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**Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, December 12, 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
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Elizabeth Cabrera, City of San Joaquin
Mohammad Alimi, Fresno County
Braden Duran, Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps, FCOG

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Jansons (Kerman), Chair. With 10 members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

JOINT Transportation Technical/Policy Advisory Committee

A. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

Braden Duran reported on the latest Caltrans projects within Fresno County.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of November 14, 2025 [APPROVE]

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Cabrera (San Joaquin) motioned, and Ms. Zieba (Reedley) seconded to approve the consent agenda.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Summary Executive Director Robert Phipps outlined the 2026 Measure C Implementation Guidelines as approved by the Measure C Steering Committee, calling out several points understood to be controversial. 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 the report presented also includes minor, clarifying revisions, 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. Phipps presented a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the comments received on the most controversial issues, by category, and how those issues have ultimately been addressed.

- Objection from the County regarding the requirement for a minimum 65 pavement condition index (PCI) score (average 70) before any funds for widening may be accessed.
- Objection from County over recreational trails being ineligible
- Objections from the County to the 12-15 percent set-aside for disadvantaged, unincorporated communities, as well as the annual requirement for spending.
- A question on program requirements no. 5, (construction or maintenance)
- A City of Fresno request to maintain equipment costs as used in the current measure
- Objections from the County to the requirement (p. 19) No. 6 that every expressway, super-arterial, etc. shall include minimum bicycle travel accommodations.
- Comments that the document generally lacks accuracy and consistency.
- General call for more time for transportation technical staff to vet the guidelines.

After considerable discussion, the City of Fresno moved to approve the Implementing Guidelines and Expenditure Plan as recommended by staff. The City of Clovis provided the second motion. The vote was 4-5 against. The cities of Firebaugh, Kerman, Kingsburg, Reedley and County of Fresno opposed. The cities of Clovis, Fresno, Mendota and San Joaquin supported. The motion failed.

Vote: 4 Yes, 5 No.

Motion failed.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

About Consent Items:

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Information item. No action needed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno COG's 2026 One Voice D.C. Advocacy Trip - March 22-26, 2026

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 7. 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.

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

B. Items from Members

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

- None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps, Executive Director

Public:

Staff:

Denise Flores, Robert Phipps, Paul Herman, Moses Stites, Ofelia Abundez, Janelle Del Campo, Les Beshears, Simran Jhutti, Pankaj Joshi, Rachel Hellet, Blake Rincon.