



May 26th, 2021

Honorable David Cardenas, Chairman
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, California 93721

Honorable Buddy Mendes, Chairman
Fresno County Transportation Authority
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 2101
Fresno, California 93721

Re: Measure C Renewal Process

Dear Chairmen Cardenas and Mendes:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of California (AGC), we are writing to ask that you move forward with the Measure C renewal process with the existing steering committee and technical working group, as is, to ensure the best outcome on the upcoming 2022 ballot. With more than 1,000 contractor, specialty, and associate member companies throughout California, AGC represents the full spectrum of the construction industry. Our members build California's highways, roads, and tunnels, as well as other infrastructure projects.

Measure C has been vital to the success of the Fresno region, delivering over \$1 billion of improvements to state highways, county roadways, and city streets. These investments into critical infrastructure have created thousands of jobs, many of which are employed by AGC contractor members who pride themselves on delivering on time and on budget projects that do not compromise design or safety.

The current Measure C steering committee and technical working group consist of an appropriate and well thought out blend of public officials, community stakeholders, and industry leaders, all of whom are committed to bringing a diverse and focused perspective to this open and public process. We understand the concerns of outside groups who seek to add additional voices to this process however, we believe these calls to expand an already robust steering committee would be duplicative of existing methods of input, add unnecessary delays, and could jeopardize the chances of renewing Measure C.

Every year, billions of dollars' worth of goods and agricultural products are transported on local roads and highways. The greater Fresno area's location along a major goods movement corridor



in the Western United States underlines the importance of linking roads, rail, and ports, in a manner that supports the transporting of people and products in and out of the County. However, driving on deficient roads costs the region hundreds of millions of dollars due to congestion-related delays, traffic collisions, and increased vehicle operating costs. As recent polling has shown, voters have a good understanding that the County's transportation system is in need of additional funds. Repairing potholes, keeping local transportation infrastructure in good condition, and creating jobs are considered to be among the most important funding priorities to voters. To maintain the region's competitive advantage and avoid future economic losses, we recommend that the groups tasked with developing the priorities of the Measure C renewal remain laser focused on improving the physical infrastructure which will increase the connectivity of the region. We believe this can be best achieved by keeping the existing steering committee structures intact and as is.

AGC is honored to work with the leaders of Fresno County and move the region forward. On behalf of our over 1,000 members, we look forward to continuing this conversation and working together in the future.

Sincerely,

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