



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Sal Petrucelli, Public-at-Large

Bill Jordan, League of Women Voters

Jim Hunter, Public-at-Large

Robert Allen, Selma District Chamber of Commerce

Ronald Dressler, Public-at-Large

Destiny Rodriguez, Public-at-Large

LeAnn Nowlin, Public-at-Large

Absent:

Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Collaborative

Gail Miller, Public-at-Large

Jennifer Hartwig, Fresno County Farm Bureau

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, Fresno County Transportation Authority

Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG

Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

Mike Leonardo, Fresno County Transportation Authority

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held Via Zoom.

Sal Petrucelli called the meeting to order at 5:03

I Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

II. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Elections - Chair and Co-Chair

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee should elect a chair and co-chair to serve on the committee for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Jim Hunter nominated Sal Petrucelli to be Chairperson for the Measure C COC.

A motion was made by Jim Hunter and seconded by Bill Darnell to elect Sal Petrucelli to serve as Chairman on the Measure C COC for the next fiscal year. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Sal Petrucelli then nominated Jim Hunter to be Co-Chair for the Measure C COC. A motion was made by Sal Petricelli and was seconded by Bill Jordan to elect Jim Hunter to serve as Co-Chair on the Measure C COC for the next fiscal year. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Minutes of May 14, 2020 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

A motion was made by Jim Hunter and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the May 14, 2020 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. Status Reports - Requested by COC Members (Mike Leonardo and Les Beshears)

Fresno County Transportation Authority's Executive Director Mike Leonardo provided a status report to the Oversight Committee on the following topics:

- Grade Separation Program
- Litter Abatement Program
- Measure C Extension Renewal Update
- High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility Update
- Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Loan Payback

This was an information Item.

V. Measure C New Technology Reserve Fund, 2020-2021 Application Process (Brenda Veenendaal)

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. Fresno COG released the Measure C 2020 application for New Technology funding on April 10, 2020. Staff received four applications requesting approximately \$8.2 million against an available \$5.38 million. On August 21, the scoring committee met to interview the applicants and discuss the applications.

The following was a list of the applications and the funding recommendations:

Agency	Project Description	New Tech Request	New Tech Funding Recommendation
City of Fresno - Public Works	Adaptive signal control technology, transit signal priority & emergency vehicle preemption installed in downtown Fresno	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
City of Fresno - Public Works	Install 14 contactless pedestrian signal devices at various intersections	\$500,000	\$0
FCRTA	Purchase four electric buses & 50 UV sterilization lights to disinfect FCRTA's entire fleet	\$1,083,048	\$1,083,048
City of Fresno - Airport	Parking assist technology , pay-on-foot kiosks, electric vehicle charging stations, and solar power generation for the new parking structure at Fresno Air Terminal	\$4,100,000	\$1,762,000
	TOTAL	\$8,183,048	\$5,345,048
	New Tech Funding Available (2020)		\$5,380,000
	New Tech Funding to roll over to next cycle in 2022		\$34,952

For more information and links to the applications, please click [HERE](#)

Fresno COG's staff, Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board all approved the New Technology scoring committee recommendations for funding and were forwarding them to the Fresno County Transportation Authority to enter into contracts with the applicants in the amounts recommended.

Bob Allen asked if the applications were the only ones received. Brenda Veenendaal said yes, they were.

At this point in the meeting the committee lost their quorum. Therefore, after brief discussion the COC recommend and supported this item going to the FCTA.

VI. Development of the 2019-2020 Report to the Public

The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee was is charged with annually developing an annual report to the public. A subcommittee was formed to develop the report. The chair accepted volunteers to sit on the subcommittee. Denise stated that the report needs to be completed by mid-December.

Jim Hunter, Sal Petrucelli, Ron Dressler and Bill Jordan were nominated to be subcommittee members to develop the COC 2019-2020 Annual Report to the Public. The subcommittee asked Brenda to provide reports and minutes needed and Denise offered to mail out printed copies of the items.

VII. Oversight Committee 2020-2021 Local Agency Budget Forms (Brenda Veenendaal)

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. Each fiscal year the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) asks all local agencies receiving Measure C Local Transportation Pass-Through Funds to complete a reporting of how they expect to spend the current year's Measure C Local Program allocations. The request went out to local agencies via a form that staff updates and emails out each year.

To date, the following required Local Agency Budget Forms were completed and returned for COC review by local agencies:

- Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
- Fresno Council of Governments

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to the quorum loss.

VIII. FY19 Fresno County Transportation Authority Annual Audit (Denise DiBenedetto)

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation retained by the Authority to perform our fiscal year 2018-2019 audit of finances, had recently completed their analysis and submitted the final report, which was included in the agenda package. In summary the firm found no material weakness concerning internal control over financial reporting and no instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements.

Members asked brief questions that were address by Denise DiBenedetto.

This was an information Item.

IX. FY20/21 Measure C Extension Resolution of Allocation (Denise DiBenedetto)

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. California Public Utilities Code Section 142257 provided the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan, which was approved prior to and provided the basis for the ballot measure considered by the voters at the November 7, 2006 election, shall specify the amount and the formula by which the retail transactions and use tax shall be allocated to each participating jurisdiction for Local Transportation Purposes determined to be priority projects by local governments to which funds are allocated. The 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan creates a number of transportation programs to be funded by participating jurisdictions with Measure C funds passed-through from the Authority to the jurisdiction submitting eligible project claims.

Consistent with adopted policy for administration of the funds, the Authority requested and received the annual estimate of Measure C funds from the Fresno County Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Based upon the annual estimate of total street miles from the California Department of Transportation, the annual estimate of population from the California Department of Finance, and the Measure C allocation formula as dictated by the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan, the attached estimate of available funds and the annual apportionments has been calculated. The estimate projection was not as dire as expected. In addition, the current revenue is above previous years.

This was an information Item.

X. Measure C Extension Environmental Enhancement Program-School Bus Replacement Subprogram Round 6A (Denise DiBenedetto)

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. The Measure C Extension created a number of single purpose programs funded with a defined percentage of total revenues to be dedicated to specific activities. One of these restricted programs is for school bus replacement.

The percentage of annual revenue identified by the Extension Measure for the SBRP is 2.3%. The SBRP will replace the oldest school buses in Fresno County that emit toxic fumes and emissions. The SBRP had two goals; cleaner fueled and safer buses for our school age children. All school buses will be equipped with air conditioning and seat belts providing added comfort and safety benefits.

In the first five rounds of the School Bus Replacement Program Measure C replaced 99 school buses. If funding is approved for Round 6A this will bring the total amount of school buses replaced in Fresno County by Measure C to 115.

As of May 28, 2020, the Measure C Extension SBRP had available funding in the amount of \$4,826,851.62. The balance is large enough to consider a sixth round of school bus replacements. Staff contacted Fresno County school districts and requested each district provide a current fleet list to match against the master priority school bus replacement list. Once a bus was determined eligible for replacement staff requested those districts submit a current CHP 292 form confirming the bus was recently inspected and then staff requested the districts then submit a bus quote. As in the past, staff contacted the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District to see if they also had a replacement program going on during this time. They did not. One district was able to secure a grant with the California Energy Commission in a total amount of \$135,528.17.

The Round 6A list provided includes 16 buses for a total Measure C not-to-exceed commitment of \$2,985,802.13, leaving a balance of \$1,841,049.49 and any additional revenue accrued since May 2020. There are enough funds remaining that will allow staff to coordinate a second phase of Round 6 (6B) that will be brought to the Board in October or December.

Bill Jordan asked if the Governors order regarding electric vehicles will effect this program. Denise DiBenedetto addressed his question and reminded the committee that the expenditure plan does not include funding for electric buses.

Sal Petrucelli asked about the life expectancy of the buses.

This was an information Item.

XI. Local Transportation Pass-Through Projects and Programs Annual Reporting-Expenditure Reports (Denise DiBenedetto)

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Pursuant to the adopted Fresno County Transportation Authority procedures for administration of Measure C Extension Funds for Local Transportation Pass-Through Projects and Programs, and Short-Term Regional Transportation Program projects, local agencies were required to submit their Measure C Extension Expenditure Report(s) for the fiscal year 2019-20:

- Fresno COG
- City of Kerman

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to the quorum loss.

XII. Items from Members

Status report on the Fresno COG RTP Roundtable and RTP update progress from COC representative Kevin Hamilton.

Kevin Hamilton was not present to report on this item. Ms. Veenendaal stated that the RTP Roundtable recordings are available on the www.planfresno.com website. Sal Petrucelli and Jim Hunter provided a report on Roundtable progress.

XIII. Items from Staff

A. Upcoming 2020 COC meeting dates - please reserve these dates from 5-7:00 pm:

- November 12
- December 10

Brenda Veenendaal asked the committee if they wanted the next meeting to be earlier in the day. They agreed that 4:00 pm would best fit their schedules.

B. Items for the next agenda

C. Upcoming Meetings of other related Boards/Committee

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee Meeting - October 9, 2020, at 8:30 am
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee Meeting - October 9, 2020, at 10:00 am
- Fresno County Transportation Authority Board - Wednesday, October 28, 2020
- Fresno COG RTP Roundtable Meeting - October 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm
- Fresno COG Policy Board meeting - October 29, 2020 at 5:30 pm

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. A vote was called for and the motion carried.