



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Sal Petrucelli, Public-at-Large

Ronald Dressler, Public-at-Large

Destiny Rodriguez, Public-at-Large (Via Zoom in)

Bill Jordan, League of Women Voters

Absent:

Roshanda Cureton, Edison Tigers Boys Basketball

Gail Miller, Public-at-Large

Others Attending:

Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG

Ofelia Abundez, Fresno COG

Jake Martinez, Fresno COG

Sal Petrucelli called the meeting to order at 4:10

I. Presentations

About Presentations:

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

None

II. Action Summary of April 14, 2022 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

A motion was made by Ron Dressler and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the April 14, 2022 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Action Summary. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

II. Measure C Renewal Update (Staff)

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. The Oversight Committee was informed about the current status of the Measure C Renewal.

This was an Information Item.

III. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Representation on Measure C New Technology Committee

Jake Martinez reported on this item. On April 8, Fresno COG released a request for proposals (RFP) from eligible public agencies for advanced transit and transportation projects that had the potential for broad benefits to Fresno County residents and had assisted the region in meeting its air quality goals. Fresno COG and the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) were proposing to fund projects of regional significance in the areas of research, development, demonstration, and deployment that advanced public transit and transportation, in line with the Measure C New Technology Program goals.

The Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (New Tech MAG) supported Fresno COG staff by reviewing, evaluating, and recommending new technology project and program applications for funding. While the New Tech MAG reviewed, evaluated, and recommended project and program applications for funding. The final decisions rested with Fresno COG's Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board.

To aid in project selection, the Policy Board had approved a formal process to solicit and accept members to sit on a New Tech MAG. **For this cycle, nominees were still needed from the following categories: City of Fresno, City of Clovis, west side cities, County of Fresno, Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee, FCTA, transit, business, education, and two public seats.**

The MAG application was available online: <https://www.fresnocog.org/measure-c-new-technology-reserve-fund/>. Interested members should fill out the application and send it to Braden Duran at bduran@fresnocog.org for Policy Board consideration. Applications are due by June 17.

New Tech proposals were considered for scoring in August, and MAG members should expect to be available for interviews for each proposal and any additional sessions needed during this month (which may be subject to change). Staff estimated the time commitment at 2-4 hours per proposal received. The Committee was asked to review the proposals on the own, produce preliminary scores and comments, and then participate in a formal interview with proposal applicants.

A motion was made by Ron Dressler and seconded by Bill Jordon to have Sal Petrucelli represent the Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee to participate in the New Tech MAG. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. Measure C Budgets for Fiscal Year 2022 - 23

Les Beshears presented the proposed Measure C budgets for Fiscal Year 2022 - 23 on behalf of Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Les Beshears presented the Measure C budgets for the Original Measure, The Extension Measure, and the RTMF Fund. The Original Measure budgets 610,000 of interest income earned on residual balances left over from the Original 1986 Measure which is programmed in the current Regional Transportation Program expenditure plan. The Extension Measure programs \$115,132,338 in current sales tax and interest earnings in the current Regional Transportation Program expenditure plan. The RTMF budget of \$50,756,253 is an internal service fund to record transfers between the Original and Extension Measure for expenditure on projects funded by the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee.

The committee also discussed the significant increase in sales tax proceeds and the concept of leveraging Measure C to get the biggest value for Fresno County Taxpayers. Leveraging Measure C was a key promise to the voters when the Measure was originally passed in 1986 and extended in 2007. The Authority has multiple funding sources beside the sales tax, including State Transportation Improvement program, State Local Partnership program, State Operations program, Federal Aid formula and discretionary grants. Two noteworthy examples of using Measure C to leverage state and federal funds were the SR 269 Bridge and SR 41 Excelsior highway. Without Measure C funds, neither of these projects would have successfully captured the state funding required to construct the projects SR 269 is noteworthy in that it serves underserved populations in the Huron area while SR 41 Excelsior provides for safety on a highly traveled and dangerous section connecting Fresno county to Lemoore military base and the coast.

The item was informational and no action was taken.

V. Items from Staff

A. Upcoming 2022 COC meeting dates - please reserve these dates from 4-6:00 pm:

- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13

B. Membership Update

Jake Martinez informed the committee that Carla Stanley, Central Valley Black Nurses Association has withdrawn from her position on the COC.

C. Items for the next agenda

D. Upcoming Meetings of other related Boards/Committees:

June

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee - Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 8:30 AM
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee - Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 10:00 AM
- Fresno COG Social Services Transit Advisory Council – Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 1:30 PM

- RTP Roundtable – Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 at 1:00 PM
- Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting – Thursday, June 20th, 2022 at 5:30 PM

July

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee - Friday, July 8th, 2022 at 8:30 AM
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee - Friday, July 8th, 2022 at 10:00 AM
- Fresno COG Social Services Transit Advisory Council – Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 at 1:30 PM
- Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting – Thursday, July 28th, 2022 at 5:30 PM

August

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee (tentative) - Friday, August 12th, 2022 at 8:30 AM
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee (tentative) - Friday, August 12th, 2022 at 10:00 AM
- FCTA Board Meeting (tentative) – Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 at 9:00 AM
- Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting (tentative) – Thursday, July 25th, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Adjourned

A motion was made by Ron Dressler and seconded by Bill Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm. A vote was called for and the motion carried.