

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 20250550609

Project Title: Fresno Council of Governments 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Lead Agency: Fresno Council of Governments

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Project Location: Fresno, Clovis, and Others Fresno
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project proposes the preparation and adoption of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Fresno COG, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County, is undertaking this update in accordance with applicable federal and state planning mandates. The 2026 RTP/SCS will address all transportation modes, including motor vehicles, transit, rail, goods movement (rail freight and trucking), bicycle and pedestrian facilities, aviation systems, and transportation systems management programs and projects with the horizon year of 2049.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Table 1.A in Chapter 1 of the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) includes a complete set of impacts, mitigation measures, and significance findings found in each environmental issue area environmentally assessed in Chapter 3 of the Draft PEIR. Impacts, mitigation measures, and significance findings are included for the following environmental issue 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.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Commenter Issue Area/Issues

Agency Comments

Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) - Summarized State procedures for compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 52, Senate Bill (SB) 18, and other State regulations related to Tribal resources and CEQA.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - Recommended the consideration of special-status species, botanical survey requirements, California Endangered Species Act (CESA) compliance, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) consultation, lake and streambed alteration impacts, nesting bird impacts, and CDFW filing fees.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) - Recommended the analysis of pollution exposure in disadvantaged communities, construction and operational emissions of future development projects facilitated by the proposed project, potential health risks on surrounding receptors, ambient air quality analysis, Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreement (VERA) implementation, vegetative barriers, and applicable SJAPCD rules and regulations.

Public Comments

Urban Wildlands Paralegal Center for Biological Diversity - Requested to be added to the to the notice list for Fresno Council of Governments 2026 RTP/SCS.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Fresno County

City of Clovis

City of Coalinga

City of Firebaugh

City of Fowler

City of Fresno

City of Huron

City of Kerman

City of Kingsburg

City of Mendota

City of Orange Cove

City of Parlier

City of Reedley

City of San Joaquin

City of Sanger

City of Selma

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Fresno County Rural Transportation Authority (FRCTA)

California Air Resources Board (CARB)