



# CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

## Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting Executive Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, November 12, 2020

**Time:** 4:00 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  
Jennifer Hartwig, Fresno County Farm Bureau  
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

### **Others Attending:**

Denise DiBenedetto, Fresno County Transportation Authority  
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

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

**Sal Petrucelli called the meeting to order at 4:10**

## **I. Presentations**

### **About 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.

None

## **II. Minutes of October 8, 2020 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee**

A motion was made by Jim Hunter and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve with edits, the October 8, 2020 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### **III. Status Reports - Requested by COC Members (Scott Mozier)**

The City of Fresno's Public Works Director Scott Mozier provided a status report to the Oversight Committee on the following topic:

- Litter Abatement Program

Sal Petrucelli asked who was responsible for the cleanup. Mr. Mozier said that it was Caltrans responsibility for the cleanup.

Jennifer Hartwig asked when the program was set to expire. Mr. Mozier said that this was a two-year pilot program and as long as Caltrans matches the funding it will keep moving forward.

### **IV. Local Transportation Pass-Through Projects and Programs Annual Reporting-FY19/20 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 are required to submit their Measure C Extension Expenditure Reports(s) for the FY19-20.

- Fresno Council of Governments
- City of Kerman
- City of Mendota
- FCRTA

A motion was made by Bob Allen to approve and seconded by Bill Jordan that the committee received and reviewed the reports. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Jennifer Hartwig then stated that this was not agendaized as an approval item and should not have been requested as such. She stated in the future she would vote no.

### **V. Development of the 2019-2020 Report to the Public**

Summary: The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee formed a subcommittee to develop their 2019-2020 annual report to the public at the last meeting. Subcommittee members include:

- Jim Hunter
- Sal Petrucelli
- Bill Jordan
- Ron Dressler

The subcommittee met via Zoom to begin formation of the report, and an initial draft was developed. Their timeline was as followed:

[11/2/2020] Draft A to team

[11/5/2020]. Draft A changes to Jim

[11/12/2020] Draft B to team

[11/19/2020] Draft B changes to Jim

[11/23/2020] Draft C to team

[11/25/2020] Team review via Zoom

[12/3/2020] Final draft to COC

[12/10/2020] Review & Approval by COC at their regularly scheduled meeting

Please note that this item was incorrectly listed as Item VI.

Jim Hunter updated the Committee on the subcommittee's progress with the report. Denise DiBenedetto asked the committee if they could call for an action to approve the final report by email so that the annual report could get to the printers earlier than what was expected.

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Jennifer Hartwig to approve the final draft of the COC Annual report via email by the committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

#### **VI. Oversight Committee 2020-2021 Local Agency Budget Forms (Brenda Veenendaal)**

Robert Phipps reported on this item. Each fiscal year the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) asked 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 goes 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 - A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Jim Hunter to approve the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency budget forms. A vote was called for and the motion carried.
- Fresno Council of Governments – Jennifer Hartwig asked that the COG budgets be returned due to Line F not matching the allocation listed at the top.
- City of Fresno - A motion was made by Ron Dressler and seconded by Destiny Rodriguez to approve City of Fresno's budget forms. A vote was called for and the motion carried.
- City of Clovis - A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Bob Allen to approve City of Clovis' budget forms. A vote was called for and the motion carried.
- City of Coalinga - A motion was made by Jennifer Hartwig and seconded by Destiny Rodriguez to approve City of Coalinga's budget forms. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

This item was incorrectly numbered as VII.

#### **VII. 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 has 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. Denise DiBenedetto 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.

This item was incorrectly numbered as X.

Denise DiBenedetto reported the total funding for Round 6 of the School Bus Replacement has been revised to allow for a new quote from Sierra Unified School District. The first quote did not include air conditioning which is an allowable expense.

## **VIII. Items from Members**

This item was also incorrectly numbered as XII

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

Kevin Hamilton was not in attendance to discuss this item. Bill Jordan and Sal Petrucelli did inform the committee that they attended. If Kevin cannot report at the next meeting then Bill Jordan (as alternate) will present the update to the committee.

## **IX. Items from Staff**

This item was incorrectly numbered as XIII

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

- December 10

**B. Items for the next agenda**

**C. Upcoming Meetings of other related Boards/Committee**

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee Meeting - November 6, 2020, at 8:30 am
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee Meeting - November 6, 2020, at 10:00 am
- Fresno County Transportation Authority Board - Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 9:00 am
- Fresno COG RTP Roundtable Meeting - November 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm
- Fresno COG Policy Board meeting - November 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. A vote was called for and the motion carried.