



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Action Summary

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Ali Nekumanesh, Public-at-Large
Donna Silva, Public-at-Large
David Martin, Public-at-Large
Eddie Hunsaker, Public-at-Large

Jenn Guerra, Cultural Arts Rotary Club
Louis Herrera, Public-at-Large
Luisa Medina, League of Women Voters

Members Absent:

Gail Miller, WTS
Shannon Avilla, First Steps Recovery

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA
Jake Martinez, Fresno COG
Julie Saldivar, Fresno COG

Louis Herrera called the meeting to order at 5:01 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.

Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

II. Minutes for June 3, 2026 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Ali Nekumanesh and seconded by Luisa Medina to approve, with edits, the June 3, 2026, Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called and the motion carried.

III. Election for representative on the “2026 Measure C New Technology Reserve Grant Program” scoring committee

Jake Martinez reported on this item. Fresno COG and the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) are seeking proposals from eligible public agencies for innovative transit and transportation projects that provide regional benefits, support Fresno County’s air quality goals, and advance transportation through research, development, demonstration, and deployment of new technologies. Through the Measure C New Technology Reserve Program, approximately \$7.625 million is available to fund projects that improve mobility, enhance safety, promote sustainability, and keep Fresno County at the forefront of transportation innovation. As part of the proposal review process, the Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee will have one representative participate in scoring applications alongside the review committee during the week of August 17, 2026. The program lead for the “Measure C New Technology Reserve Fund” is Simran Sangha, Principal Planner.

The committee nominated Jenn Guerra as the primary member and David Martin to serve as the proxy member to represent the Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee during the scoring of proposals for the Measure C New Technology Program.

IV. Measure C Extension Local Agency Audits

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Price Paige & Company Certified Public Accountants was 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.

Audit reports continue to be received and reviewed, with three audits presented for consideration: Fiscal Year 2024 Fresno Area Call Center (FACS) audit, Fiscal Year 2025 Reedley audit, and Fiscal Year 2025 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) audit. Ms. DiBenedetto noted that the FACS audit had been completed earlier but its final version was delayed due to an oversight by the auditors. Since the agenda was published, an additional five or six audits have been submitted and reviewed with no comments, and are currently with the agencies for final approval, resulting in several more audits expected at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Luisa Medina and seconded by Donna Silva to approve all three submitted agency audits. A vote was called and the motion carried.

V. Items from Members

- A.** A future agenda item was requested to provide further information on the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) program at the next meeting. The request stemmed from interest generated by a recent news article regarding the approval of a new Costco

location and the reported waiver of a substantial mitigation fee, which raised questions about how such fees relate to regional transportation funding. The member wanted a clearer understanding of whether the mitigation fees mentioned in the article were connected to the RTMF program and how the different mitigation fee programs operate.

Ms. DiBenedetto explained that the city's mitigation fee is separate from the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee program administered through the regional transportation planning process. She also noted that the Council of Governments (COG) intends to continue collecting RTMF revenues even after Measure C expires, with those funds dedicated to transportation projects identified under the RTMF program.

- B.** A future agenda item was requested for an update on the future of Measure C and the committee's role should the measure be phased out or come to an end. Staff noted that more information may be available by the next meeting. Other members agreed that understanding the committee's responsibilities, particularly if Measure C winds down, would be helpful.

Ms. DiBenedetto explained that Fresno County is currently developing procedures and policies for completing and transferring responsibilities associated with Measure C projects. While efforts are being made to finish as many projects as possible before the measure expires, many construction projects are expected to remain unfinished. Under the current framework, responsibility for overseeing those ongoing projects would transfer to the Council of Governments (COG). However, staff noted that the process is still being worked out and it is uncertain whether a finalized plan will be ready for presentation at the next meeting, though they agreed to explore providing an update.

VI. Items from Staff

A. Upcoming 2026 COC meeting dates – please reserve these dates from 5-7:00 pm

- September 2
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

B. Items for the next agenda

- RTMF Program Overview Requested
- Future of Committee Responsibilities

Upcoming Meetings/Events of other related Boards/Committees

August

- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, August 14, at 8:30 AM
In-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, August 14, at 10:00 AM
In-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, August 27, at 5:30 PM
In-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

September

- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, September 11, at 8:30 AM
In-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, September 11, at 10:00 AM
In-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, September 24, at 5:30 PM
In-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.