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Stanislaus Council of Governments

Assistant/Associate Transportation Planner



Work with an innovative,
forward-thinking team to accelerate
your professional development while working
on important issues that impact the lives of people
all around Stanislaus County.



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The Position

The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is seeking qualified candidates for Transportation Planners at either the Assistant Planner or the Associate Planner level.

In this role you will be a part of team that makes continuous transportation improvements for member jurisdictions. By identifying existing transportation needs, analyzing existing data and trends, working with local member agencies you will assist with planning future projects for the betterment of the community.

Come grow your career while helping to bring to life innovative transportation solutions.

The Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate will have a fundamental understanding of local government operations as well as applicable state and federal planning practices, procedures, and regulations. Individuals should enjoy contributing to a collaborative culture and influencing progress by offering new solutions and ideas.

The ideal candidate should also:

- » Be a strategic thinker and resourceful problem solver.
- » Be an effective public speaker with good writing and oral presentation skills.
- » Possess the ability to research and analyze federal and state funding programs.
- » Have experience with gathering, organizing, and analyzing data and information.
- » Be an enthusiastic, positive team player with effective interpersonal skills necessary to collaborate with other government agencies, staff, and the public.

Education and Experience

In order to be considered for this position, applicants must have a combination of education and experience equivalent to that outlined below.

Assistant Transportation Planner: A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university with a major in regional, urban or transportation planning, community development, public policy, or a closely related field.

Associate Transportation Planner: A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a major in regional, urban or transportation planning, community development, public policy or a related field and two (2) years of professional regional, urban, transportation or transit planning experience. A Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in majors listed above and one (1) year of progressively responsible professional regional, urban, transportation or transit planning experience is also acceptable.

Experience with a Geographic Information System (GIS) including conversion of mapping data and databases and development and documentation of related procedures is desirable.

Position Responsibilities

The Assistant and Associate Planner are integral members of the team providing technical support to StanCOG management, staff, partner agencies, advisory committees, and regional transportation planning programs and projects. It is anticipated that significant career development will occur while working on the core job responsibilities below through mentoring and close collaboration with senior staff.

- » Research, compile, analyze, produce, and present planning/programming data in substantial written, graphic and/or oral reports for the use of StanCOG management and staff, partner agencies and/or various committees on a range of regional, transportation, land use and environmental planning matters.
- » Monitor delivery of various transportation-related projects performed by partner agencies to ensure achievement of project objectives within time and cost parameters.
- » Develop and maintain a variety of complex files, records, and databases pertinent to assigned planning and/or project activities and runs scheduled and ad hoc reports.
- » Assist with comparative studies in land use, population structure, economic activities, housing, transit, transportation, travel demand management, environmental factors and related subjects of regional concern.
- » Represent and promote StanCOG programs, services, projects, and programs to public officials, community groups, and representatives from public agencies, private sector industry and businesses and the general public on and off site.
- » Research grant opportunities and assists partner agencies with the preparation, review, and administration of grant and funding applications for transportation related projects.

About StanCOG

StanCOG is a council of city and county governments comprised of the Cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock and Waterford, and the County of Stanislaus, that was established in 1971 by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to address regional transportation issues. StanCOG provides the forum that brings mayors, city council members and county supervisors together to work on regional issues in a setting that promotes the involvement of the public in the planning process for the Stanislaus region.

StanCOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Stanislaus region as designated by the federal government, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) as designated by the State of California, and the Local Transportation Authority (LTA). An MPO/RTPA/LTA is a public organization that works with local governments and citizens in its region by dealing with issues and needs that cross city and county boundaries.



Our Mission - *To provide planning coordination that enhances the quality of life in the Stanislaus region by working with local governments, state and federal agencies, and the public to create real solutions to regional transportation issues.*

Vision - *To create a dynamic transportation network that safely and efficiently moves people and goods, improves the region's air quality, and enhances the lives of the region's residents.*

For more information about StanCOG, visit: <http://www.stancog.org/>

The Community

In the heart of California's great Central Valley lies the City of Modesto, an attractive, charming and vibrant community exceeding 210,000. The city of "Water, Wealth, Contentment, Health" has long been known for its attractive amenities and convenient location in Northern California. Modesto is California's 18th largest city and is frequently cited as an ideal community in which to live and raise a family. The city is expected to grow to approximately 400,000 over the next 20 to 25 years.

The quality of life in Modesto is one of its most attractive features. Many urbanites have relocated to this welcoming community, attracted by its small town atmosphere with big city amenities, reasonable housing prices, reputable school districts, and protected open spaces.

Nationally known musicians and touring Broadway musicals come to town for performances at the impressive Gallo Center for the Arts, which is notable for its light-filled atrium and as the home for such resident arts organizations as the Modesto Symphony Orchestra and Central West Ballet. Rafting on the Stanislaus River, bike trails throughout Modesto, horseback riding at area ranches, and outdoor in-line skating or skateboarding at Modesto's newest skate park are just a few examples of the numerous options for outdoor activities.

Modesto has long been known for its convenient location in Northern California, emphasized by the numerous recreation areas nearby: Lake Tahoe, Yosemite National Park, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Silicon Valley, and California's world-renowned wine country. Sacramento, California's Capital City, is just 70 miles north and there is world class skiing just an hour away.



■ Compensation & Benefits

The salary range for the Assistant Transportation Planner position is **\$59,248.80 - \$79,440.40** annually.
The salary range for the Associate Transportation Planner position is **\$69,510.48 - \$91,135.20** annually.

StanCOG also offers an excellent benefit package including:

- » Participation in StanCERA Retirement Association
- » Generous group health, dental, vision and life insurance
- » Paid time-off for vacation and sick leave including 15 paid holidays
- » A flexible schedule and remote work options!

■ Application and Selection Process

To be considered for this exciting and rewarding career opportunity, please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to hr@stancog.org.

For more information, please contact: HR at 209-525-4634

Application materials will be screened in relation to the criteria outlined in this brochure. Candidates deemed to possess the most relevant qualifications will be invited to participate in an interview.