



San Joaquin Council of Governments

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Assistant / Associate Planner

To Apply:

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Are you interested in a job that involves making a difference in alleviating traffic congestion, providing robust travel options for public transit and bicycle transportation, and finding innovations to improve air quality and public health in the community? If you are, then you may want to read on about a job opportunity at the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG).

SJCOG is seeking an Assistant or Associate Regional Planner to join the Planning, Programming, and Project Delivery Division. The position is responsible for supporting regional transportation planning work activities for San Joaquin County, including long range planning, bus and rail transit planning, air quality, congestion management, and performance monitoring. The successful candidate will develop staff reports and presentations for SJCOG's advisory committees and Board meetings, and engage in extensive involvement and consensus building with city and county local jurisdictions, other regional planning agencies, state/federal agencies, and the public.

This is an exciting opportunity to work in a dynamic planning agency that serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), and Local Transportation Sales Tax Authority for one of the fastest growing counties in California. SJCOG has been a leader in the development and implementation of innovative programs and projects in all areas of transportation. Through the region's Measure K transportation sales tax program, SJCOG is administering the delivery of over \$3 billion in transportation investments over the next 30 years including transit, state highways, local roadways, pedestrian/bicycle, and smart growth projects that include affordable housing.

Currently, the region is advancing its Active Transportation Program, Smart Growth Program, and jumpstarting planning studies examining integrated transit ticketing, climate resiliency, and bicycle tourism. SJCOG is also working with its rail transit partners on projects involving commuter rail expansion to Sacramento, to Merced, and to the Bay Area. Goods movement is also a focused area of planning as SJCOG examines transportation investments to support distribution hubs including two Amazon facilities, the Stockton Metropolitan Airport, the Port of Stockton, and key industries such as wineries and farms.

San Joaquin County is home to seven diverse cities, each with its own downtown area and sense of local identity. Activities in the area include the Lodi wine country, recreation such as canoeing, fishing, kayaking on the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, minor league sports at the Stockton Ballpark and Stockton Arena, year-round farmers markets featuring local produce, and much more. The County's Asparagus Festival, Lodi's Grape Festival, and Ripon's Almond Blossom Festival are a few examples of family-friendly annual events. For out of town getaways, we are about one hour from the San Francisco Bay Area, two hours from Yosemite National Park, or three hours from Lake Tahoe for water sports, and ski activities.

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**SJCOG is an Equal
Opportunity Employer**



The Ideal Candidate Will Have:

- Experience working for a public agency.
- Familiarity with current transportation challenges and opportunities in San Joaquin County
- The ability to collect, analyze, maintain, and interpret large datasets related to planning, transportation, air quality, and other work areas.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to effectively convey complex information, such as technical analysis of a transportation project, to diverse audiences from community members to Board Members.
- The ability to interpret and consistently apply local, state, federal standards and policies.
- An understanding of the fundamentals of California planning and CEQA.
- Knowledge of the principles, practices, and trends in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in a planning context.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience with research methods and sources of information related to urban growth and development, the environment, transportation, and transit.
- Excellent time management skills and ability to prioritize projects.
- Self-motivation, and a work style that supports teamwork, collaboration and positive relationships.

Examples of Duties:

- Develops, organizes, and participates in transportation and transit planning studies.
- Prepares, updates, reviews, and completes various reports, agreements, amendments, and documents related to short and long range transportation and transit planning documents.
- Develops strong collaborative relationships with San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization partners, local agencies, transit operators, and other parties contacted in the course of work.
- Communicates professionally with representatives of other agencies regarding transportation project funding/expenditures, transit needs, land use developments, and project impacts and mitigation measures.
- Prepares staff reports and presentations to the Board of Directors, SJCOG committees, and other groups/organizations about SJCOG's transportation projects and programs.
- Participates on a variety of committees and task forces; attends and participates in professional groups and committees; stays abreast of new trends and innovations related to transportation planning.
- Prepare maps, charts and other graphic materials for staff reports, public meetings, displays and other reference materials.

Education and Experience:

Position requires a Bachelor's degree in urban planning, public policy, engineering, public administration or closely related field. For an Associate level position, it requires a minimum of 2 years full time, relevant professional experience with a Master's Degree substituting for 1 year of professional experience. Please refer to individual position requirements at www.sjcog.org/jobs

Salary:

\$57,285 - \$81,473 Assistant Regional Planner, depending on qualifications
\$64,875 - \$96,944 Associate Regional Planner, depending on qualifications

SJCOG offers a very competitive benefits program which includes medical, dental, and vision benefits. SJCOG also contributes to a 401A program. Flexible work schedule options including telecommuting and a 9/80 work schedule (after a 6-month employment period) are possible.

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