



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Action Summary

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

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

Members Present:

Louis Herrera, Public-at-Large
David Martin, Public-at-Large
Donna Silva, Public-at-Large

Gail Miller, WTS
Shannon Avilla, First Steps Recovery

Members Absent:

Ali Nekumanesh, Public-at-Large
Roshanda Cureton, Edison Tiger Basketball

Luisa Medina, League of Women Voters
Samuel Molina, Academy of Financial Education

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

Brenda Thompson, Fresno COG
Jake Martinez, Fresno COG

Shannon Avilla called the meeting to order at 5:06.

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.

None

II. Minutes for January 9, 2025 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by David Martin to approve the January 9, 2025 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Measure C Renewal Process

Brenda Thomas reported on this item. In January, Fresno COG's Policy Board approved four contracts totaling nearly \$1.75 million for the 2026 Measure C expenditure plan development and renewal effort, including \$199,629 for a steering committee facilitator. This contract, along with the overall program manager's contract, was awarded to DKS, with a variety of subconsultants in various supporting roles.

On Feb. 5, Fresno COG and Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) staff held its kick-off meeting with facilitator and program manager Kendall Flint to review expectations and approaches to form the renewal committee and how to operate. To date, Fresno COG had received more than a dozen "expression of interest" forms from different stakeholders and stakeholder groups to serve on the committee.

While no selections had been made, the applications cover a wide range of interest groups, including the Fresno Cycling Club, the Sequoia Safety Council, Tree Fresno, the Central Valley Community Foundation, Center for Community Voices at Fresno State, Tranquility Resource Conservation District, Central Labor Council and several others.

Kendall Flint is a transportation sales tax measure veteran who had produced or helped produce six prior expenditure plans, from as nearby as Madera County in 2024 to Placer County in the north, along with measures in Merced and Stanislaus counties also in the San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Flint had already begun connecting with a wide variety of stakeholder groups throughout the region to supplement Fresno COG's solicitation for committee members and will continue to conduct research and interviews throughout February and into March, with a goal of the first renewal committee meeting occurring in March or April.

The process will work toward early consensus on those issues that are considered non-controversial for the overall regional good. Reports from the committee's progress had followed Fresno COG's regular agenda process, coming through the TTC/PAC and Board on a monthly or semi-monthly basis.

This was an information item.

IV. Measure C Extension Local Agency Audits [Denise DiBenedetto]

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Price Paige & Company Certified Public Accountants was retained by the Authority to perform the audit of finances on all local agencies receiving Measure C Extension revenue as required in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan. The firm had recently completed the audit of finances and submitted the final report for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022¹ and June 30, 2023¹, for the agencies listed below:

- FY/21 City of Parlier

- FY/21 City of Sanger
- FY/22 City of Fresno
- FY/23 Fresno FAX
- FY23 City of Kerman
- FY/23 City of Selma

In summary the firm stated that overall, local agencies continued to adhere to the record keeping and reporting requirements, as well as proper expenditure of Measure C funds in accordance with provisions of the Measure C Transportation Sales Tax Extension. The remaining agencies in process of their audits were presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

Remaining FY/22

- City of Huron
- City of Orange Cove
- City of Parlier
- City of San Joaquin
- City of Sanger

Remaining FY/23

- City of Coalinga
- City of Firebaugh
- City of Fowler
- City of Fresno
- City of Huron
- City of Orange Cove
- City of Parlier
- City of San Joaquin
- City of Sanger
- County of Fresno

This was an information item.

V. Local Transportation Pass-through Projects and Programs Annual Expenditure Report Requirements and Submittals for Measure C Extension FY23/24 Funds.

Denise DiBenedetto 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 are required to submit their Measure C Extension Expenditure Report(s) for the fiscal year 2023-24:

- City of Clovis
- Clovis Transit
- City of Firebaugh
- City of Fowler
- City of Fresno
- Fresno Airports
- City Huron
- City of Kingsburg
- City of Parlier
- City of Reedley
- City of San Joaquin
- City of Sanger
- County of Fresno

The City of Orange Cove had requested additional time to complete their reporting, which was allowed. Their reports were presented at the next COC meeting.

The committee discussed Orange Cove's report and asked for more information on how they are using their funds.

A motion was made by Gail Miller and seconded by Donna Silva to approve the Cities of Clovis, Clovis Transit, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Fresno Airports, Huron, Kingsburg, Parlier, Reeley, San Joaquin, Sanger and Fresno County. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. Measure C COC Local Agency Budget Form review for FY24-25 (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 went out to local agencies via a form that staff updated and emailed out each year.

To date, the following required Local Agency Budget Forms were completed and returned for COC review by local agencies:

- City of Huron
- City of Mendota
- City of Selma
- County of Fresno

A motion was made by Donna Silva and seconded by David Martin to approve the cities of Huron, Mendota, Selma and the County of Fresno. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VIII. Items from Staff [Jake Martinez]

A. Upcoming 2025 COC meeting dates – please reserve these dates from 5-7:00 pm

- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- July 3
- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

B. Items for the next agenda

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

February

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee – Friday, February 14, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee – Friday, February 14 at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- Fresno COG Policy Board – Thursday, February 27 at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

March

- Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee – Friday, March 13, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

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Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56