



# 2024-25 Fresno COG One Voice Advocacy Trip

## Regional Priorities Submittal Form

**Submittal Deadline: Jan. 6, 2025**

**Keep your regional priority content to less than three pages long. Do not change the font (*Arial*). Contact Brenda Thomas at [bthomas@fresnocog](mailto:bthomas@fresnocog) with questions.**

**One Voice Proposed Priority title:**

New Coalinga Municipal Airport Capital Improvements

**Sponsoring agency/business:**

City of Coalinga

**1. Request summary – provide specific priority “ask(s)”:**

Federal funding assistance to support essential maintenance and capital improvement projects at New Coalinga Municipal Airport. These improvements are critical to ensuring the continued safe operation of the airport, enhancing its utility for local and regional users, and fostering economic growth in the surrounding community.

New Coalinga Municipal Airport Funding Request:

Description	Amount
Runway Rehabilitation and Design	\$1,500,000
New Fueling System	\$600,000
New Hangar Construction	\$1,200,000
AWOS	\$200,000
Lighting Improvements and signage	\$100,000
Variation in Actual Costs (10%)	\$360,000
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$3,960,000.00</b>

**2. About the Priority: (Provide specific information about your proposed priority. Include information you want included in the trip materials.)**

The Coalinga Municipal Airport serves as a vital infrastructure asset for our region, providing essential connectivity for general aviation, emergency services, and agricultural operations. To maintain its functionality and safety standards, the following improvements are urgently needed:

**Runway Reconstruction:** The current runway infrastructure has deteriorated significantly over time and requires comprehensive reconstruction to meet FAA safety standards and support the volume and types of aircraft utilizing the airport.

**Weather System Improvements (AWOS):** Installation of a new Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) that will provide accurate, real-time weather information to pilots, enhancing flight safety and operational reliability.

**Lighting Improvements to LED:** Upgrading the airport's existing lighting systems to energy-efficient LED technology will improve visibility during low-light conditions, reduce energy costs, and align with sustainability goals.

**New Hangar Construction:** The construction of new hangars will address the increasing demand for aircraft storage, support operational growth, and generate additional revenue for the airport.

**New Fueling Systems:** The installation of modern fueling systems is necessary to replace outdated equipment and ensure reliable fuel availability for all types of aircraft. This upgrade will enhance operational efficiency, improve safety, and support increased aviation activity at the airport.

**3. Priority background – (Include the priority issues, history and an explanation of the regional significance if not provided in question 1)**

The operation of the New Coalinga Municipal Airport

Priorities:

1. Runway Reconstruction of the main runway is a priority for the City of Coalinga. The challenge faced by Elected Officials and leadership is the airport is a general fund expense. The decision must be made between funding airport projects or funding essential services such as public safety. The continued operation of the airport is essential for regional access to the far west side of the county. The airport provides services for general aviation, access for agriculture in the area, and emergency services along with access to the Pleasant Valley State Prison and Coalinga State Hospital in the area. In recent inspections the condition of the runway has been noted. The crosswind runway condition is poor and had to be closed to operations. The main runway is getting close to its useful life and needs to be reconstructed.
2. New Fueling System is a highly needed at the airport. The current system is obsolete. Fuel is a critical component of any airport. Traffic volume increases with the availability of fuel. No fuel service available has been noted on the last several inspections of the airport. The City is seeking funding for a new fueling system with access to No-Led and Jet Fuel.
3. Constructing New Hangars is an element necessary for the growth and expansion of the airport. With the construction of new hangars, the Airport could work on attracting other aviation related business to be based at the airport. The waiting list has been in use and has had very little movement. There are currently thirteen on the list waiting for hangars. These include the personal use hangars and possible flight school business who have shown interest in locating to Coalinga's airport based on its location and lack of fog.

4. Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). Having a weather reporting system providing real-time weather is important for pilot's safety especially in the pleasant valley where weather patterns, especially wind, can be significantly different than in the areas of Hanford and Lemoore where the main source of weather is reported. These City's are 30-40 miles away from Coalinga. The system helps pilots navigate the weather conditions they will be entering. The system previously in operation is outdated. The parts and technical assistance are no longer available to provide support for the system. The inoperable AWOS has been noted in recent airport inspections.
5. Lighting Improvements are an upgrade needed to the current system. Energy-efficient LED technology and smart lighting controls that adapt to weather conditions could be installed. Installation of LED and other lighting controls would enhance visibility and are critical to ensure pilot safety.

The New Coalinga Municipal Airport has several infrastructure projects that align well with available federal and state funding opportunities. Key projects including the runway rehabilitation and design, AWOS installation, lighting improvements, airfield signage, and apron pavement reconstruction are strong candidates for funding under the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Airport Infrastructure Grant, both of which support safety, runway, and airfield upgrades.

These same projects are also eligible for California's AIP Matching Grant, provided they are included in the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which they are. Additionally, the AWOS system, lighting upgrades, and signage qualify for the California Annual Credit Grant, which offers annual funding for general aviation airports. Projects such as the new fueling system and hangar construction, while not eligible under AIP, may be supported through California Airport Loans, which provide financing for general aviation services and can also be used to meet local match requirements for federal grants. Overall, the airport's proposed improvements are well-positioned to leverage multiple funding streams to enhance safety, capacity, and operational efficiency. The City expects to apply for such funds should congressional funding not be available.

4. **If your priority is not transportation related, are there any transportation policy connections?**

N/A

5. **Provide high-resolution photos, graphics or other explanatory attachments for the One Voice trip materials. Do not copy and paste them here, attach them as separate electronic files. Then, describe the attachments and include them with your submittal.**

Attached

6. **Contact** – Include the contact information for the priority submittal **and** the contact information of the person that will be attending the One Voice trip to speak on behalf of the priority:

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