



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2024

PRESENTER: Jesus A. Gonzalez, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (JG)

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve resolutions for 1) adopting the Negative Declaration for the Regional Active Transportation Plan (CEQA) and 2) approving the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Fresno Council of Governments (COG), in coordination with its member agencies, the general public and stakeholder groups developed the Regional Active Transportation Plan (R-ATP). The R-ATP is an update to the 2019 R-ATP developed to create a comprehensive countywide vision for active transportation and to support applications for new funding to create sidewalks, shared use paths, bike lanes, better street crossings, and other improvements for walking and bicycling.

A goal of the R-ATP is to create a network of safe and attractive trails, sidewalks and bikeways that connect Fresno County residents to key destinations such as local schools, parks and commercial amenities. The networks include shared-use paths, bike lanes and routes, sidewalks and crosswalk improvements. Other goals are creating a network of regional bikeways that allow bicyclists to safely ride between cities and other regional destinations, and to increase regional walking and bicycling trips by creating user-friendly facilities. The R-ATP contains various programs, policies and recommendations that pertain to bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Fresno County. Projects are identified at a conceptual level for the R-ATP.

The R-ATP is intended to help Fresno COG's member agencies better compete for funding sources that support ATP projects and satisfy California Transportation Commission (CTC) requirements. Jurisdiction resolutions are a CTC requirement of member agencies. The City must approve two separate resolutions, passed in specific order. The CEQA resolution must be approved first followed by the Resolution to approve the R-ATP. Specific development is not being proposed under the R-ATP and therefore adopting the CEQA document would not authorize any development or present adverse environmental effects.

Because the complete R-ATP is so large, this link is provided for access to the complete document: <https://www.fresnocog.org/project/active-transportation/>. Chapter 9 contains the City of Kerman's plan and is attached as Attachment 'C'.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The R-ATP does not pose a fiscal impact. Future projects resulting from the R-ATP will be presented to Council on a project-by-project basis.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution – CEQA Adoption
- B. Resolution – R-ATP Approval
- C. R-ATP – Kerman, Chapter 9