

## **Measure C Extension - Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

### **Purpose and Composition**

Measure C Expenditure Plan allocates the proceeds from the half-cent sales tax, approved by Fresno County voters, to a range of transportation programs. The Measure is in its second twenty-year cycle of transportation development for Fresno County. This second cycle is known as the “*Measure C Extension*”. Fresno County residents can be assured that approved Measure C funds continue to support the hard work of constructing and maintaining the highways, streets and roads of Fresno County and its 15 incorporated cities. In addition to these street and highway projects, Measure C provides funding for the county and the cities to address local and regional public transportation needs through other specified programs.

To ensure public transparency, Measure C mandates a committee of thirteen Fresno County residents annually evaluate actual and planned expenditures of the agencies that receive Measure C funding. This Citizen Oversight Committee represents our county population as follows:

- One member from each of the five supervisorial districts
- One member from the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area
- Seven members who represent community organizations.

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) appoints committee members to four-year terms. No one member may serve more than eight years. Staggered terms ensure experience and knowledge continuity among the committee members.

The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) meets the second Thursday of the month from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Fresno COG office complex. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes may be found at <http://agendas.fresnocog.org/agenda/search/0/2>

### **FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 Performance**

The COC met seven times during fiscal year July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023, to carry out the following: accept, review, evaluate, recommend, receive, and monitor the following Measure C plans and expenditures:

- Measure C Extension's operating budget for 2022-2023
- Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee budget for 2022-2023
- Actual expenditures made by agencies receiving Measure C Extension funds.
- Projects proposed by the agencies receiving Measure C Extension Funds, (review for fiscal compliance).
- Informational updates
- Investment of Measure C Extension funds
- Action on unanticipated items in which voters have a vested interest.

### **MEASURE C ORIGINAL OPERATING BUDGET 2022-2023**

The proposed 2022-2023 Original Measure C budget had no estimated sales tax revenue during the fiscal year due to the Original Measure's expiration in 2007. This reserve has accumulated over 20 years since the original inception of Measure C to fund a transition to the Extension Measure and shall be used to finance FCTA close-out costs should a subsequent the second Extension Measure not be accepted by the voters.

The use of these funds to cover the administrative costs of ongoing Measure C projects is consistent with the intended purpose of these accumulated funds.

**MEASURE C EXTENSION OPERATING BUDGET 2022-2023**

The California Department of Finance annually estimates the anticipated proceeds of the Measure C Extension sales tax. Together with investment interest, the estimated proceeds define the Measure C Extension fiscal year operating budget. The Department of Finance estimated total proceeds at ~~\$111,132,338.00~~ ~~90,752,699.00~~ for fiscal 2022-2023. An added interest amount of ~~\$4,000,000.00~~ ~~24,379,639.00~~ resulted in a total estimated operating budget of \$115,132,338.00. This revenue estimate reflects a conservative 2.5% increase from 2021-2022 actual revenues to date. The COC received the 2022-2023 operating budget information in **July 2022**.

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION FEE OPERATING BUDGET 2022-2023**

The Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) is part of the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan. It requires that new development pay its fair share for road improvements. Mitigation fee amounts are based on traffic impacts of these new developments. The COC received the 2022-2023 RTMF budget information in July 2022.

The proposed RTMF operating budget for 2022-2023 was estimated at \$50,756,253.00 and includes the following sources:

● Uncommitted RTMF Fund Balance	\$ 11,012,253.00
● Estimated RTMF Fee Revenue	\$ 6,300,000.00
● Estimated RTMF Interest Revenue	\$ 62,370.00
● Measure C - RTMF Loan Program	<u>\$ 33,381,630.00</u>
Total	\$ 50,756,253.00

These funds are available to pay costs as they come due for ongoing contracts.

**FCTA BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR FISCAL 2022-2023**

Budget recommendations and expenditure reports from all cities within the county and associated agencies were reviewed and accepted by the Measure C COC.

**MEASURE C NEW TECHNOLOGY RESERVE GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Fresno COG receives Measure C applications annually for new technology funding initiatives. The grant scoring committee, Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (MAG), meets to interview the applicants and discuss the applications. The committee recommends funding of projects to Fresno COG. The committee recommends funding of projects to Fresno COG. A member of the Measure C committee was elected to sit on the MAG.

The COC received status reports from the following grant program participants:

- Airport Land Use Committee
- Fresno City College – New Technology Reserve Program
- New Maintenance Facility in Selma

**GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR PROJECT:**

The Golden State Corridor improvement project ultimately improved the 14.1-mile corridor of Golden State Boulevard through the spheres of influence of the cities of Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, and the unincorporated areas of the county. In the interest of continuity for the length of the project, the participating agencies had agreed to have Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) facilitate the design phase of the project and the County of Fresno oversee the construction phase.

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The County provided the necessary Project Construction, Construction Management, and related preliminary activities. The Construction Phase of the Project was not to exceed the amount of \$47,252,000. The estimated construction and construction related cost is \$54,524,000 with \$7,272,000 being funded by the Local Partnership Program which leaves \$47,252,000 to be funded by Measure C.

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (RTP)**

Measure C COC representative has been elected to sit on the Fresno COG's RTP roundtable projects feed into the Measure C Expenditure Plan. The committee this year was kept updated by regular reports as to the outcomes of the RTP meetings.

**MEASURE C EXTENSION PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

It was reported in the October 14th, 2022 [Oversight Committee meeting](#), that in September, Fresno Council of Government staff interviewed three agencies that submitted proposals in response to the Request for "Marketing Proposals for Measure C Social Services including Carpool Incentives, Vanpooling Subsidies for both Commuter and AG Worker, and Senior Scrip." The chosen agency was Southwest Strategies.

**MEASURE C FINANCE & AUDITS**

The FCTA retained the accounting firm Price Paige & Company to perform audits for the fiscal year. The COC was kept apprised by Denise DiBenedetto (Fresno County Transportation Authority) of the results of the audits and any pending follow up that may be needed. As reported, the firm found no material weakness concerning internal control over financial reporting and no instances of non-compliance of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreement. The city of Fowler audit is still pending as fiscal year 2023 closes.

**STRATEGIC FORESIGHT BY FRESNO COUNTY**

Visionary Fresno County voters supported a funding source devoted to transportation systems improvements. As a result of their foresight, our county's transportation infrastructure is being addressed, supporting our economic well-being. Fresno County's transportation system keeps us competitive in today's marketplace. What this means is that by having a Measure C gives Fresno County additional revenue to put with large deferral and state projects as they come about thus ensuring the County has the ability to participate in many projects that we may not have had an opportunity to be involved in or scaled back because there was not enough revenue to move them forward to completion.

The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee is made up of Fresno County citizen volunteers. Our members continue to strongly support the Measure C Extension Plan's guiding principle: "*Promises Made, Promises Kept*". The COC is dedicated to serving the residents of Fresno County by ensuring transparency of all Measure C activities. We welcome constructive comments, feedback, and questions. Please join us as we move forward to a safer, more efficient transportation future.

People interested in being part of the Measure C Extension's Citizen Oversight Committee should contact Fresno Council of Governments at:

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