



**FRESNO WORKS**



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Fresno COG to Vote on Measure C Amendment

Money would be used to help fund High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility

**FRESNO, CA** – The Fresno Works effort is another step closer to realizing its goal of having the California High Speed Rail Authority’s heavy maintenance facility placed in Fresno County. At its meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. at 2035 Tulare Street, the Council of Fresno County Governments will vote on an amendment to the Measure C Expenditure Plan that could transfer \$25 million to a newly created Measure C High-Speed Rail Facilities Program.

If approved tonight by the Fresno COG Policy Board and then later by the Fresno County Transportation Authority, this money will be used as an incentive for the California High Speed Rail Authority to place its heavy maintenance facility in Fresno County.

The following language is from the Fresno COG’s agenda and can be found at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org).

#### **“A. Measure C Amendment # 1- PUBLIC HEARING [VEENENDAAL]**

Summary: Amendment #1 to the Fresno County Measure C Expenditure Plan transfers \$25 million from the 2006 Measure C Expenditure Plan’s Alternative Transportation Program to a newly created Measure C High-Speed Rail Facilities Program. These funds would be used to provide capital for a variety of uses associated with development of the High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility. The Measure C amendment process is a two step process that requires public noticing and formal public hearings on the Plan Amendment by both the Fresno COG and the Fresno County Transportation Authority. Measure C Amendment #1 was released for 45-day review and comment on July 9, 2010. Since that date the following steps have been taken to notify the public regarding the amendment and to solicit their input:

- Public notice was published in the Fresno Bee
- Emails were repeatedly sent to Fresno COG’s contacts
- The Amendment was posted to Fresno COG’s and the Fresno County Transportation Authority’s websites
- The Amendment was presented to the Measure C Oversight Committee and the Fresno Works Committee, receiving support from each group

- A public meeting was held September 16, 2010 at Hoover High School in Fresno from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The meeting was noticed via newspaper ads in urban and rural papers, e-blasts, Facebook, website postings and press releases, and media coverage.

All public comments received to date were presented to the Board at or prior to this public hearing. Should the Fresno COG Policy Board approve Measure C Amendment #1, the Amendment will then be forwarded to the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board for approval at their upcoming meeting Wednesday, October 20, 2010.”

Fresno Works is an unprecedented coalition of the Fresno County community – County, City, COG, Education, Labor and Business – dedicated to bringing the Authority’s heavy maintenance facility to Fresno County.

For more information about the Fresno Works effort, visit [fresnoworks.org](http://fresnoworks.org).

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