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

Continued development of Metro Rural Loop Land Use Modeling and Transportation System Mapping using results of the Blueprint planning process approved by each of the four counties—Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings. Detailed land use and transportation system mapping and allocations for years 2050 and 2110 have been developed and are currently being finalized for placement in the Draft Study Report. We also continued to assist with development of the 2050 Blueprint Hybrid Scenario, which was primarily based upon the 2050 Metro Rural Loop and continued the development of the Administrative Draft Feasibility Study.

The Metro Rural Loop was discussed at the Dec. 9, 2008, Activity Center and Intensity Corridor Workshop. More than 170 members of the public, agency staff, and stakeholders attended the workshop. The Metro Rural Loop study process continued to be 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.

The City of Fresno in partnership with the Council of Fresno County Governments 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 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.

Planned Activities to Finalize Project

Completed the Feasibility Study by incorporating final land use and transportation system mapping. Report provided to the Partnership Feb. 15, 2008.