



## CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR JOBS

May 24, 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 California Alliance for Jobs, a labor-management partnership representing over 2,000 heavy construction companies and 80,000 construction workers from Bakersfield to the Oregon border, we are writing to express our support for the process laid out by the Measure C Executive Committee.

Fresno's Measure C has been one of the most successful local transportation measures in the state, delivering over \$1 billion of improvements to state highways, county roadways, and city streets. This includes signature projects like the extension of Highway 180, the widening of Willow Avenue, and construction of the Huron Highway 269 bridge overpass. These investments into critical infrastructure have created thousands of local jobs and improved quality of the life for Fresno area residents.

Recent polling shows that maintaining local streets and roads, freeways, and highways are the top transportation priority to Fresno county voters. As we've seen with numerous local transportation measures around the state, aligning expenditure plans with top voter priorities equates to success at the ballot. The current Measure C Executive Committee and technical working group consist of public officials, community leaders, transportation stakeholders, and local business owners, all of whom are committed to bringing a diverse and focused perspective to this open and transparent public process. Calls from outside groups to delay and complicate the process underway will only make the task to renew Measure C more difficult for everyone involved. We believe this can be avoided by keeping the existing committee intact and moving forward with the process in place.

California Alliance for Jobs looks forward to continuing this conversation and working with the leaders of Fresno County to help create jobs and improve the region's infrastructure by renewing Measure C. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Russell  
Director of Local Government Affairs

CC: Lynne Ashbeck, Chair, Measure C Executive Committee  
Tony Boren, Executive Director, Fresno County Council of Governments  
Mike Leonardo, Executive Director, Fresno County Transportation Authority

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