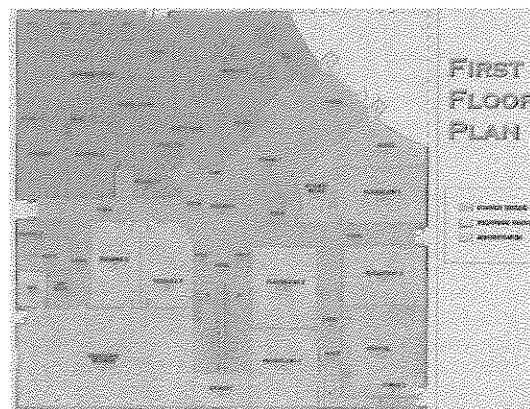
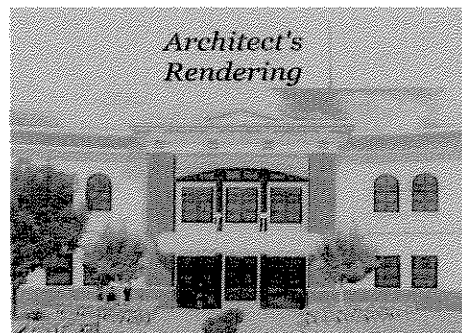
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Appendix D

Representative Appropriations Accounts for Local Government Projects

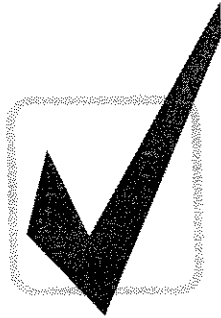
Representative Appropriations Accounts for Local Government Projects

Appropriations Bill	Account	Eligible Projects	Ineligible Projects	Average Amount
Labor-HHS-Education No Earmarks for FY2006	Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)	This program funds a “ <i>broad portfolio of activities that disseminate innovative educational approaches</i> ” As well as job training activities, including youth programs;	This account does <u>not</u> provide funding for construction	\$300,000-\$400,000
	Institute of Museum and Library Sciences	This related agency program provides funding to upgrade and expand museums and other educational institutions including facilities and programming		\$75,000-\$300,000
	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	This program provides funding for a number of educational programs as well as facilities and equipment related to education		\$300,000-\$550,000
	Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA)	These funds are used for construction and equipment as well as program development. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA supports programs which provide health services to disadvantaged, medically underserved, and special populations, decrease infant mortality, assist in the education of health professionals, and provide technical assistance regarding the utilization of health resources and facilities;	Construction projects <u>must</u> be directly related to health-related activities	\$600,000-\$800,000
	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	These funds support mental health and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment services. Funds may be	Funds may <u>not</u> be used for construction	-

		used for a range of education, treatment, prevention programs.			
	Training and Employment Services "Pilots and Demonstrations"	This account funds a variety of youth, educational, and workforce development projects, programs and pilots	This account does not allow for construction and capital expenses		\$100,000-\$500,000
Transportation-Treasury-HUD	Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)	This account is the broadest of all the urban development funds. EDI funds are used for a wide variety of economic development projects but must be used for construction or real property acquisition.	These funds are not eligible for use in transportation/transit planning projects. Furthermore, no more than 20% of EDI funds may be used for overhead, planning or staff support.		\$300,000-\$400,000
	Surface Transportation Account	The Surface Transportation Account funds a variety of Federal Aid Highway and surface transportation construction projects.	This account does not fund any mass transit or planning projects		\$1,500,000- \$2,500,000
	Bus and Bus Facilities	These funds are for bus acquisition and bus related facility construction	These funds are not used for operational costs		\$750,000- \$1,500,000
	Small Starts	These funds are for fixed guideway modernization projects and BRT projects that have a federal share of \$75 million or less and a total project cost of \$250 million or less			Variable
	Transportation and Community and System Preservation	Funds within this account are used to: (1) Improve the efficiency of the transportation system; (2) Reduce environmental impacts of transportation; (3)Ensure efficient access to jobs, services, and centers of trade; (4)Examine community development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns and investments that support these goals.	Note: The TCSP Program is a FHWA Program being jointly developed with the FTA, FRA, the Office of the Secretary, and the Research and Innovative Technology Administration within the US DOT and the Environmental Protection Agency.		\$300,000-\$1,000,000
Interior and	State and Tribal	These funds are largely designed to	These funds may not be used		\$250,000- \$500,000

Environment	Assistance Grants	build or rehabilitate water and wastewater infrastructure systems. However, funding may also be used for related activities such as monitoring and treatment. This account provides funding for both wastewater and (beginning in FY1997) drinking water projects and related activities. 70% of funds within this overall account are used to capitalize state revolving funds for wastewater and clean water while roughly 30% of total funds are earmarked by Congress for the above activities;	for operational costs and they have a 45% local matching requirement	
	U.S Fish and Wildlife Services- <i>Construction</i>	These funds cover a fairly wide category of construction projects related to fish and wildlife services;		\$750,000- \$1,000,000
	National Park Service (Historical Preservation Fund)- <i>Save our American Treasures</i>	These funds are used for priority preservation projects of nationally significant sites and they cover a wide range from bridges to lighthouses, and more.	Projects must be listed on the National Historical Register	\$200,000- \$300,000
Energy and Water	Operations and Maintenance	These funds are used by the Army Corps for a variety of dredging and water infrastructure projects	These funds are not used for projects study or planning	Variable
	Construction General	Funds provided to the Army CORPS for construction, major rehabilitation, and related activities such as flood control, navigation, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and other purposes	These funds are not used for projects study or planning	Variable
	General Investigations	These funds are used by the Army CORPS to study and determine the engineering and economic feasibility, and the environmental and social suitability of water and related land	These funds are not used for construction or maintenance	Variable

	resource problems		
	Energy Supply and Conservation- "Hydrogen" Sub-account	Projects within this account may range from Research and Design to Demonstration projects	Note: grantees must provide a 50% match for demonstration funding and a 20% match for research and design funding
Commerce- Science-State- Justice	COPS Technology	COPS Technology grants provide funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help Tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. This funding allows state agencies to purchase technologies to advance communications interoperability, information sharing, crime analysis, intelligence gathering, and crime prevention in their communities.	These funds are not eligible for operational expenses
	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	These funds are used for law enforcement programs, prevention and education programs, drug treatment programs, prosecution and court programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs	This account funds a broad range of activities, however, it does not provide funding for vehicles, vessels, or aircraft, real estate, or construction projects
	Methamphetamine Enforcement and Clean-Up	These funds are used for program development, training, and coordination activities related to methamphetamine clean-up as well as the removal and disposal of hazardous materials from methamphetamine labs	These funds are not eligible for construction
	Juvenile Justice Programs (Discretionary Grants)	These funds are targeted for youth development and crime prevention activities ranging from law enforcement agencies to eligible nonprofit organizations	These funds are not eligible for construction
			Variable
			\$200,000- \$300,000
			\$500,000- \$700,000
			\$200,000- \$300,000
			\$300,000- \$400,000



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AGENDA ITEM III. G.

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Strategic Action Proposal

Summary of Major Recommendations and Strategic Actions
(For Consideration by the Board on September 14-15, 2006)

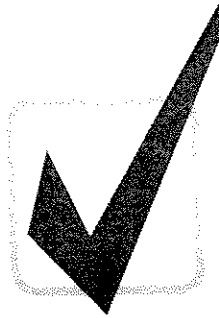
	Recommendation	Strategic Actions	Indicators
1.	Grow a Diversified, Globally-Competitive Economy Supported by a Highly-Skilled Workforce	▪ Align region-wide economic development efforts in support of target industry clusters: (1) Agribusiness, including Food Processing, Agricultural Technology, and Biotechnology; (2) Manufacturing; (3) Supply Chain Management and Logistics; (4) Health and Medical Care; and (5) Renewable Energy. ▪ Identify and implement strategies and mechanisms for investments in infrastructure and incentives that support the economic vitality of the region. ▪ Create a dynamic, entrepreneur-producing economic climate. ▪ Accelerate the deployment and adoption of renewable and clean energy, including biofuels. ▪ Develop a coordinated, integrated program to promote tourism linked to rest stops, state parks and other destinations. ▪ Create a demand-driven workforce system including high quality vocational training and academic education that supports target clusters. ▪ Expedite access to and use of advanced communication services (ACS) and information technology in all communities.	↑ Per Capita and Median Household Income ↓ Unemployment ↓ Percent Families Below Poverty Line ↑ Agricultural Production and Crop Value ↑ Job Growth in Target Industries ↑ New Business Start-Ups ↑ Venture Capital Investments ↑ Issuance and Licensing of Patents ↑ Tourism Spending ↑ Enrollment In and Completion of Training/Education Beyond High School ↑ College Graduation Rates ↑ Education Attainment ↑ Access To and Use of ACS

	Recommendation	Indicators
2.	Create a Model K-12 Public Education System	Strategic Actions ▪ Implement an alternative accountability model for low performing schools and school districts. ▪ Implement a program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade levels, with a focus on proficiency by third grade. ▪ Implement a target intervention program for low performing schools. ▪ Increase the number and benefit of community and family resource centers. ▪ Implement an executive leadership academy for educators. ▪ Achieve funding equalization between state averages and County Offices of Education and School Districts. ▪ Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum ▪ Develop a college-going culture. ▪ Implement programs to reduce substance abuse, including voluntary drug testing. ▪ Promote quality school choice within the public school system. Indicators ↑ Reading Proficiency At or Above Grade Levels ↑ Computer Literacy Rates ↑ High School Graduation Rates ↓ High School Drop Out Rates ↑ College Bound Rate ↑ School-to-Career Preparedness ↓ Juvenile Drug- and Alcohol-Related Arrests ↓ Number of Low-Performing Schools

	Recommendation	Strategic Actions	Indicators
3.	Implement an Integrated Framework for Sustainable Growth	▪ Create a strategy for growth and conservation to 2050 through the Regional Blueprint Planning process. ▪ Encourage and support adoption of local General Plans consistent with Regional Blueprint Plan. ▪ Establish and implement conservation plans for productive agriculture lands and important natural resources and parks. ▪ Develop a long-range plan enhancing the vitality and sustainability of agriculture. ▪ Plan for and build housing to meet the needs of the region's population. ▪ Establish and implement an energy plan to optimize efficiencies and use of renewables for all sectors. ▪ Support the development and implementation of a balanced, comprehensive, integrated regional water plan and basin plans that optimize management and other efficiencies. ▪ Expand surface storage and conjunctive use programs. ▪ Enhance surface and groundwater quality to meet beneficial uses. ▪ Strengthen flood control and levee protection. ▪ Implement resource restoration projects for wetlands and rivers, with special attention to the San Joaquin River as a defining and unifying natural heritage for the region.	↑ Land Use Efficiency → Acres in Agricultural Production ↑ Open Space and Access to Public Land ↑ State Parks ↑ Housing Affordability ↑ Water Supply Reliability, Quality, and Efficiency ↑ Flood Protection ↓ Per Capita and Median Household Energy Use ↑ Percentage of Energy from Solar and Other Renewable Sources ↑ Environmental Restoration

	Recommendation	Strategic Actions	Indicators
4.	Build a 21 st Century Transportation Mobility System	■ Implement the 99 Corridor Master Plan, including the Business Plan and Enhancement Plan elements, as a foundational strategy for economic development in the region. ■ Implement transportation projects that support the regional land use strategy and improve mobility including east-west corridors and other projects of regional significance. ■ Implement a plan to facilitate goods movement in the region. ■ Develop a sustainable multi-modal system. ■ Develop model roadside rest areas using the GreenStop[®] prototype. ■ Develop a plan for airport facilities and services. ■ Assure that any state high-speed rail system, if implemented, meets the needs of the region and helps achieve economic development goals.	↑ Through-Put and Velocity ↑ Roadway Conditions ↓ Vehicle Hours of Delay ↑ Transit Availability ↑ Goods Movement Productivity ↑ Safety ↑ Roadway Enhancements
5.	Attain Clean Air Standards	■ Implement a comprehensive strategic plan to achieve air quality compliance by 2013 or as soon as feasible. ■ Eliminate institutional constraints to air quality improvement. ■ Encourage EPA adoption of tighter federal emission control standards. ■ Expand or create new incentive mechanisms to accelerate technology adoption. ■ Facilitate the development and use of clean energy. ■ Improve efficiency of goods and people movement. ■ Encourage green development in the public and private sectors. ■ Accelerate research of critical emissions. ■ Improve public education.	↓ Ozone Precursors ↓ Particulate Matter ↑ Use of Clean Energy ↑ Use of Clean Fuels ↓ Attributable Mortality Rates ↓ Asthma Rates ↓ Number of Days with 8-Hour Ozone Exceedances

	Recommendation	Strategic Actions	Indicators
6.	Develop High-Quality Health and Human Services	- Improve workforce development and retention by providing incentives for difficult-to-recruit health and medical professionals. - Establish a Central Valley Nursing Education Consortium. - Establish a School of Medical Education at UC Merced connected to a network of health and medical facilities throughout the region. - Develop mechanisms for counties to share technical and professional resources related to communicable disease case management. - Support regional disease prevention and health promotion services. - Develop and implement a regional plan to address the needs of the uninsured. - Support and expand pro-active foster care prevention services. - Develop and implement a pilot program for relative placement services. - Develop and implement a methamphetamine law enforcement and prevention campaign. - Support the development of outpatient and resident substance abuse treatment facilities. - Facilitate the use of e-health tools and telemedicine technology to improve access to state-of-the-art healthcare and medical services.	↑ Access to Primary Care Physicians and Allied Health Professionals ↑ Primary Health and Wellness ↓ Asthma Rates ↓ Uninsured ↓ Drug-Related Convictions ↓ Caseloads for Children and Adults Requiring Welfare Services ↑ Relative Placements for Foster Care ↓ Foster Care Time to Permanence



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AGENDA ITEM III. H.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURES STATUS REPORT FOR NOV. 2006



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURES POTENTIALLY GOING TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2006*

[*The Board of Supervisors in some of these counties have not yet taken formal action to place these measures on the ballot. The counties shown are strongly considering a November ballot]



CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT SELF-HELP COUNTIES

[With Transportation Tax Measure Existing Post November 2006 Election*]

*Does not include counties who may become self-help counties in the November 2006 election.



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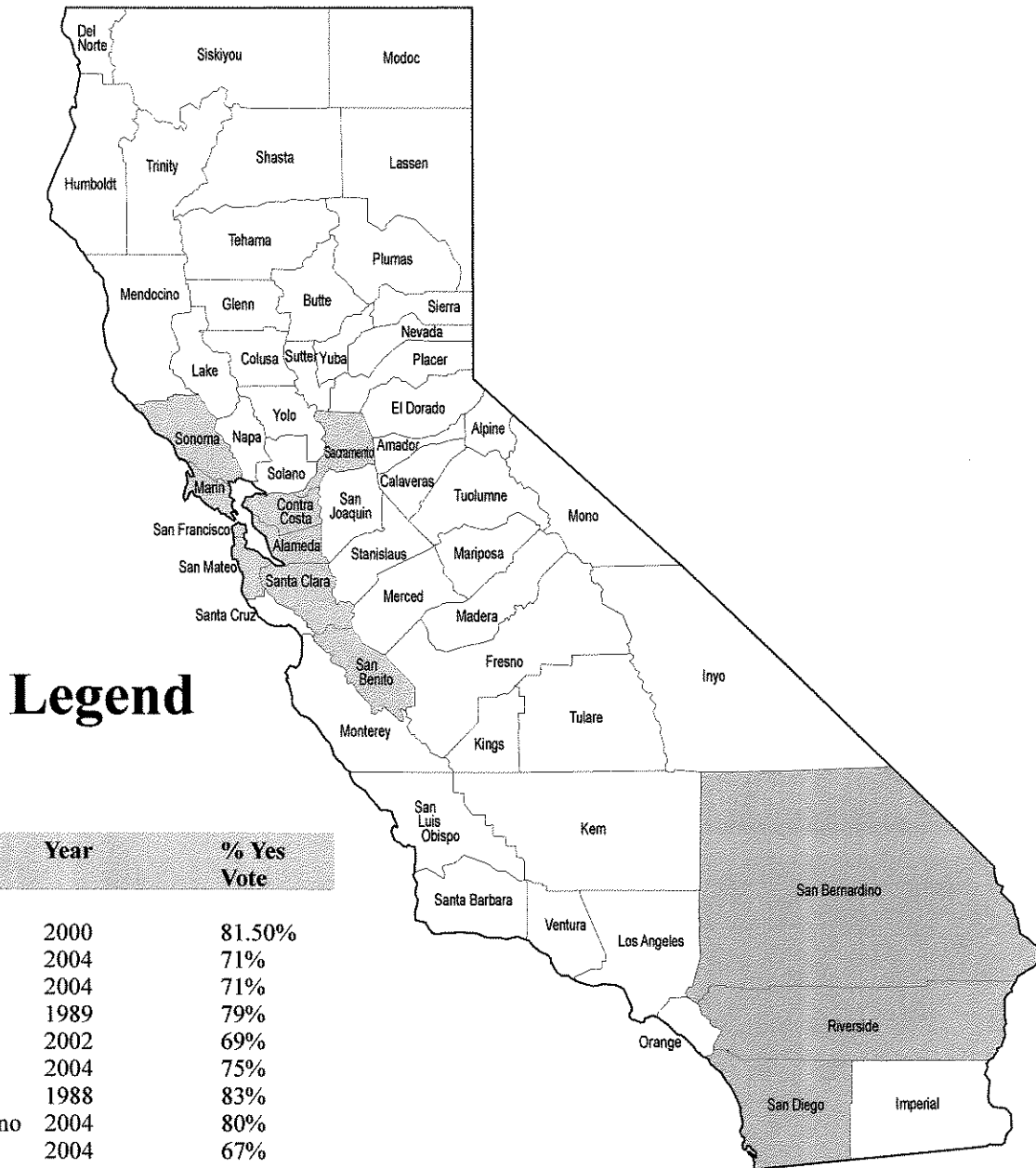
Transportation Sales Tax Counties

County	Tax Expiration
Alameda	2022
Contra Costa	2034
Imperial	2009
Los Angeles	Permanent
Marin	2025
Orange	2011
Riverside	2039
Sacramento	2039
San Bernardino	2040
San Diego	2048
San Francisco	2033
San Joaquin	2011
San Mateo	2034
Santa Barbara	2009
Santa Clara	2036
Sonoma	2025

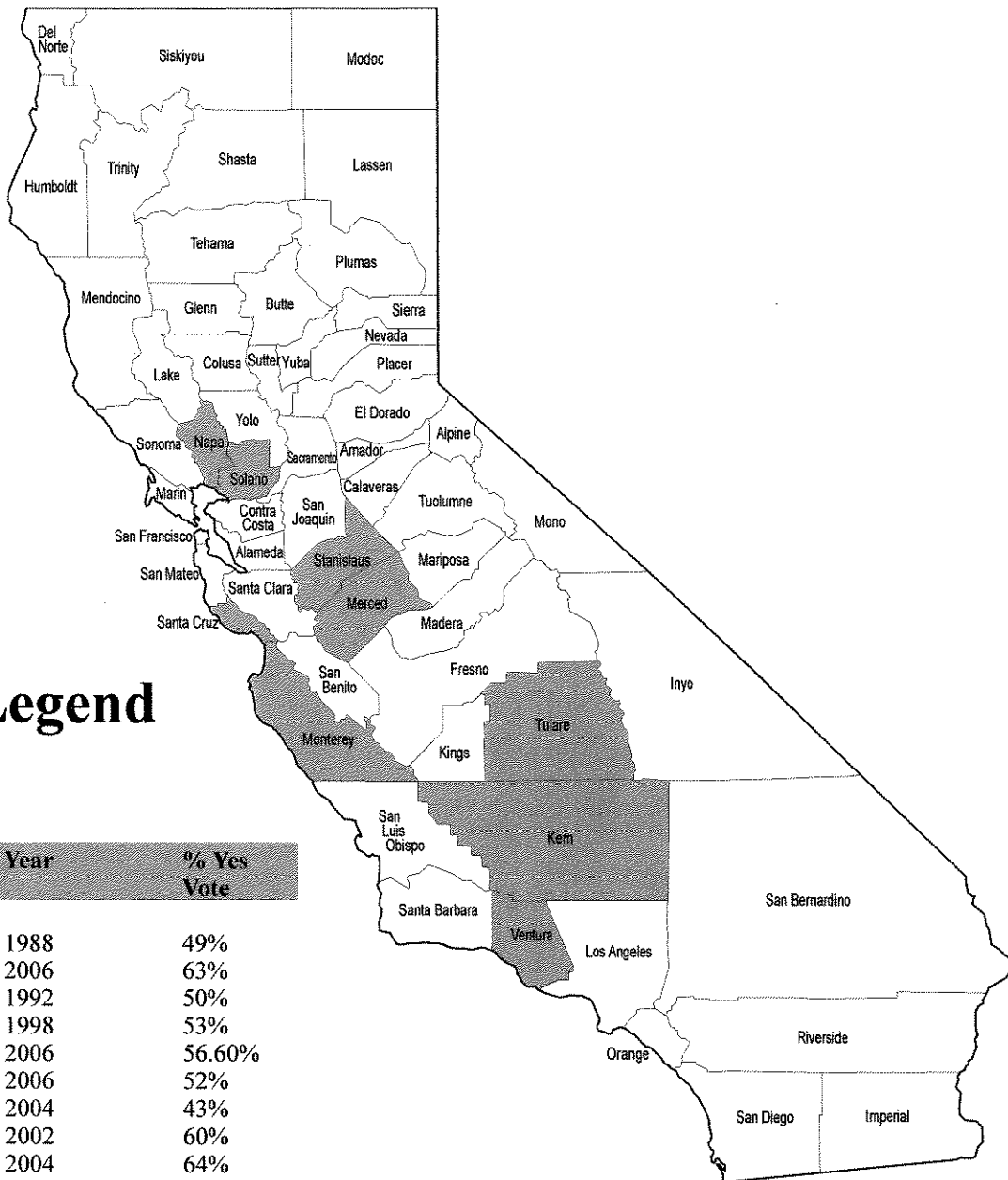
Collectively, these counties represent
79.47% of the State's Population

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURES THAT HAVE PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE

Includes current self-help counties, and past self-help counties whose tax has now expired



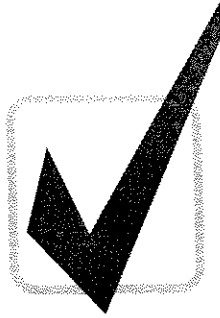
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURES THAT HAVE TRIED, BUT NEVER ACHIEVED SELF-HELP STATUS



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County	Year	% Yes Vote
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Kern	1988	49%
Merced	2006	63%
Monterey	1992	50%
Monterey	1998	53%
Monterey	2006	56.60%
Napa	2006	52%
Santa Cruz	2004	43%
Solano	2002	60%
Solano	2004	64%
Solano	2006	45.5%
Stanislaus	1988	<50%
Tulare	1988	42%
Tulare	1990	33%
Ventura	1989	<50%
Ventura	2004	40%



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AGENDA ITEM III. I.

DRAFT TRANSPORTATION CONCEPT REPORT (TCR)

FOR

STATE ROUTE 43



A SYNOPSIS ...

What is a Transportation Concept Report (TCR)?

A Transportation Concept Report (TCR) is a Caltrans long term system planning document that establishes a planning concept for a highway and/or corridor through the year 2030. A planning concept consists of a target (i.e. Concept) level of service (LOS) and a facility type(s).

Capacity-enhancing improvements, such as lane additions, new interchanges etc., are identified if the Concept LOS is not met (i.e. the Actual LOS is D compared to Concept LOS of C).

The Ultimate Transportation Corridor (UTC) is the facility projected beyond the year 2030.

Concept Level of Service (i.e. 2030 Concept LOS):

A 2030 Concept LOS D has been assigned to all segments of this route. These functional levels were assigned due to this route's current urban involvement within the cities of Shafter, Wasco and Selma, the route's assumed future urban involvement within Corcoran and Hanford, its current and anticipated heavy percentage of truck traffic and the eventual need to signalize numerous rural intersections.

Concept Facility LOS - By Year 2030:

1. Kern County - Junction 119 (Beginning of Route) to Santa Fe Way (Segments 1-5): 2-lane conventional highway ***improved to a*** 2-LANE CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY WITH IMPROVEMENTS.
2. Kern County - Poso Avenue to Kern/Tulare County Line (Segments 10-12): 2-lane conventional highway ***improved to a*** 2-LANE CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY WITH IMPROVEMENTS.

3. Tulare County - Kern/Tulare County Line to Tulare/Kings County Line (Segments 13-14): 2-lane conventional highway **improved to a** 2-LANE CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY WITH IMPROVEMENTS.
4. Kings County - Tulare County/Kings County Line to Route 43/198 Separation (Segments 15-17): 2-lane expressway **improved to a** 2-LANE EXPRESSWAY WITH IMPROVEMENTS.
5. Kings County - Route 43/198 Separation to 10th Avenue (Segment 18): 2-lane expressway **improved to a** 4-LANE EXPRESSWAY.
(Over Please)
6. Kings County - 10th Avenue to Kings/Fresno County Line (Segment 19): 2-lane conventional highway **improved to a** 4-LANE EXPRESSWAY.
7. Fresno County - Kings/Fresno County Line to Nebraska Avenue (Segment 20): 2-lane conventional highway **improved to a** 4-LANE CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY

No improvements are recommended beyond the route's Existing Facility in Segments 6-9 (Kern County) and Segment 21 (Fresno County).

Ultimate Transportation Corridor (UTC) LOS - Beyond the Year 2030:

1. Kern County - Junction 119 (Beginning of Route) to Santa Fe Way (Segments 1-5): 2-lane conventional highway with improvements **improved to a** 4-LANE CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY.
2. Kern County - Poso Avenue to McCombs Avenue (Segments 10 & 11): 2-lane conventional highway with improvements **improved to a** 4-LANE CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY.
3. Kings County - Tulare/Kings County Line to Route 43/198 Separation (Segments 15-17): 2-lane conventional highway with improvements **improved to a** 4-LANE EXPRESSWAY.

No improvements are recommended beyond the route's 2030 Concept Facility in Segments 6-9 and 12 (Kern County), 13-14 (Tulare County), 18-19 (Kings County) and 20-21 (Fresno County).

To review and/or print a copy of this Draft TCR please visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning/tcrs/index.htm>. If you have any comments or suggestions please forward them to this report's Project Manager, John Cinatl, Associate Transportation Planner, at Caltrans District 6 System Planning, 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, by email at john_cinatl@dot.ca.gov, by FAX at (559) 445-5875 or by telephone at (559) 444-2500, by **September 28, 2006**.