

Q&A Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis

1. We wanted to clarify the extent of location analysis intended for Task 4: Conduct Pedestrian and Bicyclist Traffic Analysis and Location Analysis so we can best allocate resources to match the intention. Are there pre-identified potential corridors or a set number of locations to evaluate, or shall that be determined based on public input, insight from the ATP, and extreme heat vulnerability analysis?

There are no current pre-identified potential corridors. The potential corridors to focus on should be informed by the extreme heat vulnerability analysis, public input, and information from the ATP. Fresno COG is also currently completing a Climate Resiliency Plan, which includes an extreme heat risk assessment. The data from that assessment should also inform the extreme heat vulnerability analysis and Task 4 for this project.

2. In the 2024 ATP, it says “Fresno COG has bicycle and pedestrian counters available that can be used to measure use of facilities. Bicycle and pedestrian counts can also be included as part of traffic counts that are often performed when developing roadway improvements.” I imagine these resources are from the 2015 FHWA Bike/Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program Fresno COG participated in? We are wondering if you can share more details on what is available and how those might be accessible for this project?

Fresno COG has four sets of bike/ped counters available to lend to members agencies and various consultants who work on projects in our region. The four Pyro counters can detect body heat so they can count pedestrians and cyclists. They are usually mounted on a pole on the side of a trail or side of a street. However, it has been reported that vehicular traffic can confuse the counter if mounted on the side of the street, too close to the travel lane.

The four bike counters are usually paired with the Pyro counters to get better pictures of the active transportation participants. They use pneumatic tubes to detect bikes passing through. These counters would be accessible to the consultant team upon request and availability.

3. We did not see the COG’s DBE goal in the RFP, but found a goal listed as 8.04% on the COG website. Can you please confirm the DBE goal/requirement for this RFP?

That is correct. Fresno COG’s DBE goal is 8.04% and race neutral, which means we don’t have individual contract goals but expect overall DBE participation will meet or exceed 8.04% over a series of procurements. We encourage everyone to have DBE participation but only require a demonstration of good faith efforts in screening and selecting DBE firms to work with.

4. Would the COG consider an extension of the submittal deadline?

At this time, Fresno COG will not be extending the deadline for submitting proposals.