



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting Action Summary

Date: Thursday, September 4, 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

Luisa Medina, League of Women Voters
Ali Nekumanesh, Public-at-Large
Eddie Hunsaker, Public-at-Large

Members Absent:

Shannon Avilla, First Steps Recovery

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA
Julie P. Saldivar, Fresno COG

Brenda Thomas, Fresno COG
Jake Martinez, Fresno COG

Jake Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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.

Eddie Hunsaker was introduced to the members. He will be representing the Public-at-Large, Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area for District 4. He was approved in June 2025 at the Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Hunsaker has spent the last 50 years in construction. He recently retired in August 2025 from Emmett Valley Construction.

II. Minutes for June 5, 2025 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Ali Nekumanesh and seconded by David Martin to approve with edits, the June 5, 2025 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Measure C COG Local Agency Budget Form review for FY25-26 [Jake Martinez]

Jake Martiez reported on this item. Each fiscal year the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) asks all local agencies receiving Measure C Local Transportation Pass-Through Funds to complete a report of how they expect to spend the current year's Measure C Local Program allocations.

To date, the following required Local Agency Budget Forms have been presented to the COC membership, reviewed, and formally voted on for acceptance as submitted.

Measure C COG Local Budget Form for FY25-26 City of Coalinga Consolidated

A committee member raised a question about a past audit that revealed a significant misidentification of funds. Although the current audit isn't available, DiBenedetto confirmed that such issues will be addressed during the review of the expenditure report, expected after final allocations are sent to agencies around mid-September. Reports should begin arriving by December or January for review.

A motion was made by Donna Silva and seconded by Luisa Medina to approve Measure C COG Local Agency Budget Form Review. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Measure C COG Local Budget Form for FY25-26 City of Kingsburg 8-27-25-1

David Martin notes that the total projected for street maintenance revenue on the budget form is incorrect.

A motion was made by Luisa Medina and seconded by David Martin to approve with edits, Measure C COG Agency Budget Form Review- street maintenance fund total. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Measure C COG Local Budget Form for FY25-26 City of Reedley Consolidated

A motion was made by Ali Nekumanesh seconded by David Martin to approve Measure C COG Local Agency Budget Form Review. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Measure C COG Local Budget Form for FY25-26 City of Sanger Consolidated

Donna Silva raised a question about Section L – Itemized Descriptions on the City of Sanger's Budget Form, specifically regarding the listing of internal administrative expenses.

Denise DiBenedetto tells the committee that administrative costs—like salaries and supplies—are allowable, as part of the budget covers them. She adds that staff time on public works projects, especially for engineers and planners, can be counted as services, though not as direct construction.

A motion was made by David Martin seconded by Donna Silva to approve Measure C COG Local Agency Budget Form Review. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

MEASURE C COC Local Budget Form for FY25-26 Clovis Transit COMPLETED

A motion was made by Luisa Medina seconded by Eddie Hunsaker to approve Measure C COC Local Agency Budget Form Review. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Each year the agencies are required to provide an audit of their Measure C funds. 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 as required in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan. The firm has recently completed the audit of finances and submitted the final report for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, for the agencies listed below:

- City of Firebaugh
- City of Kerman
- City of Kingsburg
- City of Mendota
- City of Selma
- County of Fresno

The 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. However, the Committee expressed concern over audits that have not yet been received. Ms. DiBenedetto indicated that a formal letter will be issued to the agencies in question, and that funds may be withheld until the required audits are submitted. The remaining agencies in process of their audits will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

Remaining FY/22

- City of Huron
- City of Orange Cove

Remaining FY/23

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

A motion was made by Donna Silva seconded by Ali Nekumanesh to approve Measure C Local Agency Audits. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. Adoption of Ordinance 5 [Denise DiBenedetto]

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. At the June 18 CTA Board meeting, Ordinance 5 was introduced with recommended language changes to the Administrative Code to align with Measure C's local transportation program requirements, including compliance measures, audit constraints, and consequences for outstanding fiscal year audits. The introduction provided an opportunity for board and public review and comments. On August 13, the board held a second reading and formally adopted the ordinance. Public notices were posted for both readings, and no public comments were received. Ordinance 5 was approved as written.

This was an information item.

VI. Items from Members

The Committee requested an update regarding the annual report. Jake Martinez will follow up with Shannon Avilla to obtain a status update.

Donna Silva stated that she will no longer be able to serve on the SCS Committee due to a conflict. Gail Miller volunteered to take her place.

VII. Items from Staff

Brenda Thomas shared with the Committee that the consultant who had been serving as both facilitator and program manager, along with her team, was removed from the project by the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) in August due to dissatisfaction with her performance, approach, and lack of alignment with the Board's goals. FCTA had considered canceling the entire COG contract if she remained, which would have impacted COG staff, other consultants, and pollsters involved. Following this, Mark Keppler was approached and subsequently approved by the Board to take over facilitation of the Steering Committee meetings.

Additionally, Ms. Thomas asked the Committee to ensure they have a report—whether agendaized or not—on the status of the renewal. She emphasized the importance of staying informed and noted that she is available to answer any questions the Committee may have.

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

- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

B. Items for the next agenda

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

September

- **Measure C Renewal Steering Committee Meeting** — Thursday, September 11 at 3 pm via webinar. Visit www.measurec2026.com for meeting link or recordings
- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, September 12, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, September 12, at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, September 25, at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

October

- **Measure C Renewal Steering Committee Meeting** — Thursday, October 9 at 3 pm via webinar. Visit www.measurec2026.com for meeting link or recordings
- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, October 10, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, October 10, at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, October 30, at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.