

Transform Fresno Progress Timeline

November 2016

- The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) selects Fresno as one of the three cities in the state to be a pilot for their new Transformation Climate Communities program (TCC).

July 2017—September 2017

- The Fresno Transformative Climate Communities Collaborative began with a participatory process to identify a series of projects to invest in that would result in significant environmental and economic benefits to Downtown, Chinatown, and Southwest Fresno. Anyone who lived, worked, or owned property in these areas was encouraged to participate. The first meeting was held on July 20.
- The Collaborative met regularly from July through September. The result was an active, engaged, 164-member Community Steering Committee.

October 2017—December 2017

- Final package of projects chosen by the Community Steering Committee (October 4)
- Final grant proposal submitted to the SGC for the \$70 million (October 17)
- Outreach and Oversight Committee confirmed and begin meeting on a regular basis (October 26)
- Quarterly Transform Fresno meetings begin (December 4)

January 2018—December 2018

- The SGC officially approved a \$70 million award for the Transform Fresno Project! (January 29)
- The award announcement kicked off the beginning of the pre-contract consultation phase with SGC.
- Over the next several months, SGC met with awardees to discuss work plans, areas of concerns, metrics and indicators, and the transformative plans.

SGC Meetings

- First Review: SGC provided written feedback on missing information or back-up documentation needed for each project; held two to three in-person meetings with each project leads in all three sites to provide technical assistance on improving projects and conforming with TCC guidelines; provided written feedback on Transformative plans

- Second Review: SGC reviewed revised version of the projects and identified approximately \$6m in ineligible costs in proposed projects; held in-person meeting with the project leads for providing information on why the costs are ineligible; notified the Transformative Plan leads on how to address issues identified and potential pathways. Connected the leads with subject matter experts.
- Third Review: SGC worked with projects that had ineligible costs by holding meeting and providing written feedback on reallocation the funds to eligible costs; developed scope of works and budgets for grant agreement.

Transformative Plans

- Memorandum of Understanding: SGC requested updates to include adding language for governance structure, community oversight, resolving disputes.
- Community Engagement Plan: This will be a deliverable of the first quarter. Approval of the SGC is required.
- Workforce Development: Project Leads were replaced due to a lack of evidence to fulfill the requirements of financial and management capacity. The new Project Leads are required to develop a plan during the first quarter. Approval of the SGC is required.
- Displacement Avoidance Plan: The plan will be a deliverable of the first quarter. Approval of the SGC is required.

Major Changes:

- High Speed Rail Connectivity project is eliminated in order to meet the required budget cuts - \$7,012,000
- Chinatown Housing: Fire tower adjacent to the housing development will not be allowed to operate as a condition of the funding.
- Changing Lives with trees – final reduced scope is 295 trees.
- Fresno Food Commons – Grocery store was eliminated from scope of work, project scope changed to align with committed leverage funding; the high efficiency water-energy appliances component was eliminated due to ineligibility, the community orchard component reallocated ineligible parking lot costs to other eligible costs.
- Park at MLK Magnet Core: additional TCC funding was added to this project, increase from \$4.5m to \$5.4m
- ERP Toddler Park: completion of an exposure risk assessment is a condition of funding including the revision of the project scope to mitigate any measures. Subject to SGC approval.

- Inside Out Community Garden – proposed location changed to Sunset Community Center.
- Fresno City College: Ineligible costs for constructing a surface parking lot replaced with additional bicycle, trail amenities, green study spaces and educational monument signs.
- City of Fresno grant administration: changed from \$494,354 to \$1,138,091

January 2019

- SGC officially signs Master Grant Agreement (anticipated)