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Stanislaus Council of Governments

Senior/Principal 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 Senior Planner or the Principal Planner level.

This is an excellent opportunity for a mid- to senior-level professional to work hands-on with an innovative group of seasoned industry experts to lead, oversee, and participate in a variety of complex comparative studies and regional planning projects.

Bring to life innovative transportation solutions while using your blend of analytical expertise and interpersonal skills.

The Ideal Candidate

This position is ideal for an experienced planner who can play a key role in developing and implementing transportation projects while working collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders to achieve regional growth and development. The transportation planner provides complex technical planning and research expertise to assist StanCOG management in the analysis of regional policy issues.

The ideal candidate will likely possess:

- » An aptitude for analytical thinking and problem solving.
- » Experience preparing extensive technical planning reports for policy development and/or Board adoption.
- » Experience with effective project planning and management including budget preparation and administration.
- » Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices, concepts, techniques, and current trends in regional, urban and/or transportation planning and policy development.
- » The ability to effectively conduct meetings and make persuasive presentations to a variety of groups to facilitate consensus.

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.

Senior 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 five (5) years of full-time public agency experience performing responsible urban, regional, transit, or transportation planning work. A Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in majors listed above and two (2) years of progressively responsible full-time professional urban, regional transportation or transit planning and project management experience is also acceptable.

Principal 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 six (6) years of full-time public agency experience performing responsible urban, regional, transit, or transportation planning work that includes at least one (1) year providing direct supervision to professional and technical planning staff. A Master's degree in regional, urban or transportation planning is highly desirable.

Position Responsibilities

The Senior and Principal Planner will provide training, supervision, and guidance for a small group of professional and technical planning staff assigned to a designated work unit within the Planning Division. Examples of other core job responsibilities are listed below:

- » Plan, schedule, prioritize, and assign planning projects and activities and communicate status of projects and activities to appropriate personnel.
- » Administer contract proposal and consultant selection processes, monitor for contract compliance, and evaluate consultant performance and work products.
- » Oversee the development of short- and long-range work plans, procedures, and schedules.
- » 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.
- » Plan, develop, and administer project related budgets and validate and approve payment project-related invoices and expenditures.
- » Serve as project manager for the preparation, review, and oversight of modifications to the Agency's Transportation Plan, evaluate alternatives and present recommendations for action.
- » Provide complex technical planning and/or research expertise to assist StanCOG management in the analysis of regional planning and policy issues.

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 Senior Transportation Planner position is **\$79,249 – 110,334** annually.
The salary range for the Principal Transportation Planner position is **\$84,872 – 121,685** 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 14 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, résumé, 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.