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**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
5:44 PM**

The meeting was held in the Fresno COG Sequoia Room

Members Attending:

Mayor Vong Mouanoutoua, City of Clovis
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Juan Mejia, City of Fowler (via Zoom)
Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Pro Tem Jose Alonso, City of Mendota
Mayor Diana Guerra-Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Supervisor Gary Bredefeld, County of Fresno
Shane Gunn, Deputy Director-Planning, Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps, Executive Director
Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Mayor Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Adam Cornejo, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 11 members representing 94.42% of the population. There was a quorum for conducting business. (Clovis, Coalinga, City of Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Fresno County). Members Firebaugh, Kingsburg, San Joaquin and Selma are absent. Mayor Leon (Huron) joined Zoom at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Mejia (Fowler) joined via Zoom at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m. by Mayor Beltran (Parlier), Chair.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of December 18, 2025 [APPROVE]

- Motion from Mayor Guerra Silva (Orange Cove), seconded by Mayor Leon (Huron).

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Firebaugh, Kingsburg, San Joaquin, Selma

Motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan – Next Steps

Summary: At its December 18 meeting, the Fresno COG Policy Board adopted Resolution 25-52, approving the 2026 Measure C Implementing Guidelines and Expenditure Plan. In the same motion, the Policy Board instructed staff to seek approval for the Expenditure Plan by resolution from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, as well as from each of the 15 incorporated cities.

The motion directed staff to initially approach County of Fresno officials to place a resolution of support on the Board of Supervisors' January 6, 2026, agenda. On December 19, the County advised Fresno COG staff that it would not agendize the resolution until it was presented to the other COG members for action.

Given prior statements by County Supervisors who have been involved in developing the Expenditure Plan at Fresno COG and the Fresno County Transportation Authority, as well as the recent decision declining Fresno COG's request to place the Expenditure Plan and Implementation Plan on the agenda, Fresno COG leadership is concerned that the Board of Supervisors will be disinclined to approve the Measure in its current form. Consequently, staff are seeking further direction from the Board regarding future activity.

Under California Public Utilities Code Division 15 (Sections 142000–142277) Fresno COG has until late July 2026 to secure resolutions supporting the Expenditure Plan from the Board of Supervisors and a majority of the incorporated cities in Fresno County representing a majority of the population. If approved, the Plan along with the Implementation Guidelines shall be presented to the Fresno County Transportation Authority for approval and then placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors.

While the state statute does not require jurisdictions to approve the Expenditure Plan in any particular order, should either the Board of Supervisors or a majority of the incorporated cities in Fresno County representing a majority of the population fail to approve it, the sales tax measure cannot be placed on the ballot.

Action: Discussion and action to be determined. Staff are seeking direction from the Policy Board on next steps.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) reported on the item and provided an overview of the Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan and proposed next steps.
- Discussion ensued regarding three potential options moving forward: Discontinue with the current expenditure plan, move forward with the current expenditure plan as presented, or enter into negotiations with Fresno County regarding the expenditure plan.
- Following discussion and after an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Mouanoutoua (City of Clovis) made a motion to discontinue any further work on the current renewal plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Leon (City of Huron).
- The motion failed. 7 voted YES at 72.37%, 5 voted NO 22.78%.
- Mayor Vosberg provided a subsequent motion to reconsider the failed motion. This was seconded by Mayor Guerra-Silva (City of Orange Cove).
- The motion passed 9 YES at 74.54%, 3 voted NO at 20.62%, to discontinue with the current plan.

Vote: Yes - 9 members at 74.54%; No - 3 members at 20.62%

Absent: Firebaugh, Kingsburg, San Joaquin and Selma

Motion passed with 9 members at 74.54%.

B. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

- None

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- None

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

- None

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- None.

B. Items from Members

- None.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

- None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps, Executive Director

Public:

None

Staff:

Mykia Byrd, Robert Phipps, Janelle Del Campo, Brenda Thomas, Les Beshears, Simran Jhutti.