



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Action Summary

Date: Thursday, June 5, 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

Roshanda Edison Tiger Basketball
Luisa Medina, League of Women Voters
Ali Nekumanesh, Public-at-Large
Shannon Avilla, First Steps Recovery

Members Absent:

Lindsey Hopson, Public-at-Large
Samuel Molina, Academy of Financial Education

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

Terry Ogle, FCTA
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.

Terry Ogle gave an update on Measure C renewal.

II. Minutes for April 3, 2025 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Roshanda Cureton and Luisa Medina were present at the April 3, 2025 meeting.

The City of Orange Cove was not to be included on Item V.

A motion was made by Donna Silva and seconded by Luisa Medina to approve with edits, the April 3, 2025 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Measure C COC member report on findings to support audits and expenditures from local cities and Fresno County [Jake Martinez]

Jake Martiez reported on this item. Measure C is a half-cent sales tax that pays for improving transportation infrastructure by funding transportation projects in Fresno County. Fresno County and incorporated cities receive Measure C funding based on number factors. To receive Measure C funding, recipients' projects must meet Measure C guidelines and complete yearly audits and expenditure reports as to how Measure C funding were spent.

Currently, there were Fiscal Year audits and expenditure reports from cities that were overdue by two (2) Fiscal Years. Those recipients of Measure C funding cite staffing shortages as the main reason for overdue Measure C audits and expenditure reports. Due to the continued lateness of the Measure C audits and expenditure reports, Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee members had researched other agencies that administer similar transportation tax measures within California's Central Valley to learn how those agencies assist funding recipients in completing similar audits or expenditure reports in a timely manner.

The Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee presented their findings on how other agencies, which administer similar transportation tax measures, were able to assist their funding recipients in completing audits and expenditure reports in a timely manner.

This information was taken into consideration and passed along to staff and members of voting boards at Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) and Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) to be considered for new guidelines in Measure C, if renewed by voters' on the 2026 November Ballot.

This was an information item.

IV. Subcommittee selection for the "Measure C Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 [Jake Martinez]

Jake Martinez reported on this item. Every year the Measure C Citizens' Oversight Committee drafted a letter that was included within the "Measure C Annual Report" for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This letter covered topics such as operating budgets and projects completed by Measure C while remaining unbiased. Fresno Council of Government (Fresno COG) and Fresno County Transit

Authority (FCTA) cannot bias or instruct the subcommittee on what to included in the letter. All staff were to remain neutral and not bias the subcommittee on what should be written or included within the report.

The subcommittee meet in July, August, and September during scheduled Oversight Committee meetings. These dates were chosen since the Oversight Committee goes on a 'summer recess' unless necessary actions needing the Oversight Committee's vote are necessary.

Attached below were last Fiscal year's Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee letter for the Measure C Annual Report. To see all Measure C Annual Reports, the reports were linked at: <https://measurec.com/financials/annual-reports/>

Louis Herrera, Shannon Avila and David Martin volunteered to draft and complete the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

This was an information item.

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

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Price Paige & Company Certified Public Accountants were retained by the Authority to perform the audit of finances on all local agencies receiving Measure C Extension revenue was 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, 2022¹, June 30, 2023¹, and June 2024¹ for the agencies listed below:

FY/22: City of Parlier, City of San Joaquin, City of Sanger

FY/23: City of Coalinga, City of Fresno, City of Parlier

FY/24: City of Reedley, FCRTA

In summary the firm stated that overall, local agencies continue 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 will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting. FY24 Audits are not considered behind at this time.

Remaining Audits:

FY22: City of Huron, City of Orange Cove

FY23: City of Huron, City of Orange Cove, City of San Joaquin, City of Sanger

¹FCTA Audits of local agencies are dependent on agency audits.

A motion was made by Luisa Hernandez and seconded by Ali Nekumanesh to approve the Local Agency Audit Reports. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. FY25/26 Proposed Original Measure C Budget (1987-2007) [Denise DiBenedetto]

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. While the Original Measure C Budget does not fall under the purview of the COC was provided to you as a courtesy for reference to those services that were funded by both the Original and the Extension Measures.

This proposed 2025-26 Original Measure C budget had no estimated sales tax revenue during the fiscal year due to the expiration of the original Measure C sales tax levy in 2007. However, it was estimated to gain \$1,500,000 in interest revenue which was be used to fund the remaining urban and rural projects.

This was an information item.

VII. Item FY25/26 Proposed Measure C Extension Budget (2007-2027) [Denise DiBenedetto]

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. This proposed 2025-26 Measure C Extension budget includes estimated sales tax revenue and interest earnings to be received during the 2025-26 fiscal year of \$121,116,558 a \$338,821 increase over last year's approved budget before interest. This revenue estimate reflects a moderately conservative 1% projected increase over 2024-25 actual revenues due to the heightened level of uncertainty regarding the economic outlook over the near-term. The 2023-24 budget reflected a 1% increase in revenue and was forecasted to be \$112,421,541 but the actual revenue came in at \$109,730,665, a negative 0.84% over the actual 2022-23 revenue of \$111,440,469.

The budget includes approximately \$9.3 million in interest income.

A motion was made by Luisa Hernandez and seconded by Donna Silva to approve the Proposed Measure C Extension Budget. A vote was called for and the motion carried with corrections.

VIII. FY25/26 Proposed Measure C Extension Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Budget (2010-2027) [Denise DiBenedetto]

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item: The RTMF revenue projection is the result of a collaborative effort between the Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector's office and RTMF Agency staff, which took into consideration projected development activity in Fresno County during the FY2024-25 fiscal year. The fee income identified in this budget is the result of applying the RTMF fee schedule, as updated by the Board in January 2020, to the development activity estimated to take place during the upcoming fiscal year.

There are no proposed administrative salaries, benefits, or support costs proposed in this budget because the fee is calculated and collected by the RTMF Agency. Costs associated with RTMF Administration are also covered by a separate fee imposed and collected by the RTMF Agency.

To date, nearly \$61 million in RTMF funds have been collected to help fund critical Measure C infrastructure projects.

Attachment 2 to this report shows the RTMF revenues and expenditures in tabular form.

A motion was made by Roshanda Cureton and seconded by Gail Miller to approve the RTMF Budget. A vote was called for and motion carried.

IX. Items from Members

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Stephanie Maxwell was presented with a Retirement Certificate – Congratulations.

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

- 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

June

- **Measure C Renewal Steering Committee Meeting** — Thursday, June 12 at 3 pm via webinar. Topics are Active Transportation, Special Programs, Microtransit. Visit www.measurec2026.com for meeting link or recordings
- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, June 13, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, June 13, at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno County Transportation Authority Board** — Wednesday, June 18 at 9 am at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Measure C Renewal Community Workshop in Central Fresno**, Monday, June 23 at 6 pm at Betty Rodriguez Library, 3040 N Cedar Ave, Fresno, CA 93703, For a complete list of events: [Meetings and Events | Measure C 2026](#)

- **Measure C Renewal Community Workshop in Northeast Fresno/Clovis** at Fort Washington Elementary School, 960 E Teague Ave, Fresno, CA 93720,
For a complete list of events: [Meetings and Events | Measure C 2026](#)
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, June 26, at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

July

- **Measure C Renewal Steering Committee Meeting** — Thursday, July 10 at 3 pm via webinar. Visit www.measurec2026.com for meeting link or recordings
- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, July 11, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, July 11, at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Measure C Renewal Community Workshop in Sanger**, TBD
- **Measure C Renewal Community Workshop in Clovis** at Clovis Transit Center, 785 3rd St, Clovis, CA 93612
- **Measure C Renewal Community Workshop in West Fresno**, Teague Community Resource Center, 4718 N. Polk Ave, Fresno, CA 93722
- **Measure C Renewal Community Workshop in Northeast Prather/Auberry** at Foothill Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 29147 Auberry Rd, Prather, CA 93651
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, July 31, at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.