Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Project Selection

City Council Meeting October 7, 2024

What is a CMAQ?

Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)

- A federal program with the primary goals of improving air quality and reducing congestion.
- Must be transportation related
- Must generate emissions reduction
- Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)
 - Call for Projects issued August 2024 \$8.5 million available county-wide
 - Application Deadline October 11, 2024

Eligible Projects

- Active Transportation (Bicycle & Pedestrian) Projects, such as new sidewalks, new bicycle paths, etc.
- Traffic Signal Synchronization (traffic timing)
- Certain Traffic Flow Improvements (roundabouts, adding turn lanes)
- Alleyway Paving (minimum vehicle trip per day is 25 and dirt surface)
- Alternative fueling/Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure.





Proposed Projects

1. Multi-Use Pathway behind Merced College, Sidewalk on Yosemite

- Multi-use Path on Community College North Drive between M Street and G Street
- Sidewalk on the northside Yosemite Avenue from M Street to the existing sidewalk

2. Sidewalks along Eastside of West Avenue, Fig Avenue, and Home Avenue

- West Avenue between 1st Street and 2nd Avenue, and Childs Avenue to Riggs Avenue
- Fig Avenue between South S Street and South T Street
- Home Avenue between South S Street and South T Street

3. Purchase 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) Street Sweepers

Approximate Cost: \$734,000/each



