



TRANSFORM FRESNO

TRANSFORM FRESNO QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Westside Church of God

1424 W. California Ave., Fresno, CA 93706

5:30pm **Doors Open/Registration**

6:00pm **Welcome and Introduction – Pastor BT Lewis**

Transformative Plans Update:

- **Community Engagement Plan – Courtney Espinoza**
- **Displacement Avoidance Plan – Courtney Espinoza**
- **Transformative Plans Questions and Answers**

Project Updates – Various Partners

- **#1 Chinatown Housing Project – Michael Duarte, Fresno Housing Authority**
- **#6 Chinatown Urban Greening – John Honey, City of Fresno**
- **#9 Mariposa Plaza – Cecilio Garcia, City of Fresno**
- **#18 Fresno City College: West Fresno Campus – George Cummings, SCCC**
- **#22 Southwest Off Site Improvements – John Honey, City of Fresno**
- **Green Trails Project – Laura Gromis, US Green Building Council**
- **Project Questions and Answers**

Public Comment

7:30pm **Adjourn**



TRANSFORM FRESNO CODE OF CONDUCT

The Transform Fresno Outreach and Oversight Committee, in order to aid in the strengthening of our community through the Transform Fresno Project, assembled the following code of conduct. In their deliberations, the Committee recognized...

1. That while all neighborhoods are not equal, it is important to be equally mindful of each neighborhood's unique needs and that we are unified as neighborhoods;
2. The importance of looking at our neighborhoods and our City through the lens of our assets;
3. The goal of Transform Fresno: to see every project successfully completed, adding to the transformation of our Downtown, Chinatown and Southwest Fresno neighborhoods and our City as a whole.

Eight Core Rules for Crucial Conversations & Community Meetings¹

- **PRACTICE RESPECTFUL LISTENING** – Truly listen to what people are saying rather than using that time to think about what you want to say when they are finished. Please also refrain from engaging in side-bar conversations.

- **PRACTICE RESPECTFUL TALKING** – This is about being concise in your statements, not talking over other people, not engaging in sidebar conversations, and not dominating the conversation. It may be helpful to think of the acronym WAIT – Why Am I Talking?

- **MAKE “I” STATEMENTS INSTEAD OF “YOU/US/THEY” STATEMENTS** – This is about not attributing things that you say to other people—owning your thoughts, feelings, and actions. Come from a place “I think/I believe/I feel” rather than “you think/you believe/ you feel.”

- **REMEMBER THE PRINCIPLES OF GRATITUDE & INVITATION** – We are all grateful to be at the table with one another and to spend this time together, to engage in this work, and learn from each other, so let's demonstrate that in the way we communicate and treat one another.

- **BE PRESENT** – We know that the world and our inboxes continue outside of this room. So much of what you will learn today will be from one another, so please do your best to be physically and mentally present today. This means being especially mindful of the use of our mobile devices.

- **CONFIDENTIALITY** – People may share information that is personal to them. We ask that everyone agree that nothing personal discussed in this room will be shared outside of the room in order to make this this is a safe space for discussion and learning.

- **BE HONEST**– We aren't concerned that you will lie! The value of the conversation is determined by how engaged we are in the discussion, so please be candid and transparent. Share your honest thoughts, opinions, and experiences, even if it feels a bit vulnerable to do so.

- **LITERACY MOMENT** – If at any time someone says something that you would like clarified or do not understand—an acronym, piece of data, or anecdote—that anyone in the conversation is welcomed to ask for a literacy moment, or a brief clarifying explanation.

- **ASSUME GOOD INTENT** – It's likely that people will have different opinions or interpretations of the issues we discuss. For the sake of this discussion, listen with an open mind and heart, and be generous with how you hear things. If a statement troubles you, then start from the assumption that we are unified and collegial. We do not shame or blame ourselves or others.

¹ Inspired by Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High by Kerry Patterson, Al Switzler, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan

Transform Fresno

Outreach and Oversight Committee

| <i>Member</i> | <i>TCC Neighborhood</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Miguel Arias | Chair |
| Monica Diaz | Chinatown |
| Morgan Doizaki | Chinatown |
| Arthur Moya | Chinatown |
| Barbara Wilson | Chinatown |
| Jordan Gustafson | Downtown |
| Sabrina Kelley | Downtown |
| Amy Arambula | Downtown |
| *Vacant* | Downtown |
| Mary Curry | Southwest |
| Sandra Flores | Southwest |
| B.T. Lewis | Southwest |
| Willie Moore | Southwest |
| Artie Padilla | Southwest |
| Margarita Rocha | Southwest |
| Ivanka Saunders Hunt | Southwest |
| *Vacant* | Southwest |

ATTENTION COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The City of Fresno is looking for local organizations to spearhead community engagement activities related to Transform Fresno

Each Community Engagement Request For Qualification is divided by category. Organizations can apply for more than one category, however each category must have a separate proposal. One proposal that combines categories will not be accepted

Categories include:

- Prime Community Partner
- Data and Reporting
- Media and Communications
- Direct Outreach
- Leadership Development
- Event Coordination

Visit www.transformfresno.com for more information and how to submit a proposal

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| Comments | Participants | Response |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Under the Project Labor Agreement will the City consider expanding this agreement to all TCC construction related projects? | Anonymous | The Project Labor Agreement applies to all City Led projects. Partners are encouraged to recruit, hire and train residents in the Transform Fresno Area for their projects. |
| So much great info – thank you! I hope that some care will be taken to improving the gateways to these projects – meaning the freeway exits onto Tulare and Fresno Streets. There is a very large homeless encampment on private property at Fresno and C Streets. The TCC Plan is bringing so many great things to the West Side but we cannot enjoy them if areas of extreme blight are left to fester. | Sarah Allison | Thank you for your comment and information. The City of Fresno and our local partners continue to work on issues surrounding extreme blight in our community. |
| Does the City of Fresno currently have a first-time homebuyer program? How does the proposed program differ, if at all? | Michaelynn Lewis | <p>No, the City of Fresno does not currently have a first time homebuyers program.</p> <p>The Transform Fresno Displacement Avoidance Plan will incorporate a bi-annual Homebuyer and Financial Literacy Education Summit. Topics at the Summit will include the process of home buying, qualifications for buying a home and a credit information seminar.</p> |

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Comment Card

Name: Sarah Allison
Contact Information: allisonsarah85@gmail.com
Comment: So much great info ~ thank you!
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Name: _____
Contact Information: _____
Comment: under the project labor
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consider expanding
this Agreement to "all" TCC
construction related projects?

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Comment Card

Name: Michaela Lewis
Contact Information: (559) 801-3036 - mlyanlewis@gmail.com
Comment: Does the City of Fresno currently have
a first-time homebuyer program?
How does the proposed program
differ, if at all?

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO TRANSFORM FRESNO OUTREACH & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Organization and Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you a co-applicant or associated with a project? Yes, I am a co-applicant or associated with a project _____
No, I am not a co-applicant or associated with a project _____

Does the Applicant live, work or own property in the Transform Fresno Community Area ? See attached Map. Live_____ Work_____ Own Property_____

Which project area do you represent? Chinatown_____ Downtown_____ Southwest_____

Held eligible voter status on the former Community Steering Committee? Yes, I held eligible voter status_____
No, I did not hold eligible voter status_____

If you are not considered at this time, may we contact you in the future? Yes_____ No_____

Skills & Experience

Please detail your background and involvement in the Transformative Climate Communities process to date. Additionally, describe your proposed goals and how you will achieve these through a seat on the Outreach & Oversight Committee:

If this is not a self-nomination, please fill out below:

Nominated by: _____
Position: _____
Organization: _____
Tel No: _____
Email: _____

I confirm I have gained the nominee's consent for their name and details to go forward.

Signed: _____
Date: _____

I confirm that the above information is true. Falsified information is grounds for removal from the Outreach and Oversight Committee.

Signed: _____
Date: _____

**Please return to: Fresno City Hall
ATTN: City Manager's Office – Transform Fresno
Executive Offices, Second Floor
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721 or
transformfresno@fresno.gov
559-621-7799**

For Administration Use only:

Date Received _____
Method (email, paper, fax) _____

*****Please note, applicants or nominees must live, work or own property in the Transform Fresno Community Area. If the applicant nominee is found to not meet the requirements, they will be removed from the Outreach and Oversight Committee. Please attach proof of residency, ownership or employment to submittal.***

Chinatown Urban Greening Project

Transformative Climate Communities Project #6
Project Manager: John Honey, PE

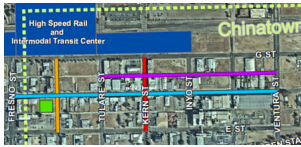
Project Description

Phase 1

- ▶ Streetlights on F Street from Fresno Street to Ventura Street
- ▶ Tree Planting on F Street from Fresno Street to Mariposa Street
- ▶ Green Alley improvements in China Alley between Kern Street and Inyo Street

Phase 2

- ▶ F Street, Kern Street, and Mariposa Street
 - ▶ Street Trees
 - ▶ Street Lighting Improvements
 - ▶ Sidewalk and curb ramp reconstruction
- ▶ Remainder of Green Alley improvements in China Alley from Tulare Street to Ventura Avenue



Current Status

- ▶ Subrecipient Agreement approved by City Council and executed July 25, 2019
- ▶ Request for Qualifications for design consultant published September 27, 2019
- ▶ Tentatively selected design consultant - Dewalt Corporation

Looking Forward

- ▶ Negotiate Agreement with Dewalt Corporation
- ▶ City Council to approve Agreement February 2020
- ▶ Initial Community engagement May 2020
- ▶ Phase 1 Construction Spring 2021
- ▶ Phase 2 Construction Spring 2023

Questions?





Project #9: Mariposa Plaza

City of Fresno
Project Manager: Cecilio F. Garcia




Project Description

- Connects to Future High Speed Rail station. (Proposed location S/O Fresno St. between G St. and H St.)
- Renovations to include:
 - Tree planting
 - Permeable paving
 - Rainwater capture system
 - Modification of stage and open area
 - Canopy/Shade structure
 - Relocation of "Acero Picado"

Current Status

- Master Agreement
- Sub-Recipient Agreement totaling \$3,859,000 approved by Council.
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) posted for design services.
- Firms submitting a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to the RFQ were:
 - Wallace, Roberts & Todd (WRT) and
 - Groundworks Office
- SOQ's reviewed and both firms interviewed. WRT has been tentatively selected as the most qualified firm pending fee negotiation.



Next Steps

- ▶ Execution of Consultant Agreement (January 2020)
- ▶ First Community Engagement Event (May 2020, Projected)
- ▶ Design Complete (March 2021, Tentative)
- ▶ Construction Award (August 2021, Tentative)
- ▶ Construction Completion (April 2022, Tentative)



Questions?









Spaces


Created to meet the educational & community needs.



CTE Building:

- Automotive Bays/Labs
- Diesel Lab Med-HD Truck Bay
- Police Sub-Station
- Paint Booths
- Warehouse Distribution Lab

Academic Building:

- Community Multi-Function Room
- Library
- Study Rooms
- Medical Assistant Lab
- Biology/Chemistry Labs



A Timeline for Success

PLANNING


2018-NOW



CONSTRUCTION

MID 2020

CLASSES

2023







STATE CENTER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Fresno City College West Fresno Center

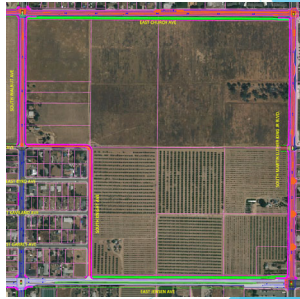
Thank you

Southwest Offsite Improvements

Transformative Climate Communities Project #22
Project Manager: John Honey, PE

Project Description

- ▶ Install Active Transportation Infrastructure
- ▶ Class I Trail on Church Avenue and Jensen Avenue
- ▶ Sidewalks on Walnut Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
- ▶ Widen roads to accommodate Class II Bike Lanes
- ▶ Widen and install sidewalks on Knight Avenue and Grove Avenue
- ▶ Install or modify traffic signals
- ▶ Pavement Repair



Current Status

- ▶ Tentatively selected design consultant - Mark Thomas

Looking Forward

- ▶ City Council to approve Agreement February 2020
- ▶ Construction Fall 2021

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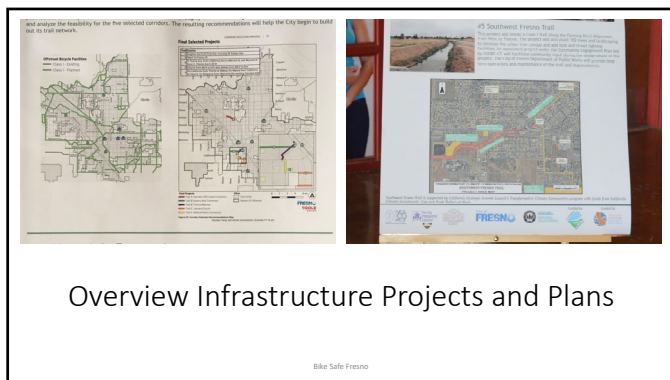
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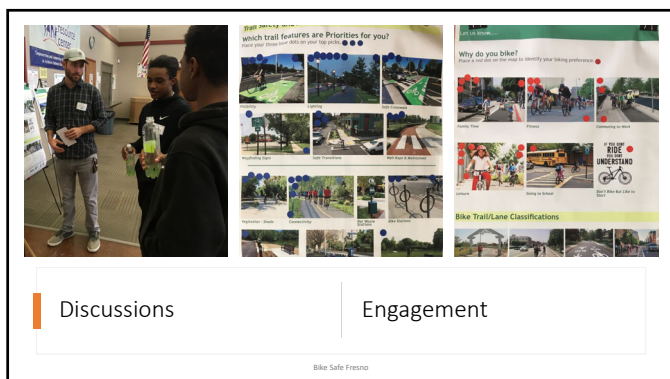














Hands-On Biking + Bicycle Clinic

Bike Safe Fresno

Next events:

Bicycle Workshop March 2020

Bicycle Workshop May 2020

Bike to School Day May 2020

Bike Safe Fresno

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