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## FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2006

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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: Measure C: Making Fresno County History

It was with tremendous foresight in November 1986 that the voters of Fresno County passed by a wide margin, the 1/2-cent sales tax increase known as Measure C.

At the time, Measure C's title and purpose as presented to the voters was "Improving Roads and Transportation in Fresno County." Looking back, the measure has proven to be the catalyst for sweeping improvements and the overhaul of the entire transportation network.

The Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), created by the Enabling Legislation, was authorized to impose the sales tax ordinance for a 20-year period. The collection of the tax began on

July 1, 1987. It is projected to generate \$700 million.

Measure C has resulted in the implementation of the largest transportation public works project in Fresno County history. Current estimates indicate the local tax, leveraged with state, federal and other funds, will result in extensive highway construction for the County, and an overall transportation program for three unique things:

- **An opportunity for cooperative planning and implementation of the 20-year transportation needs of the County,**
- **An opportunity to build a system that can significantly meet the future needs of the County,**
- **A chance for local jurisdictions**

**to have local transportation purpose funds readily available to address some of their immediate needs.**

The details of the Measure C program are described throughout this Annual Report. The strength of the whole program is its flexibility, its emphasis on cooperative planning and implementation, and its policy of 25% of funds for local transportation purposes and 75% of funds for construction projects.

The accomplishments of this 20-year program are many and the voters were aware of the importance of Measure C funding since they once again, in November 2006, overwhelmingly approved, a 20-year extension by 78%!

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# Message from the Chairman


It is time once again to present the Annual Report for the Measure C program. During this past fiscal year Measure C has accomplished much, including several key, ongoing and completed transportation projects. Implementation of the largest transportation public works program in the history of Fresno County has been possible because of Measure C funding.

As you are aware, Fresno County voters approved the original measure in November 1986. It is a 20-year plan which will expire in June 2007. Fortunately, Fresno County voters could see the great benefit of a continuation of the Measure and a 20 year extension was passed by an overwhelming 78% this past November.

A Measure C Reauthorization Steering Committee of 24 members worked together for many months over the past two years to create a community supported Extension Expenditure Plan which was then presented to voters. The committee membership consisted of interested Fresno County residents representing agriculture, the environment, and business. At the end of this long and intense process the consensus of the Steering Committee was that the plan presented to the voters in November 2006 would be most beneficial for the County. The voters agreed and an extension based on that plan passed easily.

The extension will provide flexibility for the 15 cities in the County to meet our local and regional transportation needs as we grow. The new program will also reflect current priorities of Fresno County residents in that future revenue will be used to improve public transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, rail consolidation, and new technology as approved by the voters.

We have kept the “Promise of Measure C” and our goal for the new program is to continue to keep the “Promise of Measure C!”

Sincerely,  


Harry Armstrong  
Chairman

# Message from the Executive Director


The Fresno County Transportation Authority is presenting our 2005-2006 Annual Report. It is a comprehensive report covering the entire 19 year history of the Measure C program.

Measure C funding has provided the resources needed for the Transportation Authority to complete many projects in Fresno County. These projects have relieved congestion and provided increased safety for the traveling public throughout the County. Our current Measure C program will expire in July 2007, and is nearly completed. The projects constructed have greatly improved the County transportation system. Maps in this report provide a graphic display of the many regionally significant transportation improvements provided by Measure C.

A 20-year extension to Measure C was approved by the voters this past November which will allow us to begin a new 20-year program for the benefit of all Fresno County residents. The original Measure C provided a program to allow for expansion of our freeway system as the communities grew. Projects funded by the extension of Measure C will be more multimodal and include improvements for transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail consolidation, and new technologies as called for in the ballot measure approved by the voters. The continuation of the measure will generate more than 1.7 billion dollars during its 20-year span which will be augmented with matching funds from state and federal governments. The Extension Expenditure Plan will allow us to complete many more priority projects throughout the County.

In addition to the regional highway improvement program administered by the Transportation Authority, all local jurisdictions within Fresno County received direct funding from the measure for local transportation improvements. During the time period covered by this report, the County has been allocated \$4.4 million, with the 15 cities receiving \$10.4 million. All jurisdictions receiving funding from Measure C have delivered the “Promise of Measure C” and we will continue to deliver the “Promise of Measure C!”

Please note that you can keep apprised of the Measure’s progress by accessing our website at [www.MeasureC.com](http://www.MeasureC.com).

Sincerely,  
  
Ronald Peterson  
Executive Director

# Voters Say Yes to the Future of County Roads

Measure C continues to work for Fresno County’s transportation needs. Over the past 20 years, Measure C will have raised approximately 700 million dollars. The success of Measure C equates to leveraging state and Federal funds to double local Measure C dollars. Since Measure C was approved in 1986, the 1/2-cent sales tax initiative for “transportation improvement” has funded numerous projects and new developments that have dramatically transformed the transportation infrastructure for everyone in Fresno County.

Partnering under the umbrella of this Measure C, Caltrans, the County of Fresno, and the cities in Fresno County will continue to meet its promised commitments:

- *To build a complete metro freeway system,*
- *To leverage state and federal dollars to deliver a \$1.3 billion program,*
- *To leave a system that allows expansion for future needs,*
- *To leave a track record of responsible and accountable spending of local sales tax dollars.*

Once a modest stop along the Central Pacific Railway, the Fresno area is quickly becoming one of the most prosperous and fastest growing regions in California. Marked by its rapidly expanding



economy with a host of developmental opportunities, the area’s landscape has changed dramatically since the late 1980s when Measure C was enacted.

Today, as Fresno County continues to grow and our population approaches the one million mark, a strong transportation system is critical. Not only do our roads and other systems of transportation contribute to the overall economic growth of the region, they also improve personal mobility and contribute to the quality of life enjoyed by our local residents; which is why Measure C is of such great importance.

Since voters first approved Measure C in November 1986, more than 1,250 miles of improvements have been made, making streets and roads safer, less congested and better connected in every community in Fresno County.

# LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE FUND ALLOCATIONS



One of the most unique elements of the Measure C Program is the Local Transportation Purpose Funds Program.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax is allocated to each city and to Fresno County for local priority improvement projects. The distribution of the funds is based on a formula incorporating street miles (25%) and proportionate population (75%), and most importantly, the funds are distributed immediately back to the communities.

A summary of the 2005-2006 allocations are as follows:

	2005-2006 W/O INTEREST RECEIPTS	2005-2006 W/INTEREST RECEIPTS	2005-2006 INTEREST RECEIPTS
CLOVIS	\$1,228,901.57	\$1,229,847.05	\$945.48
FRESNO	\$6,852,461.97	\$6,857,341.96	\$4,879.99
COALINGA	\$238,953.10	\$239,123.17	\$170.07
FIREBAUGH	\$94,987.57	\$95,060.93	\$73.36
FOWLER	\$80,145.77	\$80,201.77	\$56.00
HURON	\$106,861.00	\$106,938.22	\$77.22
KERMAN	\$160,291.50	\$160,404.97	\$113.47
KINGSBURG	\$170,680.79	\$170,802.14	\$121.35
MENDOTA	\$129,123.73	\$129,215.77	\$92.04
ORANGE COVE	\$133,576.27	\$133,671.58	\$95.31
PARLEIR	\$178,101.67	\$178,228.33	\$126.66
REEDLEY	\$325,035.57	\$325,334.04	\$298.47
SAN JOAQUIN	\$56,398.89	\$56,446.51	\$47.62
SANGER	\$320,583.02	\$320,830.90	\$247.88
SELMA	\$329,488.11	\$329,720.98	\$232.87
COUNTY OF FRESNO	\$14,841,806.25	\$4,438,639.40	\$2,423.68
TOTAL	\$153,144,215.15	\$14,851,807.72	\$10,001.47

FRESNO COUNTY TOTAL FROM INCEPTION TO DATE 2005-2006	\$54,353,596.48
15 CITIES TOTAL FROM INCEPTION TO DATE 2005-2006	\$113,642,426.39
GRAND TOTAL FROM INCEPTION TO DATE 2005-2006	\$167,996,022.87





# Measure C Highway Construction Program

## Expenditure Plan/Council of Governments

As the designated regional transportation agency for Fresno County, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) is responsible for maintaining a continuing, coordinated and cooperative planning process. Based upon its annual transportation needs evaluation process, Fresno COG prepares a plan for expenditures of the sales tax revenues. The Transportation Authority is responsible for cooperatively implementing the plan.

## Urban

Approximately 75% of the proceeds of the Measure C tax is allocated for highway capital improvements, including administration, legal actions, planning, environmental review, design, construction and repairs. No more than 70% of these funds shall be allocated to improvements within the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, and no less than 30% of these funds shall be allocated for improvements within the rest of the County.

### Route 168

**Route 168 to Temperance Avenue.** "The Sierra Freeway" construction completed on a 12-mile, new urban freeway.



Route 168

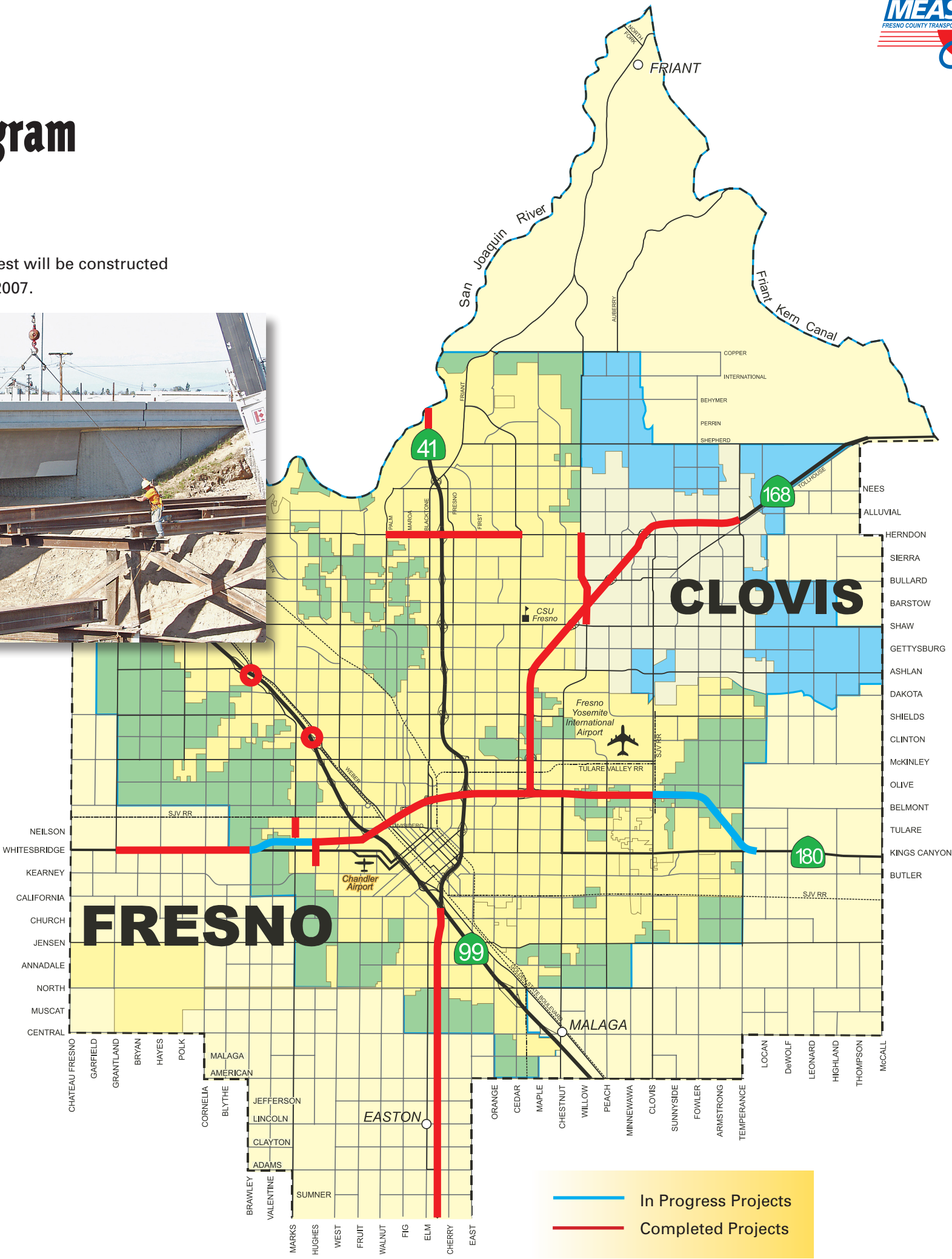
### Route 180 West

**Hughes/West to Brawley**

This segment of Route 180 West will be constructed as a two-lane expressway in 2007.



Route 180 West Construction



Route 180-168 Interchange

### Route 180 East

**Clovis to Temperance Avenue**

This segment of Route 180 East is in final design and is construction ready.



Route 180 East to Clovis Avenue



# Measure C Highway Construction Program

## Rural



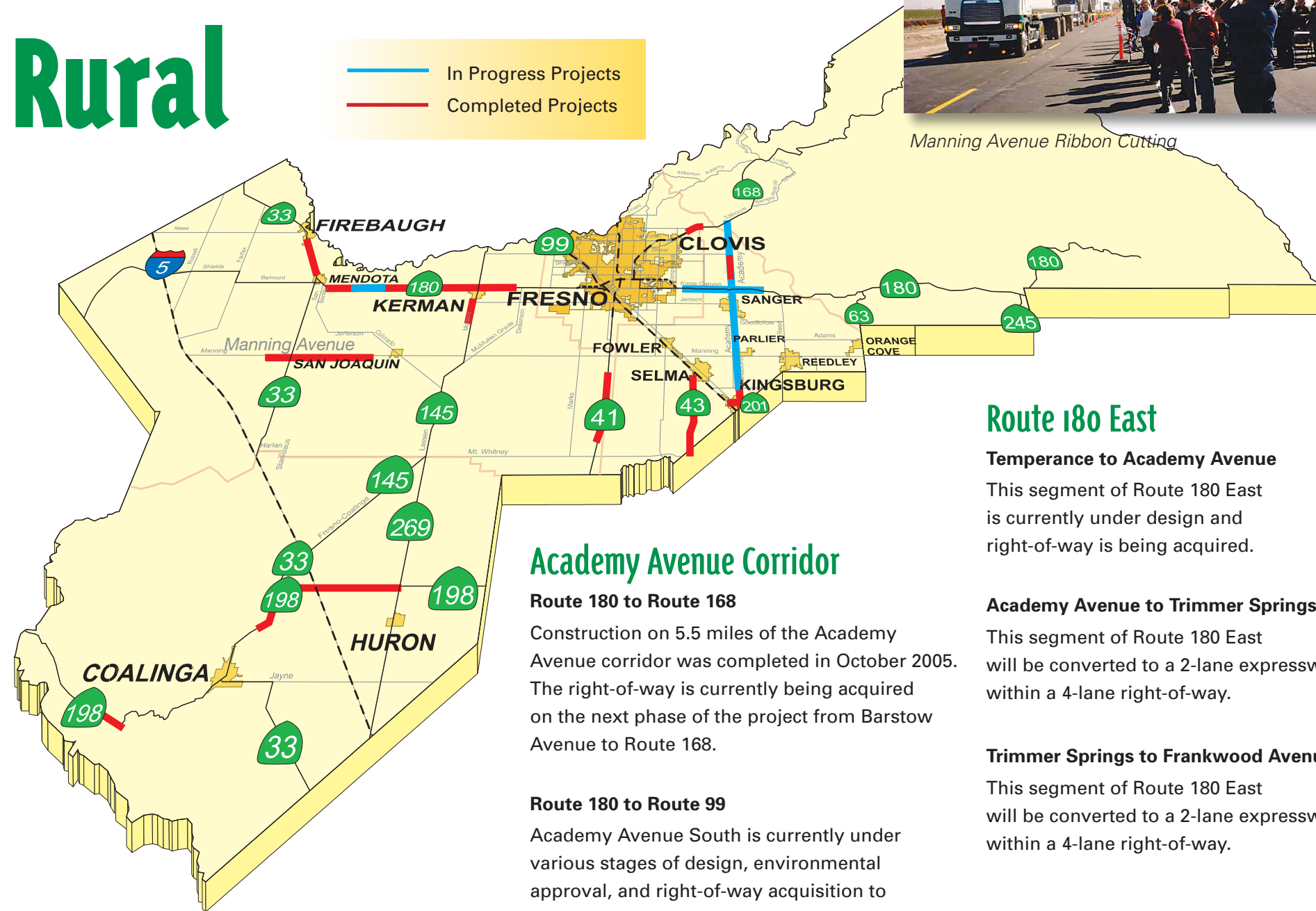
### Manning Avenue

#### Ormsby to Contra Costa

Constuction completed on Manning Avenue totaling 13 miles of new highway.



Manning Avenue Ribbon Cutting



THEN...

Academy & Shaw Avenue



NOW...

Academy & Shaw Avenue



## Measure C Funds Local Projects

A major benefit of Measure C is the flexibility each jurisdiction is given with regard to how their funding is allocated for the types of projects they want to implement. Each city and the County set their own priorities. The proceeds cannot be substituted for property tax funds currently used to finance existing local transportation programs.

Projects have been implemented in the following categories:

### Streets and Roads Programs

These projects include construction and maintenance of freeways and streets throughout Fresno County.

### Public Transportation Purposes

Measure C supports projects including administration, acquisition, operations, repair, and transit.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Program Purposes

These projects include maintenance of bikeways and funding bicycle safety education programs.

### Airport Improvement and Aviation Program Purposes

This category includes, but is not limited to, airport marketing systems, bond servicing, fencing, property acquisition, runways and taxiways and service roads.

### Rail Facility and Service Purposes

### Administration and Transportation Planning





# Measure C Major Milestones

- 1986-87** Voters approve Measure C, the Fresno County Transportation Authority is established, and a 20-year 1/2-cent sales tax for transportation improvements is implemented July 1, 1987, and will sunset June 30, 2007.
- 1988** The first Measure C Expenditure Plan for the delivery of major freeway projects is adopted.
- 1991** In one year, ground breaking for seven construction projects took place along Route 43, Route 99 (two), Route 145, Route 180 and Route 198 (two).
- 1991-93** The entire urban/rural freeway system is environmentally cleared.
- 1992** Route 180 between Route 99 and Route 41, "The Gap," starts construction.
- 1992-97** Major freeway construction projects start on Route 41, Route 180, Route 43 and Route 201.
- 1998** The Fresno County Transportation Authority issues a \$75 million sales tax revenue bond to accelerate freeway construction.
- 1998-2001** The Sierra Freeway (Route 168), a brand-new 12-mile urban freeway built in four segments, is completed.
- 2003** The Deran Koligian Memorial Highway (Route 180 West) is dedicated.
- 2004** Route 180 expands 1.4 miles west of Route 99.
- 2005** Route 180, a brand-new 9-mile urban freeway, is completed to Clovis Ave.  
  
Academy Avenue corridor opens 5.5 miles of new highway.
- 2006** Voters approve Measure C, a 20-year extension by 78%.
- 2007** 180 West will expand 2.5 miles from Hughes/West to Brawley Avenue.



Route 168



Route 180/41 Interchange



Route 99/180 Interchange

