

**Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable  
Communities Strategy Roundtable**

**Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

**Time: 2:00 PM**

**Place: COG Ash Conference Room  
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA**

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**B. 2022 RTP/SCS Schedule and Milestones (Kristine Cai) (Information)**

**Summary:** Staff will provide a brief summary of the 2022 RTP/SCS development schedule and the milestones of the process. Attached is a list of the key milestones and their timeline for the 2022 RTP/SCS development.

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**C. Introduction to Futures Planning Concepts (Seth Scott)**

**Exhibits:**

 Fresno Futures Introduction Slides

**Summary:** A challenge inherent in long-range planning is uncertainty about the future. To combat this uncertainty, planning agencies are establishing a trend of developing diverging assumptions of future conditions against which to test the resilience of their strategies. Notable examples include the California Transportation Plan 2050 (Caltrans) and Plan Bay Area 2050 (MTC).

Fresno COG has adapted to this practice and will include futures analysis in its 2022 SCS. Each scenario's strategies will be tested against several Futures: one base Future as well as 2-3 others. Thus, each scenario will be reported and evaluated based on its performance along each Future, providing a sort of "stress test" for the strategies identified in that scenario.

Today's presentation will introduce the concept of Futures and how they will operate within the framework of the development and testing of the SCS scenarios. Next month, staff will propose specific Futures for consideration and approval.

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**D. RTP Public Outreach Strategies (Brenda Veenendaal)**

**Summary:** Fresno COG executes an approved public participation plan for each RTP update cycle. The 2020 Fresno COG Public Participation Plan was released for public review in early March of this year and is scheduled for adoption on June 25, 2020 by the Fresno COG Policy Board. The Public Participation Plan (PPP) includes a summary of the RTP Public Outreach and interagency coordination and consultation requirements as well as a public outreach strategy focused solely on engaging the public in RTP planning and development.

The final draft documents are available for review [at this link](#).

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, Fresno COG staff also developed additional robust, virtual public outreach strategies over the last few months, that include a dedicated RTP Update website, social media communications, videos, e-newsletters, online town halls and virtual workshops, dedicated email alerts and interactive surveys. Staff will provide a presentation to the RTP Roundtable membership on Fresno COG's RTP public outreach plans and strategies during the meeting.

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**E. New Challenges for the 2022 RTP/SCS (Kristine Cai) (Information)**

**Summary:** The 2022 RTP/SCS will be facing many new challenges due to the new rules and legislations taking effect and the impacts from COVID 19. These new challenges include revenue shortfall, uncertainty in the job recovery, incorporation of SB 743, public outreach under COVID 19, higher GHG reduction target, transportation conformity with SAFE vehicle rule, potentially higher RHNA numbers, etc. Staff will provide a brief discussion about these issues.

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## Fresno COG 2022 RTP/SCS Milestones

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|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| • Scientific survey -                      | Spring -early summer 2020   | <b>BV</b>     |
| • Demographic forecast -                   | Spring to early summer 2020 | <b>SS</b>     |
| • Community needs workshops -              | Sept/Oct 2020               | <b>BV</b>     |
| • EIR                                      | Fall 2020 - June 2022       | <b>MP</b>     |
| • SCS scenario development -               | Fall 2020 - April 2021      | <b>SS</b>     |
| • Revenue projection, Call for projects    | Fall to early winter 2020   | <b>SMM/JS</b> |
| • Policy Element -                         | Fall 2020-Spring 2021       | <b>MP</b>     |
| • Environmental Justice Sub-committee:     | Fall 2020 - Fall 2021       | <b>THC</b>    |
| • Scenario modeling -                      | May to mid-Aug 2021         | <b>SS/KH</b>  |
| • SCS scenario outreach workshops -        | Early/mid Sept 2021         | <b>BV</b>     |
| • SCS preferred scenario selection (Board) | Oct 2021                    | <b>SS</b>     |
| • Action Element -                         | Spring-Summer 2021          | <b>MP/JS</b>  |
| • Conformity -                             | Winter 2021-Spring 2022     | <b>BD</b>     |
| • RTP document development -               | Fall 2021-Spring 2022       | <b>BV</b>     |
| • RTP/SCS adoption-                        | June 2022                   | <b>KC</b>     |



# FRESNO FUTURES

Fresno COG 2022 RTP/SCS



# What Are Futures?

- Futures are sets of assumptions about possible growth conditions in Fresno County
- Include characteristics such as population and employment growth, demographics, transportation funding, etc.
- Futures are **not** Scenarios, but rather frameworks within which the Scenarios will be tested.




# Analyzing Futures



Fresno COG will develop a base Future that represents forecasted growth projections and demographic conditions



In addition, COG will analyze an additional 3 Futures that represent more extreme conditions to test the resiliency of the scenario strategies

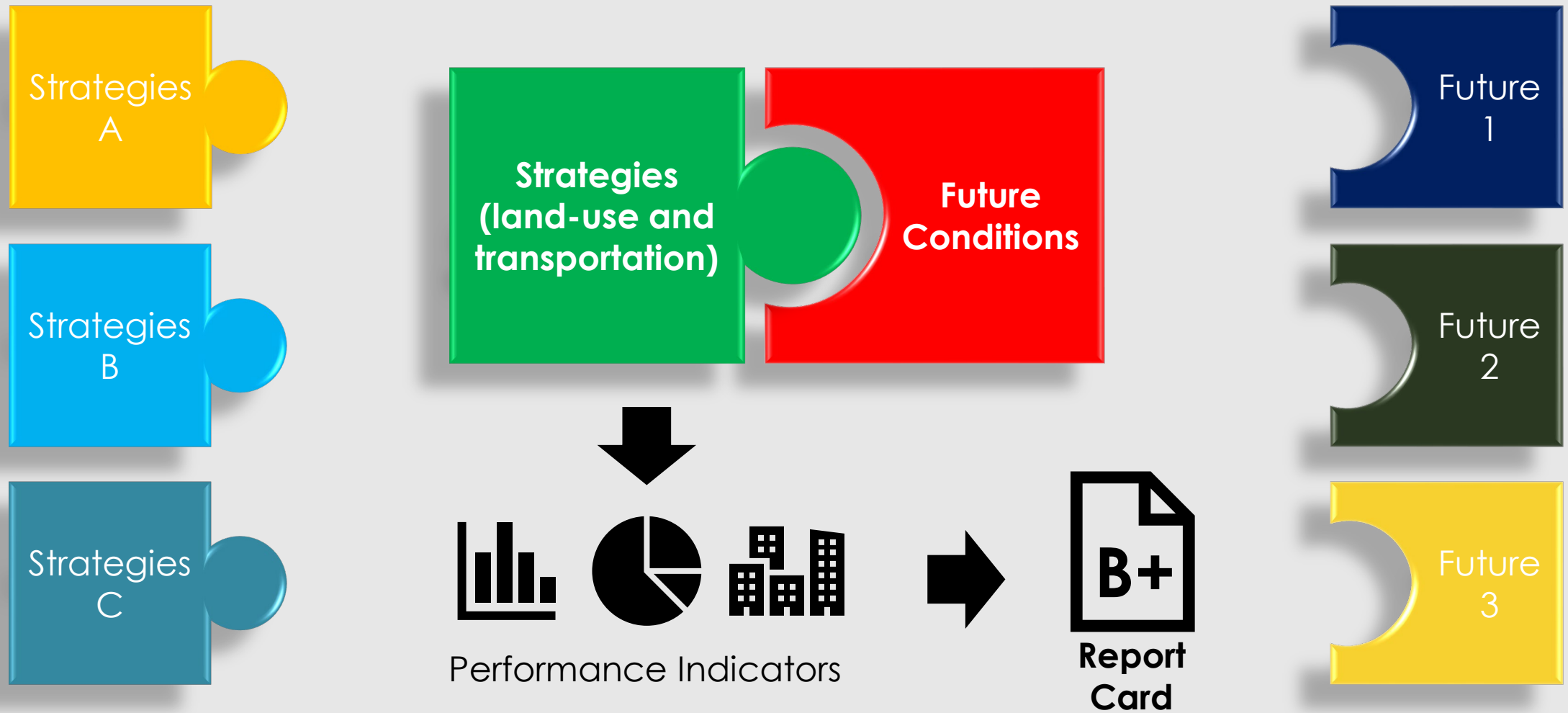


Here's what I know about the future:  
it happens as a result of what we do today.

## What Is a Scenario?

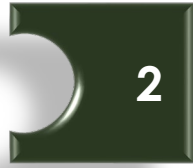
- A specific vision of the future of Fresno County
- Represents a “snapshot in time” for a particular future horizon year (e.g. 2035)
- Includes the implementation of **strategies**, tested against assumptions about the **future**

# How Scenarios are Built

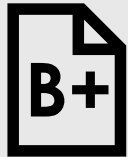
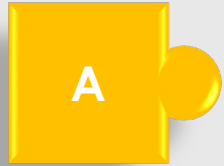


Strategies

Futures



Scenario A



Scenario A<sub>1</sub>

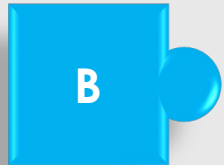


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Scenario B



Scenario B<sub>1</sub>

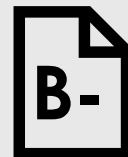


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Scenario C



Scenario C<sub>1</sub>



Scenario C<sub>2</sub>



Scenario C<sub>3</sub>

Assessing Scenario Performance

The **best** strategies are those that show **resiliency** across multiple possible futures.



## Fresno Futures Focus Groups

Fresno COG hosted two Fresno Futures workshops in February where stakeholders split into focus groups to discuss three proposed futures.

Each focus group brainstormed potential impacts of each Future, as well as possible strategies to mitigate those impacts.

We will present and discuss these Futures next month.



# Questions?

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