



# CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

## Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting Action Summary

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

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

### Members Present:

Gail Miller, Public-at-Large

Roshanda Cureton, Edison Tigers Boys Basketball

Bill Jordan, League of Women Voters (Via- Phone In)

Donna Silva

Ali Nekumanesh

David Martin

Samuel Molina, Academy of Financial Education

Shannon Avilla, First Steps Recovery

Louis Herrera, Public-at-Large

### Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA

Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

Moses Stites, FCRTA

Terry Ogle, FCTA

Jake Martinez, Fresno COG

**Jake Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:07**

## 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.

## II. Action Summary for February 8, 2024 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by Roshanda Cureton to approve the February 8, 2024 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Action Summary with the correction of Louis Herrera’s Name. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**III. Presentation on Measure C's history and current Expenditure Plan [Denise DiBenedetto]**

Denise DiBenedetto, Contract Administrator with the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), provided a brief overview of the history of Measure C and the current Measure's Expenditure Plan.

This was an information item.

**IV. Presentation on Measure C programs administered by Fresno Council of Governments [Jake Martinez]**

Jake Martinez, Associate Regional Planner with Fresno Council of Governments, the current Measure C program manager for the following Measure C programs: Carpool Incentive, Vanpool Subsidies, and Senior Scrip. Jake presented a short presentation, per the request of current Oversight Committee members, on the programs he manages and answered questions.

This was an information item.

**V. Measure C COC Local Agency Budget form review for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 [Jake Martinez]**

Jake Martinez 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:

- City of Firebaugh
- City of Orange Cove
- City of Parlier
- City of Reedley
- City of Selma
- Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA)
- Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Moses Stites, General Manager for FCRTA attended the meeting to answer questions on their Local Agency Budget Form for FY 2023-2024.

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by Ali Nekumanesh to approve the City of Firebaugh, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Selma, FCRTA and FCOG. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**VI. Measure C Extension FY22/23 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 2022-23. At the February meeting the Committee asked that the following agencies reports be returned for various reasons:

- County of Fresno
- City of Orange Cove
- City of Selma

The City of Orange Cove and Selma will be brought back at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by Gail Miller to approve the County of Fresno. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**VII. Subcommittee selection for the "Measure C Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024"**

Jake Martinez reported on this item. Every year the Measure C Citizens' Oversight Committee drafts a letter to be included within the "Measure C Annual Report" for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This letter covers topics such as operating budgets and projects completed by Measure C while remaining unbiased. Fresno Council of Government (Fresno COG) and Fresno County Transit Authority (FCTA) cannot bias or instruct the subcommittee on what to include in the letter. All staff were to remain neutral and not bias the subcommittee on what should be written or included within the report.

The subcommittee will meet in July, August, and September during scheduled Oversight Committee meetings. These dates are chosen since the Oversight Committee goes on a 'summer recess' unless necessary actions needing the Oversight Committee's vote are necessary.

A motion was made by David Martinez and seconded by Louis Herrera to have Louis Herrera, David Martinez and Shannon Avila draft and complete the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**VIII. Items from Staff [Jake Martinez]**

**A. Upcoming 2024 COC meeting dates - please reserve these dates from 4-6:00 pm**

- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8

- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

**B. Items for the next agenda**

**C. Upcoming Meetings/Events of other related Boards/Committees**

**April**

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee - Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee - Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- Fresno COG Policy Board - Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

**May**

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee - Friday, May 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee - Friday, May 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- Fresno COG Policy Board - Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

**Adjourned**

A motion was made by David Martinez and seconded by Louis Herrera to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. A vote was called for and the motion carried.