



June 30, 2018

Dana Gomez
Central Valley Regional Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority
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Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Comments for the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS Documents

Dear Ms. Gomez,

Fresno COG has received and thanks Caltrans for the June 26th letter addressing the draft 2018 RTP/SCS. Respectfully, Fresno COG offers the following responses to the comments raised in the letter.

Comment:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2018 Draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS).

I would like to compliment Fresno Council of Governments for including the following policies:

1. Continue to support coordinated transportation planning efforts between and among the eight Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations located in the San Joaquin Valley nonattainment air basin.
2. Support the planning and construction of a High-Speed Rail System in the San Joaquin Valley, which directly connects the major population centers within the Valley.

Response: Comment noted. Thank you for your support.

Comment:

The Draft RTP/SCS references the 2016 Authority Business Plan and the Cross Valley Corridor Plan. We request your consideration of the following updates into the Draft RTP/SCS:

1. The Authority released its 2018 Business Plan this May. Please reference this plan for Section 4.6 Rail, Recent Accomplishments, and Proposed Actions, Future Planning Activities, Long Range Improvement Plan, High-Speed Rail.
2. The Tulare County Association of Government completed its Cross Valley Corridor Plan this June. Please see their www.tularecog.org for more information.

Response: Thank you for your comments relating to rail in the Fresno region. At the time the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS was released for public review and comment in April, the 2018 Business Plan had not

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- City of Kingsburg
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- City of Orange Cove
- City of Parlier
- City of Reedley
- City of San Joaquin
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- City of Selma
- County of Fresno

been adopted. Fresno COG will update the California High-Speed Rail Authority paragraph in Section 4.6 of the Action Element to include the 2018 Business Plan.

The Cross Valley Corridor Plan was also not completed at the time the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS was released. We have since updated section 4.6 of the Action Element to include a separate paragraph about the Cross Valley Corridor Plan.

We thank you for your participation in the 2018 RTP/SCS development process and appreciate your on-going support. Please feel free to contact me or my staff Kristine Cai at 559-233-4148 should you have any further questions or comments regarding the 2018 RTP/SCS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink effect.

Tony Boren

Executive Director