

FCOG

Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director

Mr. Phipps oversees a staff of 21 who leverage their skills across a variety of projects and programs, including: short- and long-range transportation planning; policy and legislation; housing-related issues, project delivery; modeling & forecasting; and public information for the largest region in the Central Valley serving 16 local governments. Prior to joining Fresno COG, Mr. Phipps was the administrative services director at Kern Council of Governments in Bakersfield, CA. Mr. Phipps is committed to leveraging the capabilities of all staff Fresno COG to ensure projects and plans are completed with the utmost integrity and success. He also holds certifications in urban planning from the American Institute of Certified Planners and in transportation management from UC Davis.

Les Beshears, Finance Director

Mr. Beshears has served Fresno COG for nearly 38 years, managing staff and programs for the advancement of regional plans and programs. Mr. Beshears has extensive experience with accounts payable and receivables for local, State, and Federal grants and programs. Due to Mr. Beshears expertise, experience, and attention to detail he serves as the lead for San Joaquin Valley wide projects as well, which spans eight counties. Projects managed by Mr. Beshears include a \$80 million transportation development fund for Fresno County, 30-year long-range plan for capital projects through Measure C (local sales tax), and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program that lists funding sources for our local jurisdictions which vary from FHWA to local opportunities.

Paul Herman, Principal Planner

Mr. Herman has nearly a decade of experience in passenger rail, environmental, and regional transportation planning. Mr. Herman leads the development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, as well as leads the special studies and planning program for Fresno COG. Prior to joining Fresno COG, Mr. Herman worked at the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, leading the development of the San Joaquins Pulse Schedule which improved passenger rail connectivity throughout the San Joaquin Valley. During his time with the Rail Commission, he was a key contributor in the initial planning efforts for the integrated High-Speed Rail/San Joaquins/ACE future service plan. Mr. Herman also has experience with Caltrans in the Bay Area's District 4 on the environmental planning team. He has a deep-rooted passion for his community and the San Joaquin Valley to advance the quality of life and improve environmental challenges through transportation infrastructure.

Simran Jhutti, Senior Regional Planner

Ms. Jhutti manages goods movement projects, active transportation plans and projects, new technology, and the circuit planning engineering program. Prior to joining Fresno COG, Ms. Jhutti worked at County of San Luis Obispo, thus having insight in both land use and transportation planning and previously worked at Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission to strengthen the workforce in Fresno County. She earned her master's degree in Public Policy (MPP) at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo specializing in City and Regional Planning, received a Bachelor's in Business

Economics from University of California, Irvine, and Associates in Business Administration. She also serves on the American Planning Association Central California Chapter's Board as the Co-chair for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion to engage other planners in striving to eliminate disparities while improving outcomes for all and envisions a brighter future for all Central Valley residents. Ms. Jhutti maintains a diverse portfolio of planning experience and serves as Project manager for the Fresno County Climate Action Plan which is developed as a result of the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction program.

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Georgeanne White, City Manager

Ms. White oversees the City's day-to-day operations and is responsible for implementing Mayor Dyer's One Fresno vision and enacting the public policy priorities adopted by the Mayor and City Council. Ms. White has spent nearly 20 years with the City, serving as the Council Chief of Staff, Assistant Department Director, and Chief of Staff for former Mayors Alan Autry and Ashley Swearengin. Ms. White received her Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Business Law from California State University Fresno.

Nick Mascia, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Mascia oversees Public Utilities, Public Works, and Capital Projects. Prior to his time with the City, he worked for the City of Visalia for ten years, serving as the City Engineer and Assistant Community Development Director, Community Development Director/City Engineer, Public Utilities Director, and Assistant City Manager. He is a registered Professional Engineer and Traffic Engineer in the state of California and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. Mr. Mascia received a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Civil Engineering with an emphasis on Transportation, both from Michigan State University.

TJ Miller, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Miller oversees Personnel Services, Information Services, Emergency Preparedness and Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS). Ms. Miller has been with the City since 2006, serving in multiple leadership roles, including Director of Personnel Services and Director of PARCS. She has served as Assistant City Manager since 2022. Ms. Miller received a B.S. in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and an MBA from California State University Fresno.

Randall Morrison, Director of Capital Projects

Mr. Morrison has served the City of Fresno since 2008, with roughly 15 years of experience with the Public Works Department in various capacities. He is a professional Civil Engineer in the states of California and Colorado and is PMP certified. Mr. Morrison received a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Fresno State University and a Masters of Civil Engineering from California State University. He now serves as the Director of Capital Projects for the City, a newly formed department in 2023.

Brian Barr, Director of General Services

Mr. Barr joined the City of Fresno in 2015, bringing 15 years of project management experience to his role as Director of General Services. Prior to his position in the General Services Department, Mr. Barr served as the Assistant Director of Transportation. Mr. Barr received a Bachelor's in Urban Planning and Development and a Master's in Construction Management, both from the University of Southern California.

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