

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Regional Transportation Planner

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Fresno County, California. Fresno COG has an immediate opening for a full-time professional level Regional Transportation Planner position. The position may be filled at assistant, associate or senior level, dependent upon qualifications. Under general supervision, this position coordinates transportation and land-use related projects and programs between the Fresno COG and its 16 member agencies, State and Federal agencies, project consultants and the public.

Responsibilities:

The Regional Planner is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the region's transportation programs and projects. In addition, the Regional Planner will perform routine transportation planning duties. Candidates must be able to communicate effectively with technical staff, policy makers, and the general public, including the ability to give effective public presentations at committee, board and public meetings. The position also calls for an ability to provide critical analysis of various public policy matters associated with the integration of transportation and land use planning. The selected candidate will be required to participate in activities related to the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, as well as other related projects and programs. The position requires collaboration and working closely with partner agencies, and as such, the candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and effective verbal and written communication skills. Candidates must be able to work with considerable independence to perform complex assignments while demonstrating a high-level of initiative, judgement and foresight. The position requires strong organizational skills and undertaking multiple tasks.

Education/Experience:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in City and Regional Planning, Urban Studies, Environmental Planning, Engineering, Finance, Public Policy, Public Administration, Geography or a related field. A Master's Degree is desirable.

Strong oral and written communications skills are required for preparing and presenting reports, graphics, and technical findings. The candidate must be able to work as a collaborative team member and handle a high volume of work in a busy and demanding environment. Accuracy and timeliness in completing assignments is extremely important. This position provides an exciting opportunity for a professional to develop critical analysis

and inform the region's decision-makers in areas such as transportation, land use, housing, climate change, emerging technology etc.

Ideal candidate qualities

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent presentation and public speaking skills
- Strategic and creative thinker
- Adaptable and flexible worker
- Experience in administering contracts using State and Federal funds
- Knowledge of transit and public transportation planning principles
- Politically astute, with experience in dealing with elected officials
- Values customer service and enjoys providing support and assistance to internal and external stakeholders
- Enjoys working in a team environment but can work independently with minimal direction

Benefits:

Candidates may be hired at the Assistant, Associate or Senior level depending on qualifications.

The position offers the opportunity to gain broad experience and to take on progressively greater responsibility with added compensation based on merit and performance.

Fresno COG offers a very competitive benefits program which includes medical, dental and vision benefits. Fresno COG contributes to a 401A program.

Salary:

The hiring range starts at mid \$50,000, and compensation is dependent on the level the position is filled and the qualification of the candidate.

Method of Evaluation: Resumes will be evaluated, and those applicants deemed qualified will be contacted for an interview.

How to Apply: Submit a cover letter with a detailed resume, contact information (include email address for contact if possible) and references to:

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See the Fresno COG Website for more information: www.fresnocog.org

Application Deadline: This position will remain open until filled.