

Dates of Activity: July 2008 through September 2008
Seed Grant: Metro Rural Loop Corridor Preservation Feasibility Study
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Description of Quarter's Activity/Impact on Partnership

Comments received at the multicounty Metro Rural Loop workshop held Feb. 29, 2008, have been incorporated into the land use and transportation system mapping for Year 2050 and 2110. We assisted with development of the 2050 Blueprint Hybrid Scenario, which is primarily based on the 2050 Metro Rural Loop. We are continuing the development of the Administrative Draft Feasibility Study.

The Metro Rural Loop is now being used to connect intricate regional and local interrelated projects such as the City of Fresno Metro Area Activity Center and Corridor Intensification Study and the Southeast Growth Area Specific Plan (SEGA) to the Blueprint and its related Strategic Farmland Study. (See attachment list #1.)

The City of Fresno in partnership with the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) applied for and received a Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant for \$276,000 to develop a formal regional collaboration process and structure inclusive of the four counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings (FMTK) and their 30 incorporated cities related to the Metro Rural Loop and regional land use policies required to implement its proposed high capacity multi-modal corridor system adopted in the Fresno Blueprint Process. (See attachment list #2.)

Planned Activities for next 3-6 months

1. An Activity Center and Intensity Corridor Workshop will be held on December 9, 2008 at the Fresno New Exhibit Hall.
2. Continue to finalize the components of the Feasibility Study.

Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

None expected.

The following attachments may be downloaded from the [Transportation Work Group Document Library](#) located on the Partnership Web site:

1. Fresno Activity Areas Study
2. Grant submitted to California Department of Transportation: Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Multi-Modal System Partnership (Note: file needed to be compressed so quality is fair.)