

Fresno COG Policy Board
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 7, 2022
5:30 PM

Members Attending:

Mayor Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Ramsey, City of Coalinga
Mayor Brady Jenkins, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Daniel Parra, City of Fowler
Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno
Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Councilmember Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Eli Ontiveros, City of Sanger
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno
Tony Boren, Executive Director
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Rolando Castro, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Pro Tem Beverly Cho, City of Selma
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Allison Samarian, Deputy County Counsel

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 13 members representing 81.77% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fresno City, Kerman, Kingsburg, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Fowler, Mendota, and Selma). Members: Huron, Orange Cove, and Fresno County absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Councilmember Roman (Kingsburg), Chair.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of May 26, 2022 and June 9, 2022 [APPROVE]
- B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims
- C. Appeals Procedure for the Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (Meg Prince) [ACTION]
- D. Measure C New Tech Program 2022 Request for Proposals (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]
- E. Fresno County Urban and Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Operations Program and Budget, FY 2022-2023 (Todd Sobrado) [ACTION]
- F. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Operations Program and Budget, FY 2022-2023 (Todd Sobrado) [ACTION]
- G. Reappointments for the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (Todd Sobrado) [ACTION]
- H. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency 2022-2023 Annual Budget (Moses Stites) [ACTION]
- I. Temporary Buy America Waiver for Construction Materials (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- J. Federal Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

K. Contracts

L. AB 361 - COVID Contingency Board/Committee Meeting Format (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]

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Quorum: 13 members present representing 81.77% of the population.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ontiveros (Sanger) moved, and Mayor Castro (Mendota) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Votes: 13 yes. Absent: Huron, Orange Cove, Fresno County.

The motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan (Tony Boren) [ACTION]

Summary: As has been discussed with the TTC/PAC and Fresno COG Policy Board, since late 2019, Fresno COG and Fresno County Transportation Authority staff in collaboration with a team of professional consultants (VRPA Technologies/Jeffrey Scott and Associates, Props and Measures) have been engaged in a vigorous regional planning process to develop a Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan for Fresno County voter's consideration in 2022. While our current Measure C (1/2 cent sales tax for transportation purposes) does not expire until July 1, 2027, there has been strong recognition at the staff and policy levels that there would be some significant advantages to seeking an early reauthorization of Measure C prior to its termination. Fresno COG staff gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan and the process to produce that plan. Consequently, this annotated staff report briefly highlights some of the major considerations/benefits/planning processes used to develop the new Expenditure Plan. The complete Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan and the related PowerPoint presentation can be found on Fresno COG's Measure C Renewal webpage at this link: [Measure C Renewal Plan Development Process - Fresno Council of Governments \(fresnocog.org\)](#). The expenditure plan will be available after June 6th.

Following the Fresno COG Policy Board's action, the FCTA will be asked to consider and approve the Expenditure Plan at its July 20th meeting. Following FCTA Board approval, the plan will be presented to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval and inclusion on the November 2022 ballot.

Measure C Renewal "Regional" Planning Process

- Fresno County region- 6,000 sq. miles/6,637 road miles
- Current population-1,023,358

15 Incorporated Cities

- Fresno - Population-546,770-53.26%
- Clovis - Population- 121,834-11.87%

13 Small Rural Incorporated Cities

- Population range -4,145-23,000
- Seven eastside cities-population 11.97%
- Six westside cities-population 6.32%

Fresno County-Unincorporated

- Population-170,067
- Population % -16.56

- Unincorporated communities within incorporated cities-Fig Garden/Sunnyside/Mayfair/Tarpey,
- Thirty-four “disadvantaged” unincorporated communities:
 - Eastside-Del Rey, Tombstone, Calwa, Malaga,
 - Westside-Easton, Caruthers, Raisin City Bowles, Cantura Creek, Lanare, Tranquility, West Park

The Measure C renewal planning process consisted of a two-prong strategy led by two committees with different membership compositions and responsibilities:

Technical Working Group (TWG)

Responsibilities:

- Identify funding needs, available funding, and funding gaps by mode
- Help develop preliminary recommendations to the Executive Committee
- Forward draft TWG products to Executive Committee for review and feedback
- Provide information and feedback to other related stakeholders
- Project identification, prioritization and recommendations

Executive Committee (EC)

Responsibilities:

- Understand current & future transportation needs
- Review surveys and develop funding recommendations
- Provide Information & feedback to other related stakeholders/community leaders
- Assist with preparing the draft & final Measure C extension Expenditure Plan that best meets mobility needs and will have voter support

The Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan was developed following a set of five “guiding principles” adopted by both the TWG and the EC. These specific principles were:

1. Stewardship
2. Flexibility
3. Air quality and climate resiliency
4. Equity
5. Sustainability & resource conservation

In addition, there are several significant themes in this Expenditure Plan including “Fix it First”, “No Neighborhood Left Behind”, “Improve Transportation Safety”, and “Promises Made, Promises Kept.” For over 35 years Measure C has kept its promises of delivering high priority transportation improvements and services throughout Fresno County. Staff believes that this track record has led to the exceptionally high level of voter support reflected in the two surveys conducted to date.

Public Engagement Strategies

- Fourteen community meetings
- Door-to-door; 1,070 Spanish responses
 - Cantua Creek, Lanare, Tranquility, Orange Cove, Parlier, Kerman, Caruthers, Biola, Hmong community, Coalinga, Del Rey, Five Points, Huron, Sanger, Kingsburg, San Joaquin, Punjabi community
 - Community events
 - Virtual meetings
 - Online & in-person surveys: 2,800 surveys, 2,000 comments

- Two public opinion surveys - statistically valid surveys - just short of 5,500 responses

FCTA/Fresno COG staff believe the Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan balances the inherently varied transportation interests of different stakeholders and represents the necessary regional consensus to garner support from two-thirds (66.7%) of Fresno County voters in 2022.

“Why now in 2022? “Why not wait until 2024?”

There are several reasons that proceeding in 2022 makes sense. These include:

- Recent surveying shows incredibly high voter support for a Measure C renewal.
 - Voter support for Measure C renewal is at 80% countywide.
 - Even when presented with negative arguments, voter support remains well in the 70% range.
 - Surveying demonstrates that voter opposition - “definitely no” is very low at about 10%. Statewide surveying average generally runs about 20%.
 - Due to ever shifting political winds, there is no guarantee that same support would be present in 2024 or beyond.
 - Voter approval in 2022 would allow the FCTA and local agencies to borrow or bond against future revenues generated to begin street/road pavement needs now
 - The sooner the necessary street/road repairs and associated transportation projects identified in the Measure C renewal plan can begin, the lower the cost will be. This is particularly true in times of high inflation. Obtaining voter approval in 2022 will allow the benefits to be experienced by the public much sooner.
 - Waiting another two years is not likely to change residents’ perception of their transportation needs.
 - The proposed Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan is well considered and reflects the views of transportation professionals at both the regional and local levels, as well as the 15 cities, the County of Fresno and the general public.
 - The Expenditure Plan reflects substantial public and private sector input..
 - The Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan is targeted toward Fresno County voters’ highest transportation needs and includes significant local control with maximum flexibility at the local level.
 - The apparent goal of those opposed to a 2022 ballot measure is to shift elected officials’ decision-making authority away to non-elected community-based organizations (CBOs).
 - The Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan is designed to give maximum local control to those elected officials chosen by voters in their community
 - Voters’ transportation priorities are immediate needs. We owe it Fresno County residents to move forward now. Delaying voter consideration beyond 2022 makes no fiscal or policy sense.

Duration of Measure C Renewal - 30 years vs. 20 Years

- Revenue projections: 20-year - \$4 billion
30-year - \$6.8 billion
- Achieving a Countywide pavement condition index (PCI) of 70 would take nearly 90% of a 20-year MC3
- With a 30-year measure, a 70 PCI would take about 50% of the renewal funds
- A 30-year measure allows sufficient revenues to achieve a “good” PCI, defined as 70 out of 100, along with substantial funding for other important transportation facilities and services, including public transit and active transportation
- Surveying indicates that both durations -- 20-year or 30-year – enjoy widespread voter support: 80+%

Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan Highlights include:

- About \$6.84 billion in new revenue over 30 years for transportation improvements
- Slightly more than one-half of the revenue, \$3.5 billion, dedicated to **Local and Neighborhood Street Repair and Maintenance**. Fixing local streets has over 80% support in the two public surveys and is consistently the highest priority within all communities and areas of the County, cutting across all demographic and economic categories. It is also the top priority for nearly all the people who have attended public meetings and participated in on-line and in-person surveys. This level of funding is sufficient to raise the countywide average PCI to 70, which is within the good category. Further, the plan will require that each agency spend a minimum of 30% of their pavement repair funds in disadvantaged areas (as defined by CalEnviroScreen 4.0) until certain criteria is met.
- Over \$800 million will be dedicated to **Urban and Rural Public Transit**, more than double what transit will receive through the current measure. Keeping transit fares low for students, seniors, veterans, and the disabled also scored high in two surveys.
- Just under \$1 billion in the **Major Roads and Highways Safety Improvements and Congestion Relief Program** will focus on reducing and avoiding congestion, improving safety, and reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) and improving air quality. This funding is almost exclusively for modifications to the existing system, not for expansion. The Regional Program in the current measure used 30% of the overall funding, but in this measure, it is one half that amount at just under 15%.
- **Safe Bikes and Pedestrians** will receive approximately \$75 million, which may be the smallest program in the new measure; however, there are significant funding opportunities through non-Measure C sources resulting in well over 95% of the overall need in this category being met.
- \$144 million is dedicated to **Environmental Sustainability**, including: transit-oriented development, alternative fueling facilities, clean-air vehicles, and new technology projects. This program is a bit of a misnomer, as it implies that only these funds are being invested in these sustainability projects. In fact, environmental sustainability is built in to all of the other programs. This Environment Sustainability Program is over and above the funding in the other program categories.
- Lastly, \$1.2 billion is dedicated to the **Local Control Program**. Local Control allows each agency to address its highest priority transportation needs not specifically addressed in one of these categories; or, an agency can supplement any of the previously mentioned categories depending on where the highest need lies.

Under this proposed Measure C3, administrative expenses have been reduced from 1.5% to 1.25%.

Besides the flexibility built into the Local Choice and other programs, this measure focuses on the first 15 years rather than trying to predict the 30-year need. This plan provides for a comprehensive review of the programs' successes or shortcomings near the measure's midpoint. That midpoint review will also re-evaluate the then-current needs and can make program or project adjustments at that time if the needs have changed.

"Local control" of Measure C funding is built into all of these programs. **Local and Neighborhood Street Repair and Maintenance, Urban and Rural Transit, Safe Bikes and Pedestrians**, and the **Local Choice Programs** are all under local control – each elected body will determine how and where those funds are invested. The **Major Roads and Highways Safety Improvement and Congestion Relief** project lists can be found on the Fresno COG renewal webpage linked above, and were all developed with input from each of the 16 local agencies in Fresno County. **Environmental Sustainability** will be a competitive program with funding recommendations made by committees that will all contain public agency staff.

This plan also provides enhanced accountability measures. First, the Citizens Oversight Committee will be retained and enhanced. Second, each program category will have performance indicators to help the FCTA evaluate if the Measure C funds are being invested efficiently and effectively.

Similarly, the plan contains key principles to make sure that the transportation benefits provided by Measure C are shared equitably throughout Fresno County.

Mr. Boren (FCOG) presented the Measure C Renewal Allocation plan and process, providing background information regarding the proposed plan and its programs.

Action: Fresno COG staff, along with the Measure C Technical Working Group, Executive Committee, TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the draft Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan as presented, and move the Expenditure Plan forward to the Fresno County Transportation Authority for its consideration.

Councilmember Roman stated for the record, that Mayor Quintero (Fresno County) and Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) have joined the meeting. Mayor Leon (Huron) was also in attendance.

Mayor Dyer (Fresno) announced the City of Fresno's Proposed Alternative plan and 8 of its highlights. He also thanked Tony Boren (COG), Mike Leonardo, and Fresno COG members for their work. Mayor Dyer thanked the county for their leadership and stated he looks forward to working with them should the measure pass.

Scott Mozier, Director, City of Fresno Public works, presented the City of Fresno Proposed Alternative Plan.

Councilmember Roman called for questions from the board. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Roman called for public comment.

IN PERSON COMMENTS:

Marianne Kast, League of Women Voters – opposes both plans. Demands public involvement, stated expenditure plan is written by staff, questions and suggestions raised in committee meetings are omitted from the minutes and believes this has not been a general public process. Would like the public to be included to develop a plan that works for all.

Anthony Molina, Fresno County Bicycle Coalition – concerned with the Measure C plan. Stated freeways are not free. And from a pollution standpoint, tires are rapidly eclipsing tail pipe emissions two-thousand times as worse than current tail pipes. Concerned about sprawl impacts, climate, and air pollution. Encourage the Board to reconsider.

Destiny Sandoval, Y.L.I – 17-year-old, resident of Fresno. Takes two busses every day to get to school, learned a significant amount of funds were being taken away from public transportation. Stated this measure does not consider people with asthma and needs to spend more money on the environment. Ms. Sandoval stated that what the board chooses to do to our streets and our buses in those years, young people will feel it, accumulating absences from school and work.

Stan Santo, Communication Workers of America – did not see anything on the proposal regarding broadband, or access to broadband in small cities. Stated Wi-Fi hotspots are limited. When new roads are being built, ducts/fibers should be put down.

Kado Prado, Youth Leadership Institute – would like for more community engagement. There was limited opportunity regarding both proposals. Stated why the rush and why not include us.

Ashley Limon, Community Member – the 12% for the FAX System in the plan is not enough and there are no benches at bus stops. Asking to hold on until 2024.

Juan Sandoval, MAPA, Raisin City – stated he has not seen assistance in 12 years. The public transit has one pick up and one drop off. Asked who his contact person on the board is. Asked the board members to take into consideration that no city is left behind.

Ashley Werner, Leadership Counsel – request to not move forward. It is a legal liability. Asked that the board also respect the environment and public health.

Guillemina Leon, District 3 – asking Fresno COG to put a stop to Measure C from going to the ballot. There are two years to make sure its corrected. Measure C has to make sure the public transportation is improved. District 3 has a lot of issues with streetlights, bike lanes, and sidewalks. The funds should be equally distributed throughout the city of Fresno.

Guadalupe Beltran, Fresno resident – stated there was no public participations which demonstrates why we need more time. The 30-year plan does not include air quality. The Measure is an opportunity for community to participant and think of air quality and green spaces. Would like the board to consider the health of Fresno and asked to pause plans.

Gloria Hernandez, Mothers Helping Mothers – concerned for grandchild future. Also, concerned about no transportation for them to come to big cities, developers are not paying fair share, and no water is added at bus stops. Asking to stop this measure.

Olivia Seideman, Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter – opposed of both proposals given today. Will cause more smog and does not address air quality. Stated we need to get it right.

Isabel Solorio, Community Member – against Measure C, it does not include transportation and sewage. Need to work with the community to come up with a plan. We all pay taxes, and we all have a right to a piece of that pie.

Jim Grant, RC Diocese of Fresno & St Paul Catholic Newman Center – signed a six-page report against it. Stated, the community engagement is here and tonight you are seeing community from all over the county with hopes for the future. Mr. Grant read from an article of the Fresno Bee. He stated to the board that in 30-years we will be living with what they do now and to please think of the community.

Lourdes Medina, Community Member – stated we (the community) need you to tell us how we can help. The Local Control Flexibility is a big issue, and the board needs to look at the plans that Fresno just presented and the one that the working group presented, the money is important. Ms. Medina asked the board to look at the 2020 annual report on Measure C and learn what Measure C has done or missed for their cities.

Hina Fatima, CAIR – wants evening access to public transportation. COG/FCTA need to involve residence to assess needs. Need a clear process of the renewal draft. Would like the Measure to wait for 2024.

Lizbeth Alvarez, Fresno Resident – asked that Measure C be stopped to give the community a chance to be heard.

Lidia Bazan, Community Member – asked Fresno COG to stop Measure C from going to the ballot. Stated members of the community have a right to be in the process. There is a need for more streetlights to walk without the fear of getting hurt. With no busses there is not transportation to attend classes. People struggle in these situations and voices need to be heard.

Juan Nunez, Community Member – the roads and streets all look the same. It is hard for students to spend money on transits. Must walk on the street because there are no sidewalks and it's also not safe to walk with animals. Would like to stop the Measure from being on the November ballot.

Rosa DePew, Fresno Resident – lives in front of the Ulta Distribution Center. The county refuses to maintain the street there. Services don't come out in the rain. In need of better streets and sidewalks. Would like more community involvement.

Rafael Flores, Fresno Resident – would like the board to stop Measure C from the November ballot. There is no need to rush, the measure is active till 2027. Asked that we do things right to evolve us.

Guadalupe Santos, Fresno Resident – pause Measure C from the ballot there is no need to rush. Roads and sidewalks are bad.

Ron Martin, Fresnoans against Fracking – stated this creates a climate crisis. Fossil fuel infrastructure is a wrong direction and believes there needs to be an emphasis on climate change. Asked the board to take a second look at it in light of putting carbon in the atmosphere.

Lorna Roush, Farmer and Founder of the Widen 41 Public Group – stated there was multiple public input. Wants the public to know they need to work with the board directly and their own communities. Ms. Roush is in full support of Measure C. Stated there are things that can be looked at, but the measure needs to be passed first. In favor of Measure C.

Esther Ramirez & Jesus Chavez, Residence of Cantua Creek and Elkhorn – asked the board to vote no on Measure C and wait two years so Cantua Creek can be added to the future plan. Ms. Ramirez stated that Mr. Chavez’s driveway fills with water when someone washes their car and he has to pump the water out himself.

Angelica Flores, Kerman Resident – faced challenges with transportation growing up and hears the struggles from families at work. Believes the survey that was taken does not represent the community. She is opposed of Measure C and would like the community to be involved.

Pedro Hernandez, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition – rejects both proposals. Stated that Staff have only interest in getting it through and their political careers are not worth their lives. This measure will have impact on climate change and air pollution such as PM 2.5, a microscopic contaminant that can get through most face mask and get to your brain and lungs. Need to incorporate public health and climate change.

Rolando Sandoval, Fresno Resident – stated that he used to be a proud member of Fresno but is not proud of the way it looks. There are no sidewalks in neighborhoods and roads need to be safer. Would like to stop measure C from going on the ballot.

Kevin Sanchez, Fresno Resident – would like to stop Measure C from going on the ballot. Public transportation matters to the community who can’t go without reliable transportation. There is no Wi-Fi on busses. Some have no access to transportation to get Covid vaccines.

ZOOM COMMENTS:

Sadia Khan, Community Member – stated that the measure did not take the community into account. Questions were worded and used to shift the perception. Some don’t have license to drive a car and are excluded because they cannot access transportation.

Susan McCall Carroasco, Community Member – spoke to support the delay of the Measure. Stated rural communities need attention. Small town mayors are getting small checks. Need connection transportation for all cities so students can attend. Need a Master Plan.

Panfilo Cerrillo, Community Member – stated that he lives outside the city limits where they have the worse air in the state. Stated there isn’t enough being done to monitor what business are doing to residences, including the more businesses that go in, the more that his water well dries up. Fresno COG needs to do the right thing and not put the measure on the ballot.

Sarah Harris, Served on Executive Committee – during this process there was no community involvement. Urged the community that local issues they have are not Measure C. Bring back community involvement to your local communities, don’t wait.

Mark Keppler, Executive Director, The Maddy Institute – stated he respected the work of all those who took part in it. The City’s proposal is “Robbing Peter to pay Paul”. There is much to like about the city’s proposal but both proposals were generated without public input.

Lisa Flores, Community Member – the measure does not address air quality. Suggests pulling the measure and go back to drawing board.

Rosario Rodriguez, Community Member – asked the board to stop the measure. Cantua Creek is not included in the plan, and they pay taxes too. Ms. Rodriguez does not want to wait 30 years for Cantua Creek to be included in the plan. Did not have transportation and was not able to attend in person.

Nayamin Martinez, Certified California Environmental – stated that the plan does nothing for air quality. In 30 years, we will have the worst climate change in the world. This plan is not really about equity. Without transportation people can't go to work, or doctors' appointments. Asking members to reject the plan.

Ofelia Ochoa, Mendota Resident – works with elderly who need most help, they are the most forgotten. Not in agreement to pass Measure C.

Reyna Leon, Fresno Resident – stated that roads do not have sidewalks for students to walk, there are no bike lanes, need public transportation for medical appointments. Asked members to pause Measure C.

Luisa Medina, Fowler Resident – asked members to not place measure on the November ballot and to take time to review the plan and create something solid together.

Kevin Hall, Community Member – 2002 is being repeated here. The community needs to be updated.

Eulalio Sambrano, Downtown Fresno Resident – concerns with potholes causing damage to cars and sidewalks that have roots popping out of them. Stated that Clovis gets money taken from rural communities and contractors are not from the Fresno area, jobs should come back to Fresno. Asked to not put on the ballot.

Edward Flores, Professor, UC Merced – stated that a sample representative study of Fresno voters was taken that asked registered voters how they would like to see the Measure C Transportation tax funds invested in the city in a multiply choice question. The question ask how might fund best be spent to improve the lives of members in your household. Nearly half of all respondents prefer the funds be invested in streets and roads in low-income communities. The second highest response was that funds be invested in climate change and air quality. Largest random sample survey of its kind from 5 out of 7 city council districts. Recommends reinforcing that recommendation.

CONTINUED IN PERSON COMMENTS:

Marisol Madrigal, CCEJN – stated that she would vote no and ask family and friends to vote no. Ms. Madrigal has asthma and must miss activities. Her grandma lives in Biola and cannot get to her Dr. appointments. Asked Mayor Dyer to wait till 2024 on the measure.

Rocio Madrigal, CCEJN – would like to wait for a better plan. Many advocates for future generations. Asking the board to listen. Communities need to be brought up to starting line. Asked the boared to spend 6 hours of their livese in their shoes.

Jovana Morales, Fresno Resident – stated that Wi-Fi is not included, need safer neighborhoods, and reliable transit. Asked not to adopt Measure C.

Ivanka Saunders, LCJA – opposed of the plan. Stated it does not cover necessary affairs. 2% of the plan in 30 years will go to infrastructure with climate change. Asked members to not pass.

Yolanda Valente, Community Member – thanked God for being here and asked that he come into all of members minds and take the community into account. Ms. Valente has a daughter with special needs and needs the bus. Asked the board not to pass Measure C.

Andy Levine, FUSD – stated that he cannot support a plan that does not address needs of students. Asked to reject Measure C and quoted the Fresno Bee stating “Fresno County needs Measure C, but not in this form. Stop November election to do it right.”

Viva Islas, FUSD – stated the city and county can only use funds for asphalts and pavements. 70% of the population is overweight. Daily regular physical activity needs to be invested in the health of the community to be out and active. Asked members not to move forward and prioritize public health.

Jameece McLaren, Community Member – in favor of repairing roads. Had jobs lost because she couldn't get there. Need to address more important matters that are not in the proposal.

Maria Guzman, Fresno Resident – stated there have not been any sidewalks or streetlights since her son was in kindergarten, he is now in college, and it takes him more than 2 hours to get there. Mr. Guzman also stated that the City of Fresno put in drainage for their homes and charged \$5,000 per home and they have not been able to connect.

Araceli Sanabria, Resident of District 5 – stated that the street is in bad condition and the neighborhood is very old. She asked members to stop Measure C. Stated they have the right to make their community look like the ones in North Fresno.

Dan Nuncio, Carpenters Union – stated there is a difference between building smart. The Foundation needs to be strong when you vote on it. Covid happened soon after Measure C came out and it's still here. Asking the board to postpone the measure. Although, he is not against it, he would like to see what is needed in communities.

Dez Martinez, Community Member – would like to know who was notified and how information was sent out. Ms. Martinez stated she had never heard of it until 2 weeks ago. Stated how many of the board members will be here in 30 years making choices for their children. Many don't have funds to ride buses to areas needed and there are no transits at night. Majority ride bikes and there are no ADA curbs. Asking to wait on Measure C.

Veronica Garibay, Co-Director leadership Council – stated she has been following since January and it has not been a public process. Several comments have been submitted. The renewal plan was release May 26th. Ms. Garibay asked members of the board to do the right thing and not to move forward.

Councilmember Roman closed public comments.

Councilmember Roman calls for Board member comments.

Mayor Castro (Mendota) – thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. Stated he could relate to many of the comments. Mayor Castro stated that he comes from a rural community, and he is here to make Mendota a better community.

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) – thanked Tony Boren (Fresno COG) and staff for the outstanding job. Stated he is proud that the community is speaking up whether they are for or against it.

Mayor Ontiveros (Sanger) – thanked the community for coming out and sharing their opinions.

Supervisor Quintero (Fresno County) – thanked the community for attending the meeting and the community-based organizations comments. Thanked the Fresno Bee, Opinion column.

Mayor Dyer (Fresno) – thanked everyone for coming out during the busy work week and for their participation. Mayor Dyer stated that he agreed with many tonight and that is the reason they came together to come up with an alternative.

Mayor Beltran (Parlier) – thanked all those who attended.

Mayor Flores (Clovis) – stated that he was saddened to hear some of the testimony that there was a lack of engagement. Mayor Flores stated that staff did sufficient outreach, and he was glad that the City of Fresno met with Fresno COG and FCTA to bring the proposal before us.

Mayor Yep (Kerman) – thanked all for showing up. Stated that this is all part of the process and looking back you should be proud for showing up and expressing your voices.

Mayor Leon (Huron) – Believes there is opportunity to make things better.

Councilmember Parra (Fowler) – stated that he knows where many who commented are coming from and appreciates all the work done. Councilmember Parra stated he must do what’s best for his city.

Mayor Ramsey (Coalinga) – agreed with most of the mayors in attendance and stated that he hoped the public would come out more in the future.

Mayor Flores (Clovis) expressed concern that Fresno’s TOD language would preclude Clovis from ever qualifying.

Mr. Leonardo, FCTA Executive Director, suggested that Fresno, Clovis, and COG staff could work off line on mutually acceptable TOD language.

Mayor Dyer supported that suggestion.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Yep (Kerman) moved and Councilmember Parra (Fowler) seconded to accept the EC/TWG plan, as modified by the City of Fresno, with clarifying language on TOD portion, clarifying dollar amounts included on the November Ballot and forward on to FCTA for Consideration.

Votes:

11 yes (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Parlier, Sanger, Fresno County)

4 no (Mendota, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma)

Absent: Orange Cove.

The motion passed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

There were no items from staff

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Policy Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Policy Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes.**

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public:

Marianne Kast, League of Women Voters
Anthony Molina, Fresno County Bicycle Coalition
Destiny Sandoval, Y.L.I
Stan Santo, Communication Workers of America
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