

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
DRAFT 2027 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,
THE DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY STRATEGY, CORRESPONDING DRAFT CONFORMITY ANALYSIS,
AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH #2025050609)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) will hold a public hearing on July 29, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. during the Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee Meeting at the Fresno COG office building at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721 regarding the Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2027 FTIP), the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2026 RTP/SCS), the corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2027 FTIP and 2026 RTP/SCS and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on these documents.

- The 2027 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Fresno County during the next four years. The 30-day public comment period for the Draft 2027 FTIP will be open from July 17, 2026, to August 17, 2026.
- The 2026 RTP/SCS is a long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy to meet Fresno County transportation needs out to the year 2049. The 55-day public comment period for the Draft 2026 RTP/SCS will be open from June 23, 2026 to August 17, 2026.
- The 2026 RTP/SCS encompasses the entire Fresno COG region, including all unincorporated areas of Fresno County and 15 incorporated cities. The Fresno COG region spans approximately 5,963 square miles in the central San Joaquin Valley, roughly 120 miles south of Sacramento.
- The Draft EIR document provides an analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of the RTP/SCS as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The 45-day public comment period for the Draft EIR will be open from July 2, 2026, to August 17, 2026.
- The corresponding Conformity Analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2027 FTIP and 2026 RTP/SCS meet the air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter. The 30-day public comment period for the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis will be open from July 17, 2026, to August 17, 2026.

Individuals with disabilities may call Fresno COG (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are also available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language, by available professional translation services.

An additional virtual public meeting will be held via Zoom to receive public comments on August 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. The agenda with a Zoom meeting link will be available on fresnocog.org/project/regional-transportation-plan/

The Draft EIR, the 2026 RTP/SCS, and related supporting documents are available for review at the Fresno COG office, located at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721 and on the Fresno COG website at fresnocog.org/project/regional-transportation-plan/

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft EIR, potentially significant and unavoidable direct and cumulative environmental impacts may occur to the following resources areas:

Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire. Although the 2027 FTIP and the 2026 RTP/SCS include areas containing sites that are subject to Government Code 65962.5, neither the 2027 FTIP nor the 2026 RTP/SCS propose site-specific development of any of those locations.

The Fresno COG Region, which is the subject of the 2026 RTP/SCS and EIR, contains locations included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5.

Public comments are welcomed at the hearings or may be submitted in writing by 5:00 P.M. on the previously listed public comment period end dates, to Paul Herman at the address below.

After considering the comments, the 2027 FTIP, Air Quality Conformity Analysis, 2026 RTP/SCS, and EIR will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the Fresno COG at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 24, 2026. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for consideration and potential approval.

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