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**Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, May 9, 2025
10:00 AM**

The meeting was held at FCOG Sequoia Conference Room.

Andrew Haussler, City of Clovis
Ben Gallegos, City of Firebaugh
Nicholas Mascia, City of Fresno
John Jansons, City of Kerman
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg
Cristian Gonzalez, City of Mendota
Shun Patlan, City of Orange Cove
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
David Deel, Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps, FCOG
Moses Stites, FCRTA

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Jansons (Kerman), Chair. With 8 members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

JOINT Transportation Technical/Policy Advisory Committee

A. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

David Deel reported on the following:

- Shane Gunn is the new acting Planning Director.
- OWP is due May 9th.
- Thanked FCRTA for their hospitality and training at the new facility in Selma.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of April 11, 2025 [APPROVE]**
- B. FY 24-25 City of Kingsburg Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- C. FY 24-25 City of Kerman Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- D. FY 24-25 City of Orange Cove Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- E. FY 24-25 City of Firebaugh Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- F. Third Quarterly FY 24-25 Work Element and Financial Report (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**
- G. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Final Estimates (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- H. Fiscal Year 2025-26 State Transit Assistance (STA) Final Estimates (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- I. Fiscal Year 2025-26 State of Good Repair (SGR) Final Estimates (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**

- Mr. Jansons called for any items wishing to be pulled by members or by the public.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Haussler (Clovis) motioned, and Ms. Zieba (Reedley) seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-I as presented.

**All in Favor, no opposed.
Motion passed.**

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure C Amendment No. 9 - Safe Routes to Schools Program (Paul Herman) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Measure C funding for a new, regional Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program was identified in 2024 as potentially being derived from funds not being expended in existing programs from the 2006 Measure C Extension. Beginning in 2023, the Policy Board's SRTS Subcommittee met to discuss and identify infrastructure investments to support educational institutions throughout the County, specifically in priority communities. The Measure C Safe Routes to School allocation aims to support transportation projects serving primary and secondary students in accessing public school facilities to:

Improve safety for children walking or biking to school;
Prioritize schools with significant safety concerns or risks to children bicycling or walking to school based on crash data, traffic analysis, or traffic behavior around primary and secondary schools; and
Support disadvantaged and low-income communities with fewer transportation safety options to ensure all children have access to safe routes.

In November 2024, Fresno COG's Policy Board approved transferring \$6 million in Measure C funding from the Senior Scrip, carpool/vanpool and agricultural vanpool programs into a new SRTS program for one-time funding of eligible projects on a formula, pro-rata basis. In December 2024, the Fresno County Transportation Authority countered Fresno COG's proposal with a recommendation to keep available funding among rural jurisdictions and the County of Fresno only, but to make the program competitive, requiring a call for projects.

Policy Board members discussed and conceptually approved FCTA's counterproposal at Fresno COG's January 2025 meeting. Codifying this action requires a formal amendment to the 2006 Measure C Expenditure Plan, which must be approved by both the Fresno COG Policy Board and the FCTA.

Following Board direction, Fresno COG and FCTA staff have developed draft SRTS guidelines and a draft application packet for the 13 eligible entities, which are attached to this staff report. Based largely on California's Active Transportation Program, the SRTS guidelines prioritize bicycle and pedestrian-friendly projects within one-half mile of a school site and establish a project limit of \$1.5 million, among other characteristics. On April 24, the SRTS Subcommittee met to review and revise the guidelines and application packet and both approved drafts have been attached to the agenda.

Staff and the SRTS Subcommittee are recommending the Fresno COG Policy Board approve Amendment No. 9 to the 2006 Measure C Expenditure Plan, which includes reallocating \$6 million in Measure C funds to the new Safe Routes to Schools program, and to be distributed following the attached guidelines and application.

Action: Information only.

- Paul Herman (FCOG) reported on the item.

This is an informational item, no action needed.

B. Fresno County Extreme Heat Working Group (Matthew Shimizu) [INFORMATION]

Background: Fresno COG was awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant in fiscal year 2024-25 to conduct a Fresno County Extreme Heat Analysis. The analysis is intended to provide valuable data for future climate adaptation and mitigation responses to extreme heat induced by climate change. The plan will also identify native and drought-tolerant tree canopy and vegetative cover improvement projects in communities most vulnerable to extreme heat, based on the extreme heat vulnerability analysis, and bike and pedestrian traffic analysis. This plan will inform general plans, long-range plans, and the design and retrofit of future and present infrastructure.

Summary: As part of the plan, staff is establishing a working group to guide and provide feedback on the project phases and to review the draft list of tree canopy and vegetative cover projects in the region. Fresno COG staff is requesting

participants from the member agency staff or recommendations for working group members for the ongoing Fresno County Extreme Heat Plan.

Action: Information only.

- Matthew Shimizu (FCOG) reported on the working group.

This is an informational item, no action needed.

C. 2026 Measure C Renewal Update (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

Summary: The Measure C 2026 Steering Committee held an introductory, four-hour session on April 26, setting the stage for regular meetings going forward on the second Thursday of each month beginning May 8 through at least the beginning of 2026. The Steering Committee membership list is attached to this report.

The first meeting covered the widest range of topics anticipated of all the gatherings, from the enabling legislation allowing for Measure C's development under the Public Utilities Code to the current state of transportation funding and the potential for what a future Measure might look like. The May meeting will further outline what are anticipated to be the four main categories of potential expenditures — local streets and roads, transit, regional (capital) projects and bicycle/pedestrian/special projects and programs — and then begin to dive into greater detail regarding those categories and other potential eligible projects or programs. Transit providers will present first, offering a glimpse into their operations and funding requirements.

Separately, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) — comprising professional transportation staff from each jurisdiction in the Fresno region, transit providers and Caltrans — will hold its first meeting on May 14. This committee will meet on a semi-monthly basis with a mission to provide technical guidance to the Steering Committee with regard to both funding needs and legal requirements. TAC members will also provide regular presentations on a monthly basis to the Steering Committee.

In addition, the new measurec2026.com website debuted in April. It includes an online engagement tool allowing the public to “spend” points in the four major transportation categories, as well as allocating points to other transportation-related projects or programs they may wish to specifically emphasize. The website also features a comprehensive calendar of public outreach events, “pop-up” booths at community festivals, formal presentations and other activities designed to solicit input and build awareness about Measure C.

Finally, staff assisted the Fresno County Transportation Authority with a comprehensive overhaul of the original Measure C website, measurec.com, which now includes a wide array of additional reporting on multiple programs from the current initiative, including local project highlights from each of the 16 jurisdictions in Fresno County. Both websites are also mutually complementary, linking to each other for easier user reference.

Action: Information and discussion. The Committee may provide additional direction at its discretion.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) gave an update on the Steering Committee meetings.
- Kendell Flint presented a PowerPoint presentation.

This is an informational item, no action needed.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- NONE

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- NONE

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) announced the following:
 - One Voice trip to DC April 27th-May 1st.
 - REAL ID requirement now in effect.

B. Items from Members

- John Jansons (Kerman) announced the City of Kerman received the Blue Print Award.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

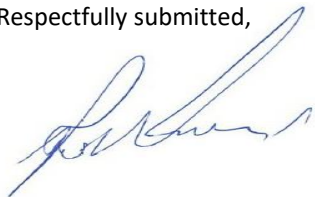
A. Public Presentations

- None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Phipps', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Phipps, Executive Director

Public:

Kendall Flint

Terry Ogle

Staff:

Denise Flores, Robert Phipps, Paul Herman, Moses Stites, Blake Rincon, Brenda Thomas, Matthew Shimizu.