Join The Revolution, Stop Air Pollution

Fresno Has 2nd Worst Air Pollution in U.S.

World Health Organization:
Fresno Has 2nd Worst Air in US
By KSEE News
October 3, 2011

The World Health Organization has ranked cities around the world on their amount of particulate pollution in the air. Fresno ranked second in the U.S. According to the report, traffic congestion and industry contribute to the pollution problems throughout the city.

The Visalia area was 7th on the list, with Hanford-Corcoran coming in 8th. Bakersfield took the top spot.

http://www.theatlanticcities.com/neighborhoods/2011/09/behind-pollution-californias-central-valley/207/

Top 10 U.S. Cities With Bad Air? 5 Are In The SJ Valley

Why Does California's Central Valley Have Such Bad Air Pollution?

September 28, 2011

Surrounded on three sides by mountain ranges, the Central Valley acts as a pool for pollutants produced by the region's roughly 3.5 million residents, its industry and its large agricultural community. These emissions get trapped in the valley by an inversion layer of warm air, explains Dimitry Stanich of the California Air Resources Board.

And the Central Valley is feeling the brunt of it. In addition to the Valley's unique geographic and meteorological conditions, it's also a growing population center. Fresno County, the most populous in the region, grew by 16 percent between 2000 and 2010, and now houses more than 930,000 people. More people, and more cars.

"One of the big things we're dealing with is that we have a 1 to 2 ratio of people to vehicle miles traveled," says Jaime Holt at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

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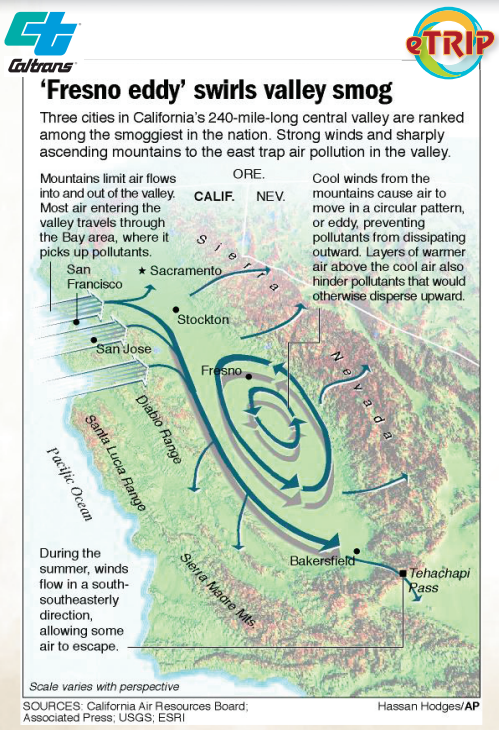

Only 11% of air pollution in Fresno is from the Bay Area.
http://www.valleyair.org/newsed/apvalley.htm

Got Asthma?

Nationwide, SJ Valley Cities Are In The Top 20% for Highest Asthma Rates

examiner.com

Frank Hagie,
Sacramento Environmental Health Examiner
June 4, 2010

Highest rate of Asthma of 320 metropolitan areas of 100,000 or more people in the United States:

Bakersfield - #31; Total Score of 85.38
* **Fresno - #51; total Score of 82.05**
Modesto - #63; Total Score of 79.08
Stockton - #71; Total Score of 76.41
Sacramento - #81; Total Score of 73.50
San Jose - #84; Total Score of 71.96
San Francisco - #99; Total Score of 62.05

http://www.examiner.com/environmental-health-in-sacramento/sacramento-is-a-2010-asthma-hot-spot

Walkability Increases Property Values

Local Government Commission
Center for Livable Communities

Reducing traffic noise, traffic speeds, and vehicle-generated air pollution can increase property values. One study found a 5 to 10 mph reduction in traffic speeds increased adjacent residential property values by roughly 20%. Another study found that traffic restraints that reduced volumes on residential streets by several hundred cars per day increased home values by an average of 18%.

http://www.lgc.org/freepub/docs/community_design/focus/walk_to_money.pdf

Win a Hybrid Car or $1000 Car/Vanpooling!
http://www.measurec.com/

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For more info:
http://www.healthyairliving.com/
Click 'Your Tools' > 'Tools For Your Business'

Park & Ride Areas in Fresno

http://www.measurec.com/
Information on Commuter Carpool, Farm-Worker Vanpool, Senior taxi discounts

Bad Air Cost SJ Valley $3 Billion Per Year

SFGate.com

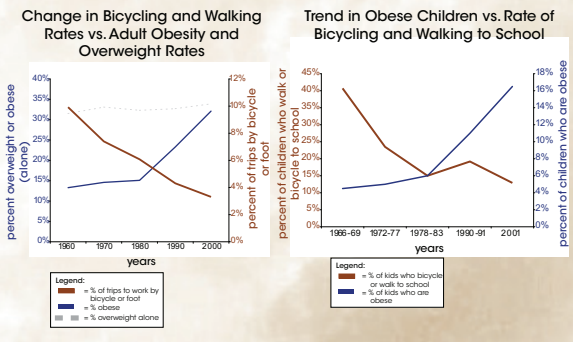
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY / Cost of polluted air in billions
March 30, 2006 | Greg Lucas, Chronicle Sacramento Bureau

(03-30) 04:00 PDT Sacramento — Poor air quality costs the San Joaquin Valley $3 billion a year in asthma attacks, premature deaths, lost work days, school absences and hospital admissions, a study released Wednesday found.

If air quality in the eight-county region were brought up to federal ozone and dust standards, an average of $1,000 for each of the valley's 3.3 million residents would be saved. If the air was improved to meet California's tougher air quality standards, the savings would double.

http://articles.sfgate.com/2006-03-30/bay-area/17287264_1_poor-air-air-quality-san-joaquin-valley

Biking/Walking Saves Our Air & Health



1/3 of Fresno Children Are Obese

Statewide, SJ Valley Cities Have Highest Rate of Obesity

Los Angeles Times

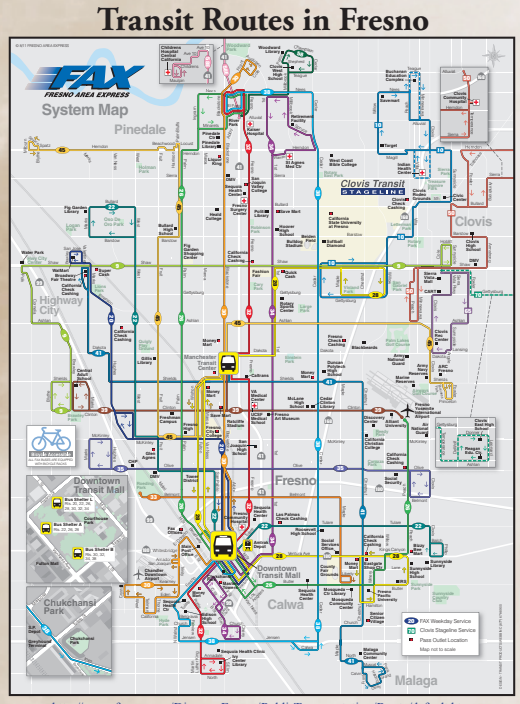
September 8, 2005
Childhood Obesity Off the Scale in California
A new study says that 28% of the state's children are overweight - a health crisis poised to explode into higher rates of serious illness.

Percent overweight (10 largest cities)
Wasco 42%
Delano 40%
Los Angeles: 36.3%
Santa Ana: 34.8%
Anaheim: 32.3%
Oakland: 30.7%
* **Fresno: 30.5%**
Long Beach: 29.1%
Sacramento: 28.7%
San Jose: 27.4%
San Diego: 26.4%
San Francisco: 24.4%

Percent overweight (Statewide)
Boys: 33.9%
Girls: 22.0%
Pacific Islanders: 35.9%
Latinos: 35.4%
American Indians: 31.7%
Blacks: 28.7%
Filipinos: 24.7%
Whites: 20.6%
Asians: 17.9%
Percentages of California children in grades 5, 7 and 9 who were found to be vv when tested in 2004

http://www.hispanic5.com/childhood_obesity_off_the_scale_in_california.htm

Transit Routes in Fresno



http://www.fresno.gov/DiscoverFresno/PublicTransportation/Route/default.htm

Valley Fined $29 Million For Bad Air

Air Quality Violation Leads to Fine

September 23, 2011

FRESNO, Calif. (KFSN) -- The Central Valley committed an air quality violation Thursday.

abc30 HD

A station in Clovis broke the Federal one-hour ozone standard Thursday afternoon.

That means the Valley Air District must pay a $29 million fine for an extra year.

Because of previous violations the Valley already has to pay millions of dollars next year. With today's violation it will pay those fines through 2013.

http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8364875

Bike & Walk Lanes in Fresno

http://www.fresnocog.org/bicycle-maps-0

No Excuses!

Fresno is Officially Bicycle Friendly

Posted by I Bike Fresno Tuesday, June 21, 2011

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
FRESNO, CA
League of American Bicyclists
BRONZE

We are honored to share that the League of American Bicyclists (National Organization) has awarded the Bronze Medal Designation to the City of Fresno as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

The fact that we led the State of California and 48 other states with implementation of the most new bike lanes of any city in 2010 with 30 miles, in addition, to completing the 3 miles of trail on the Sugarpine Trail alignment to connect the City of Fresno and Clovis, and one grade separation on Fresno Street north of Nees helped immensely.

http://ibikefresno.org/interact/news/141-fresno-is-officially-bicycle-friendly

May 14, 2011 — The Fresno Bee
Fresno Transit is 5th best in U.S.
for ability to move workers to major work locations during commute hours.
http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/05/13/2387977/study-ranks-fresnos-transit-system.html

Feb. 16, 2010 — Forbes.com
Fresno is 5th in U.S. for commuters
for consistency of travel time to work, by car or bus
http://www.forbes.com/2010/02/12/best-worst-commutes-lifestyle-mass-transit.html

Nov. 2010 — Alliance for Biking & Walking
Fresno is 5th in U.S. for bike lanes
for total miles through metro area
http://www.peoplepoweredmovement.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices/C529_(pg_88)