

The Fresno Council of Governments



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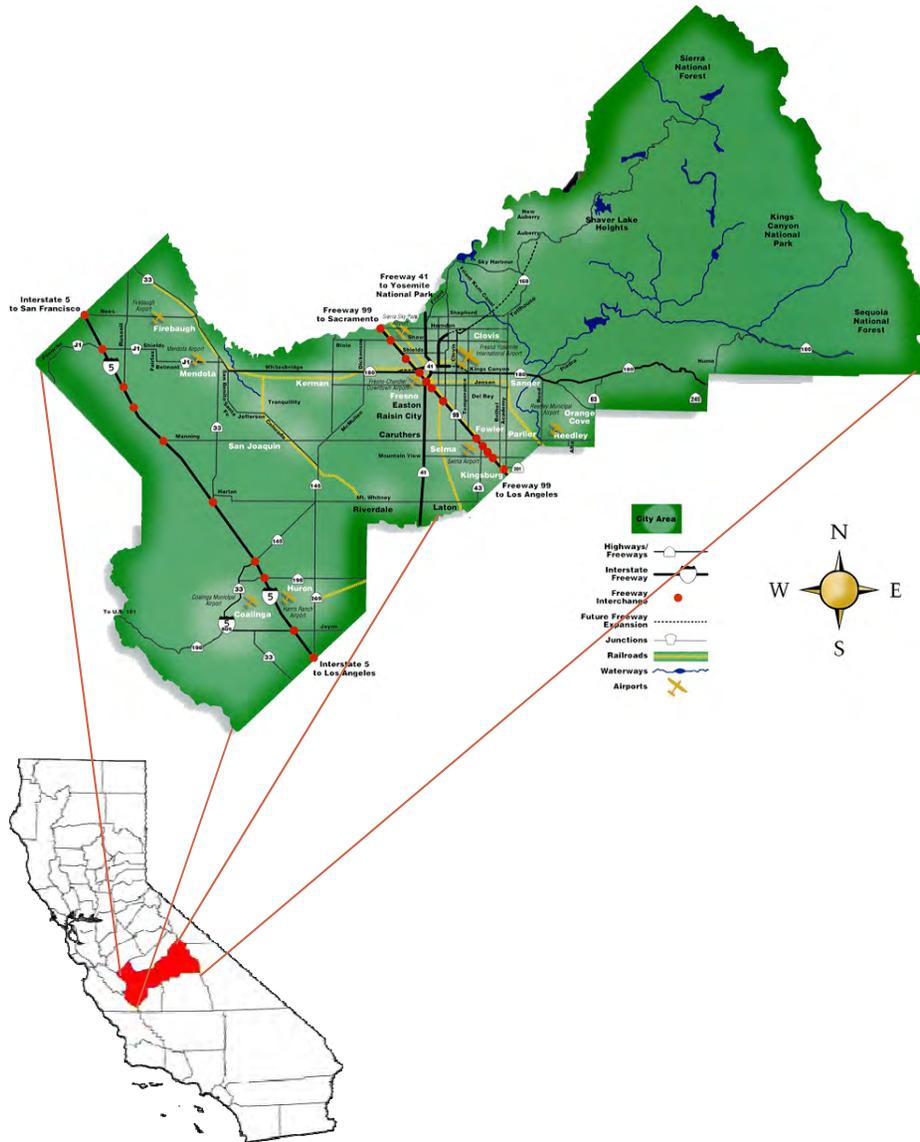


Who we are...



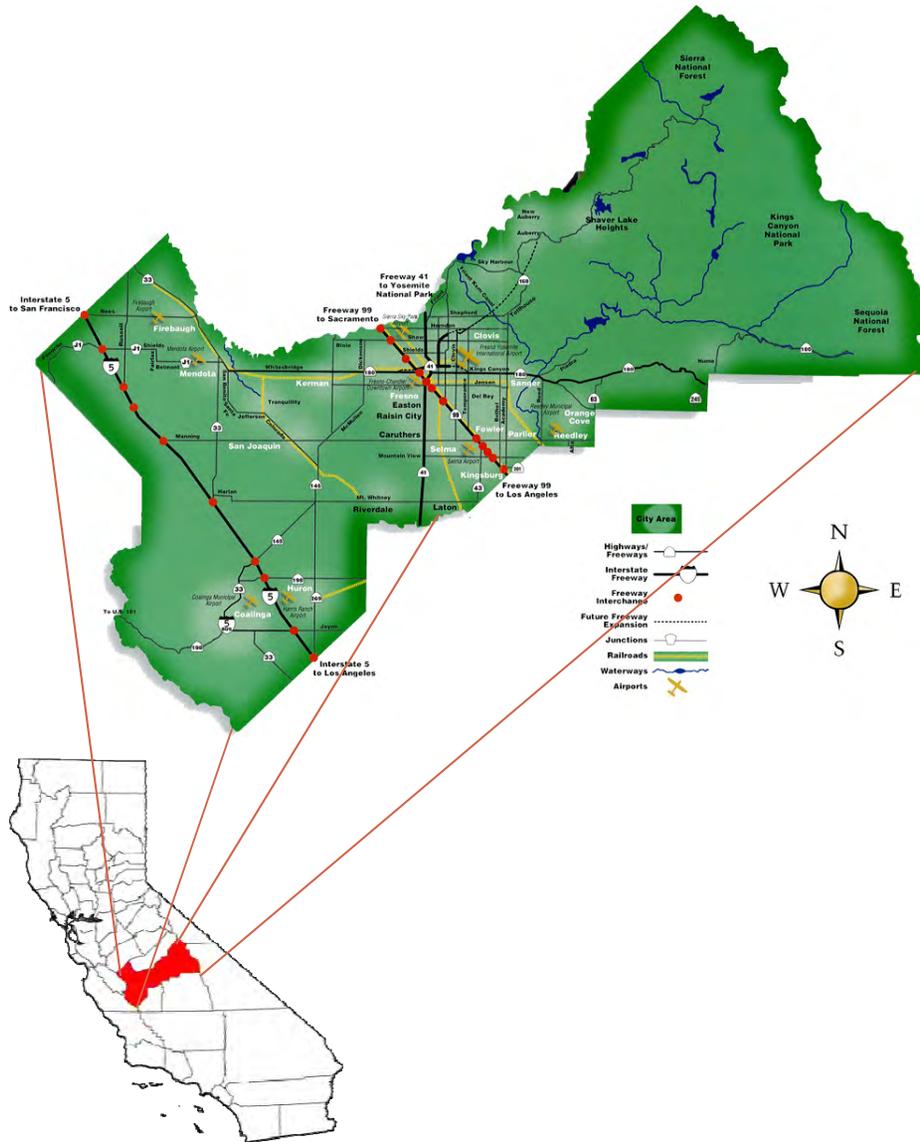
The Fresno County Region

- Located in the heart of California
- 15 Incorporated Cities + Fresno County
- Area – 6,011 square miles (6th largest in the State)
- Population – 970,000 (10th largest in the State)
- 7,200 Road Lane Miles (5th most in the State)
- 23,000,000 Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (8th most in the State)
- Estimated growth rate of 2+% - nearly double that of the State average





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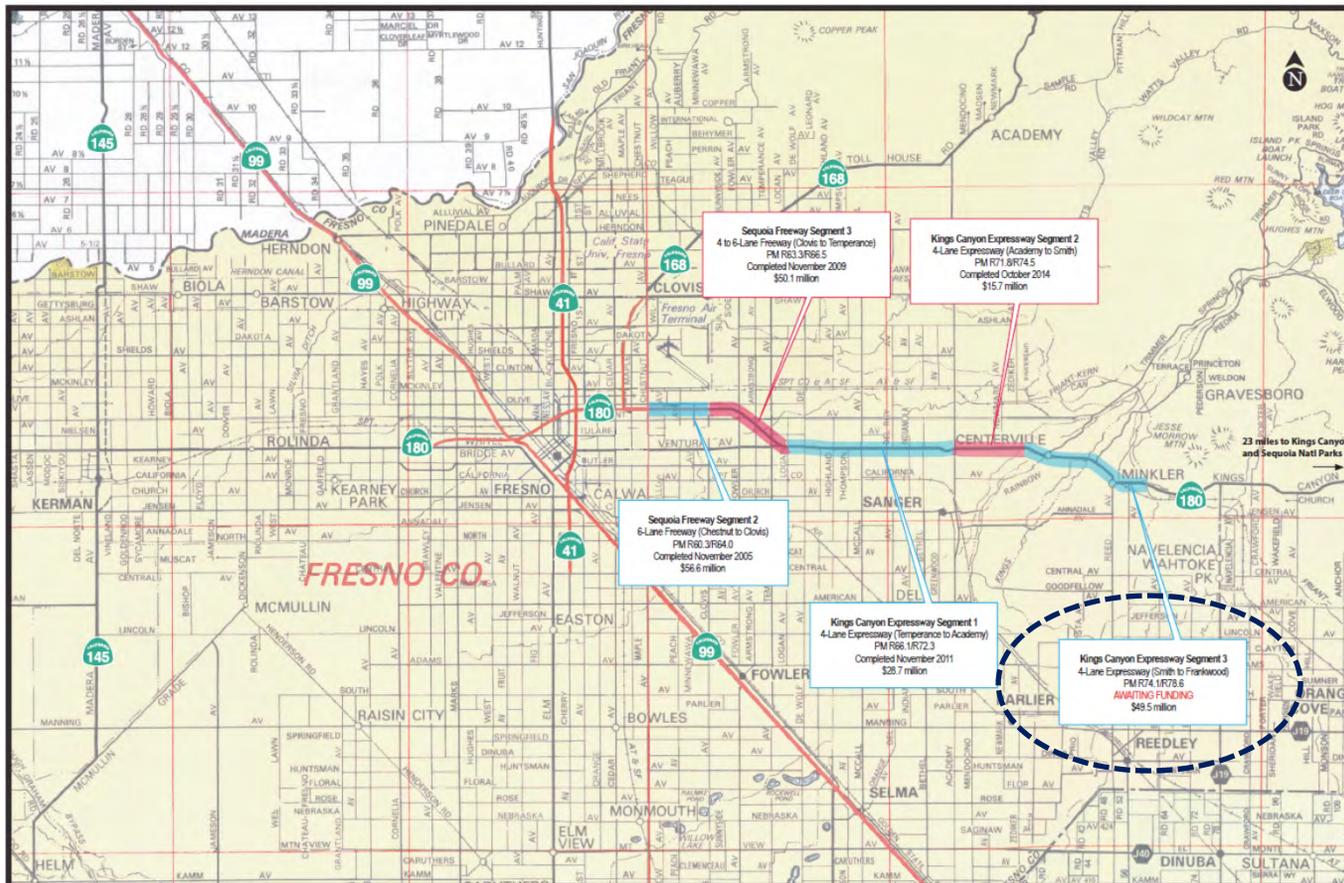


- Agricultural Production:
 - \$6.6 billion = 12% of the State's ag production value
 - #3 in overall production value (with California leading the Nation in total production)
- Unemployment Rate:
 - 11.1% avg. (State avg. of 6.3, and a National avg. of 4.9)
- Poverty Rate:
 - 26.8% avg. – the highest in the California (State avg. 15.8%)

What we're working on...

SR-180 East West of Smith Ave. to East of Frankwood Ave.

Project Location



SR-180 East

West of Smith Ave. to East of Frankwood Ave.

Project Description

- Construct 4-lane Divided Expressway

Project Cost

- \$49.5 million Total (“Measure C” and STIP funds)

Project Delivery

- Construction Funding Programmed in 2014 STIP
(2016/17) - *Delayed*

Regional Planning and Programming Projects and Services Provided by Fresno COG

- Travel Demand Modeling
- Regional Data Center
- COG's Traffic Monitoring Program
- Freeway Service Patrol
- Air Quality Planning
- Regional Housing Needs Determination
- "One Voice" Advocacy Efforts
- GHG Emissions Reductions pursuant to SB 375
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning
- FAST Act Implementation
- "Valley Voice" Advocacy Efforts in Washington D.C. and Sacramento

Implementation of Measure “C” Programs Including:

- **Measure “C” Carpool Incentive Program**
- **Commuter and Farmworker Vanpool Program**
- **Measure “C” Taxi Scrip Program for Seniors 70+**

Current Regional Planning Studies and Activities

- Fresno/Madera County Origin-Destination Study
- SR 99 and I-5 Goods Movement Study
- Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element
- Regional Growth Forecast
- County-wide Transportation Needs Assessment
- Congestion Management Plan
- Blackstone Corridor Transportation/Land Use Study
- Golden State Corridor Design (30% - 100%)
- City of Fresno Cycle Track Study
- Downtown-to-Tower District Multimodal Study
- San Joaquin Valley Greenprint
- Measure “C” Implementation Programs

Connected: The Fresno County Sustainable Communities Public Transit Plan

- **Funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant**
- **First coordinated long range transit plan in Fresno County**
- **Transportation partners include Caltrans, Fresno Area Express (FAX), Fresno County Rural Transit (FCRTA), Clovis Stageline Transit, Yosemite Area Regional Transportation (YARTS), California High-Speed Rail, Amtrak, and Greyhound**
- **Horizon year of 2050**



2018 RTP/SCS

- Second round of SCS for the region
- 2014 RTP/SCS celebrated state-wide for best practices with public outreach, inclusion, and transparency
- 2018 RTP/SCS process looks to further these practices, and continually expand the ability to reach all parties
- Guided by a roundtable that includes a 35+ member body, including representatives from governmental and governmental agencies working in areas such as:
 - Transportation
 - Health care
 - Community Development
 - Agriculture
 - Environmental Services
 - Social services
 - Banking/finance
 - Housing
 - Environmental Justice
 - Tribal Government

Other Major Activities

- The Nation's first High-Speed Rail Station, to be located in Downtown Fresno
- Public transit service between Fresno and Yosemite National Park – Yosemite Area Regional Transit (YARTS)
- Locally-funded New Technology Programs that seek to continually encourage and place innovative transportation technologies that reduce GHG emissions
- The Region's first coordinated County-wide Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP)





Challenges in the Region

- Maintenance funding shortfalls
- Air Quality/Conformity
 - Clean Air Act Revisions
 - Additional Regulatory Challenges
- Future population growth – twice the growth rate of the state
- Demographic challenges – high poverty, high unemployment
- Implementation of GHG Reduction Goals in Rural Areas
 - Low-density communities
 - Cost-effectiveness of active transportation and transit
 - Vast geography and extreme heat

Questions?



Thank you for your time!