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**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Thursday, December 18, 2025
5:30 PM**

The meeting was held at the Fresno COG Sequoia Room

Members Attending:

Mayor Vong Mouanoutoua, City of Clovis
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler
Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Mayor Diana Guerra-Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Matthew Tuttle, City of Reedley
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Adam Cornejo, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Supervisor Gary Bredefeld, County of Fresno
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Robert Phipps, Executive Director
Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 13 members representing 43.01% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma, Fresno County). Members Huron and Sanger are absent. Mayor Martinez (Mendota) requested the record show that City of Fresno would arrive in about 15 mins. Mayor Dyer arrived at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Beltran (Parlier), Chair.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of November 20, 2025 [APPROVE]

- Motion from Mayor Valdez (Firebaugh), seconded by Mayor Martinez (Mendota).

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Huron, Sanger

Motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Final Measure C Renewal Implementation Guidelines (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]**

Summary: Following 16 meetings that first began in April and ended on Dec. 11, Fresno COG's Measure C Steering Committee approved an expenditure plan for the 2026 renewal that reflects the guiding principles of fixing what matters most, keeping people safe, improving transportation alternatives and a host of other values.

Under the proposed expenditure plan presented tonight, Measure C continues to evolve, as it has for nearly 40 years, with a much greater emphasis on local street and road maintenance and public transportation, and with less of a focus on large capital projects. Staff received more than 20 pages of comments on the Implementing Guidelines, which are attached to this report, as is the redlined version of the guidelines and the PowerPoint presentation for tonight's meeting.

Fresno COG staff appreciate and thank the Committee members for their hard work over the course of eight months in crafting the allocation and implementing guidelines to present their recommendations before the Board today. We also thank the members of our Measure C Technical Advisory Committee, many of whom also sit on our Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for their comments and expertise in working with the Steering Committee to answer questions and address concerns.

Notably, neither the TTC and PAC voted to support the Steering Committee's recommendations for the Implementing Guidelines, as presented.

The two committees objected to several provisions in the guidelines and generally found them to be too prescriptive and lacking in both "accuracy and consistency." They also generally indicated that the guidelines needed more time to be fully vetted.

Among their concerns and objections:

- Recreational trails being considered ineligible for expenditures
- Language revolving around adoption of an Active Transportation Plan as the criterion for whether smaller jurisdictions are subject to the 120-mile requirement for Class I and Class IV bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Language relative to the minimum 65 percent PCI metric for all roads by jurisdiction relative to accessing funds for widening/capacity increasing projects
- The 12-15 percent set-aside from County of Fresno funds for Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) as defined by government code 65302.10
- Request to retain vehicles for surveyors and engineers as an eligible expenditure
- Request to revise the public transportation metric calling for rural trip durations to have "comparable travel times to personal vehicle use"
- Objection to requirement that every roadway using Measure C funding includes at least minimum improvements for bicycle travel.
- Concerns over the allocation amounts for the Administration and Regional Connectivity categories
- Together, the Implementing Guidelines and the Category Allocations comprise the 2026 Measure C Expenditure Plan. The marked-up version of the Implementing Guidelines attached to this report also include minor, clarifying revisions that the TTC/PAC members pointed out, such as the requirement to reach a minimum 65 pavement condition index (PCI) for every road in a jurisdiction prior to access funding for any widening project (with specified exemptions), or adding restriping bicycle lanes as an eligible maintenance expense. Yellow highlighted sections in the red lined document represent issues of controversy or language that the Steering Committee, TTC or PAC requested be addressed.

Staff prepared a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the comments received on the most controversial issues, by category, and how those issues have ultimately been addressed.

Should the recommended action tonight be approved, the full Expenditure Plan will be provided to law firm Best, Best and Krieger for final legal review. Beginning in January, Fresno COG staff will be seeking support for the Expenditure Plan by resolution from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and each jurisdiction individually.

Action: Staff and the 2026 Measure C Steering Committee recommend the Board authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 25-52 approving the 2026 Measure C Expenditure Plan, subject to legal review. The TTC and PAC oppose this recommendation.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) reported on the item.
- Discussion ensued.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Dyer (Fresno) motion, and Mayor Mouanoutoua (City of Clovis) seconded to approve the action.

Vote: 10 voted YES at 78.71%, 4 voted NO at 18.25%.

Absent: Huron and Sanger

Motion passed with 10 Members at 78.71%.

B. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

- None

This item is informational. No action is required.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- None

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

A. Fresno COG's 2026 Once Voice D.C. Advocacy Trip – March 22-26, 2026. (Brenda Thomas) [INFORMATION]

Summary: One Voice Advocacy trips focus on a core group of regional projects and priorities with a transportation nexus, around which the broadest group within the county can unite. Fresno COG's One Voice delegation seeks funding sources for projects that appeal to federal decision makers and advocates for congressional and federal agency support during the competitive grant processes. By advocating for policy and regulatory reform, Fresno COG's One Voice effort is responsible for legislation that today streamlines the way federal and state agencies work together while eliminating unnecessary procedures so government agencies and the business community can work together seamlessly toward job creation for our communities.

The 2026 One Voice D.C. trip is scheduled for March 22-26. The call for priorities is now open through January 15. Submit a 2026 One Voice Priority for COG Policy Board Consideration using the attached pdf form, or request a Word version at this link: 2026 One Voice DC Priority Form The 2026 One Voice DC Delegation information and sign-up forms are coming soon, pending a signed hotel contract. Fresno COG is also soliciting sponsorships to help defer trip costs. The sponsorship package is online at the following link: 2026 One Voice Sponsorship Package eform – (pdf) Deadline March 1, 2026 Request Microsoft Word versions of the forms from staff It is imperative that Fresno COG's elected officials participate in the One Voice D.C. effort, meeting with Federal Senate and Congressional members, White House staff and federal agency partners. We also welcome

business, transportation and community partners who wish to participate in the trip and advocate for the approved priorities.

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

- Brenda Thomas (FCOG) reported on the item

This item was informational. No action is required.

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- None.

B. Items from Members

- None.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

- None.

VII. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. section 54956.9(d)(2):[One Case].

VIII. CLOSED SESSION –Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code, § 54956.8)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps, Executive Director

Public:

None

Staff:

Mykia Byrd, Robert Phipps, Moses Stites, Janelle Del Campo, Brenda Thomas, Les Beshears, Simran Jhutti, Paul Herman.