



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Action Summary

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Donna Silva, Public-at-Large
David Martin, Public-at-Large
Eddie Hunsaker, Public-at-Large
Gail Miller, WTS

Jenn Guerra, Cultural Arts Rotary Club
Louis Herrera, Public-at-Large
Luisa Medina, League of Women Voters
Shannon Avilla, First Steps Recovery

Members Absent:

Ali Nekumanesh, Public-at-Large
Eddie Hunsaker, Public-at-Large

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA
Moses Stites, 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 August 5, 2026 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Luisa Medina and seconded by Donna Silva to approve the August 5, 2026, Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called and the motion carried.

III. Update to the "Measure C Vanpool Subsidies" for Commuter and Agworker eligibility requirements

Jake Martinez reported on this item. The Measure C Commuter and Agworker Vanpool Subsidy Program provides financial assistance through approved vanpool providers by offering subsidies and reimbursements for eligible expenses. Currently, eligible vanpools with seven to fourteen passengers that originate in Fresno County may receive up to \$600 per month to help offset van leasing costs through providers such as CalVans or Commute with Enterprise. Staff is recommending a revision to the program by lowering the minimum ridership requirement from seven passengers to four, aligning it with Commute with Enterprise's existing minimum ridership standard. This proposed change would update a requirement that has remained unchanged since the program's inception and is intended to make the program more accessible to both commuter and agricultural worker vanpools.

A motion was made by Donna Silva and seconded by David Martin to approve the change from the ridership requirement minimum from seven (7) total riders to four (4) total riders.

IV. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Agency Budget Forms (LABF) [Jake Martinez]

Jake Martinez reported on this item. Each year, the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) requests that all agencies receiving Measure C Local Transportation Pass-Through Funds submit a budget form outlining how they plan to use their current fiscal year Measure C Local Program allocations. These forms are updated and distributed annually by staff for review by the COC. To date, completed budget forms have been received from the Cities of Firebaugh, Kingsburg, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma, as well as Clovis Transit.

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by Jenn Guerra to approve and accept LABFs as presented. A vote was called and the motion carried.

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

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. Price Paige & Company, Certified Public Accountants, was retained by the Authority to conduct financial audits of local agencies receiving Measure C Extension revenues, as required by the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan. The firm recently completed and submitted final audit reports for the City of San Joaquin (FY 2022-23), the Cities of Firebaugh, Kerman, and Mendota (FY 2024-25), and the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) (FY 2024-25). Although the FY 2023-24 audit for the City of Sanger has been completed, the final report was not available in time for inclusion

in the agenda. In addition, FCTA staff reported that FY 2022-23 audits for the Cities of Huron and Orange Cove are in the early stages of completion. Overall, the auditors found that local agencies continue to comply with Measure C recordkeeping, reporting, and expenditure requirements in accordance with the Measure C Transportation Sales Tax Extension provisions.

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by Donna Silva to approve and accept audit reports as presented. A vote was called and the motion carried.

VI. Local Transportation Pass-Through Projects and Programs Expenditure Reports for Measure C Extension FY 2025-26 Funds [Denise DiBenedetto]

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. In accordance with Fresno County Transportation Authority procedures for administering Measure C Extension Funds for Local Transportation Pass-Through Projects and Programs and Short-Term Regional Transportation Program projects, local agencies are required to submit annual Measure C Extension Expenditure Reports. For fiscal year 2025-26, the City of Kerman and the Fresno Council of Governments successfully submitted their required reports and met the Measure C Extension reporting deadline requirements.

A motion was made by David Martin and seconded by Donna Silva to review and accept expenditure reports as presented. A vote was called and the motion carried.

VII. Fresno County Transportation Authority FY/24 Financial Audit

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. The Fresno County Transportation Authority retained CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct the FY 2023-24 financial audit and has received the firm's final report. As part of the audit, the auditors evaluated the Authority's financial statements, including its governmental activities, major funds, and Special Purpose Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The review included consideration of the Authority's internal controls over financial reporting to help design appropriate audit procedures. The completed audit report, included in the agenda package, provides a detailed analysis and summary of the audit findings.

A motion was made by Louis Herrera and seconded by Luisa Medina to review and accept the audit as presented. A vote was called and the motion carried.

VIII. Items from Members

IX. Items from Staff

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

- November 4
- December 2

B. Upcoming 2027 COC meeting dates – please reserve these dates from 5-7:00 p.m.

- January 6
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 1
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1

C. Items for the next agenda

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

November

- **Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee** – Friday, November 13, at 8:30 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee** – Friday, November 13, at 10:00 AM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room
- **Fresno COG Policy Board** – Thursday, November 19, at 5:30 PM in-person at Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.