#### 20-YEAR WRAP UP & 2006-07 ANNUAL REPORT

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# **O DELIVERING THE PROMISE OF MEASURE C**

In 1986, Measure C promised to use a half-cent sales tax increase to improve the roads and transportation system in Fresno County. Twenty years later, it's clear that Measure C more than held up its end of the bargain.

Over the past twenty years, Measure C has been the primary catalyst for acrossthe-board improvements and a complete overhaul of Fresno County's entire transportation network.

More than 14,000 new jobs were created, over \$1 billion was generated for the local economy, and State Routes 41, 168, and 180 all saw extensions and improvements during this period. As a result of each city having control over its own projects, each of Fresno County's 15 cities completed numerous local projects that were important to members of that community.

Thanks to Measure C, Fresno County's transportation system is light years ahead of where it was twenty years ago, and it's only getting better.



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# WH<u>AT THE</u> FUTURE HOLDS

Collection of the estimated \$1.7 billion of Measure C Extension money began on July 1, 2007 and will run through June 30, 2027. Construction has already begun on many projects throughout Fresno County (both urban and rural) and will continue for the next twenty years.

In the immediate future, work will soon begin on a new four-lane freeway on State Route 180 East from Clovis Ave to Temperance Ave; new braided ramps adding capacity for safe connection between State Routes 41, 168, and 180; widening Friant Road into four lanes from Copper Ave to Millerton; improving the American Ave Interchange on State Route 99; and much more.

The future of transportation in Fresno County is very bright, and Measure C is largely responsible.

Clean Air







Vibrant Economy

Matching Funds

#### FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

#### **CHAIRMAN & EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS LETTERS**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**



As you may already know, the collection of the half-cent Measure C sales tax began on July 1, 1987, after Fresno County voters passed the tax increase in November of the prior year. This program was to be in effect for 20 years and terminated in June 2007.

Measure C resulted in implementation of the largest transportation public works project in Fresno County history. This tax leveraged with State, Federal and other funds resulted in extensive highway construction for the County, and an overall transportation program valued at over one billion dollars. The Measure funds allowed the 15 cities of Fresno County to prioritize their transportation needs, and these needs were met. We would not have Freeways 41 South, 168, or 180 had the Measure funds not been available.

In light of Measure C's accomplishments over the past 20 years, the voters felt it was beneficial and necessary to extend this program for another 20 years. When it appeared on the ballot in November 2006, it was passed by an overwhelming 78%.

We are looking forward to furthering our progress in transportation projects, and we will continue to keep the Promise of Measure C.

Sincerely

Harry Armstrong

Chairman

#### **MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Fresno County Transportation Authority once again presents our Annual Report and we couldn't be more excited over what's going on with Measure C.

After 20 years of projects and programs, the County's infrastructure is in much better shape than when we began. Highways have been extended, roads have been widened, and walking and bike lanes have been built, allowing exercise enthusiasts around the County to enjoy the great outdoors. There have also been improvements to airports, rail facilities, and public transportation that have enriched the lives of thousands of County residents.

You will read about many of the major accomplishments in this report, but the real impact can be felt when you drive through the County. Projects that have relieved congestion and provided increased public safety will have a lasting effect on our children, our grandchildren, and on ourselves for years to come.

We are happy to report that as a result of the many projects that were completed during this 20-year span, Fresno County voters decided that the program should be extended for another 20 years. Measure C will once again be extremely beneficial to the transportation needs of each the 15 cities in our County. The new plan should generate more than 1.7 billion dollars and provide miles of road widening, extensions, and improvements, and help us clean the air for future generations.

Fresno COG will prepare a plan for the expenditure of the sales tax revenue and the Transportation Authority will be responsible for implementing the plan.

We are pleased to be able to continue with the extension and we will continue to "Deliver the Promise" of Measure C! For more information, access our website at www.measurec.com.

Sincerely

Ronald Peterson Executive Director

#### **A LOCAL STORY OF SUCCESS**

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# **VOTERS SAY YES TO THE**

EUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

When voters went into the booths in November of 2006 and reaffirmed Measure C with a 78% vote, they voiced resounding approval for the past measure and showed a great deal of enthusiasm for the future of Fresno County transportation.

Voters were saying yes to their own city's transportation system by approving the allocation of \$593.6 million for those purposes; voters were saying yes to improving freeway interchanges, adding lanes to existing streets, roads, and highways, and improving major commuter corridors by approving the allocation of \$520.8 million for those purposes; and voters were saying yes to public transit and the cause of public transportation by approving the allocation of \$412.1 million for those purposes.

In 2006, voters were asked if they wished to continue supporting the future of transportation in Fresno County, and overwhelmingly, they said yes.

#### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE FUND ALLOCATIONS



One of the most unique elements of the Measure C Program is the Local Transportation Purpose Funds Program.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax is allocated to each city and to Fresno County for local priority improvement projects. The distribution of the funds is based on a formula incorporating street miles (25%) and proportionate population (75%), and most importantly, the funds are distributed immediately back to the communities.

#### A SUMMARY OF THE 2006-2007 ALLOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	2006-2007 W/O INTEREST RECEIPTS	2006-2007 W/INTEREST RECEIPTS	2006- 2007 INTEREST RECEIPTS	<b>1987-2007</b> GRAND TOTAL LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES FUNDS WITH INTEREST
CLOVIS FRESNO COALINGA FIREBAUGH FOWLER HURON KERMAN KINGSBURG MENDOTA ORANGE COVE PARLIER REEDLEY SAN JOAQUIN SANGER SELMA COUNTY OF FRESNO	<ul> <li>\$ 1,297,007.07</li> <li>7,051,614.46</li> <li>243,475.94</li> <li>96,471.61</li> <li>82,689.96</li> <li>111,784.56</li> <li>177,630.25</li> <li>169,973.77</li> <li>131,691.41</li> <li>140,879.16</li> <li>183,755.42</li> <li>339,947.57</li> <li>58,189.25</li> <li>341,478.84</li> <li>341,478.84</li> <li>4,544,884.04</li> </ul>	\$ 1,300,421.72 7,059,116.48 243,794.71 96,597.99 82,798.11 111,930.53 177,869.36 170,196.82 131,863.82 141,063.00 183,995.74 340,391.57 58,265.37 341,929.06 341,925.22 4,551,110.90	<ul> <li>\$ 3,414.65</li> <li>7,502.02</li> <li>318.77</li> <li>126.38</li> <li>108.15</li> <li>145.97</li> <li>239.11</li> <li>223.05</li> <li>172.41</li> <li>183.84</li> <li>240.32</li> <li>444.00</li> <li>76.12</li> <li>450.22</li> <li>446.38</li> <li>6,226.86</li> </ul>	\$ 13,501,346.92 84,148,802.69 2,487,056.48 1,129,044.89 942,853.59 1,252,349.11 1,594,182.82 1,903,575.57 1,609,733.20 1,501,508.78 2,057,471.62 3,953,685.80 652,697.66 3,874,328.17 3,815,948.59 58,904,707.38
TOTAL	\$15,312,952.15	\$15,333,270.40	\$20,318.25	\$183,329,293.27

# RURAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

FIREBAUGH

145

HURON

269

198

180

KERMAN

MENDOTA

Avenue

SAN JOAQUÍÑ

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COALINGA

As the designated regional transportation agency for Fresno County, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) is responsible for maintaining a continuing, coordinated, and cooperative planning process. Based upon its annual transportation needs evaluation process, Fresno COG prepares a plan for expenditures of the sales tax revenues. The Transportation Authority is responsible for cooperatively implementing the plan.

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# **ACADEMY AVENUE CORRIDOR**

CLOVIS

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99

FRESNO

FOWLER

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Route 180 to Route 168 Construction of 5.5 miles was completed in October 2005. Manning Avenue to Route 180

Academy Avenue South is currently under various stages of design, environmental approval, and right-of-way acquisition to complete this 23-mile corridor widening project.

#### **RURAL PROJECTS**

# MANNING AVENUE

Ormsby to Contra Costa

Constuction completed on Manning Avenue totaling 13 miles of new highway.

#### ROUTE 180 EAST Temperance to Academy Avenue

This segment is in final design. Construction pending State Matching Funds to leverage local Measure C dollars.

# **ACADEMY AVENUE CORRIDOR**

Barstow Avenue to Route 168

Barstow Avenue to Route 168 construction is scheduled in 2008.



# 1986

Voters approve Measure C, the Fresno County Transportation Authority is established, and a 20-year 1/2-cent sales tax for transportation improvements is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 1987. 1991

In one year, ground breaking for seven construction projects took place along Route 43, Route 99, Route 145, Route 180, and Route 168.

> 1992 Route 180 between Route 99 and Route 41 begins construction.

# **20 YEARS OF**

1988

The first Measure C Expenditure Plan for the delivery of major freeway projects is adopted. **1991-1993** The entire Urban/Rural freeway system is environmentally cleared.

1993-1997

Major freeway construction projects start on Route 41, Route 180, Route 43, and Route 201.

## 1998

The Fresno County Transportation Authority issues a \$75 million sales tax revenue bond to accelerate freeway construction.

1999

41/180 Interchange dedicated as the Rose Ann Vuich Interchange the first four-level interchange in the San Joaquin Valley.

# 2003 A section of 180 West

is dedicated as the Deran Koligian Memorial Highway.

> 2004 Route 180 expands 1.4 miles west of Route 99.

# 2006

The Measure C Local Transportation Purposes Program, which distributes 25% of all tax proceeds back into Fresno County and the cities of Fresno County, exceeds \$167 million. Voters approve Measure C, a 20-year extension by 78%.

41 dedicated as the Donald E. DeMers Memorial Highway from Elkhorn to Jensen Avenue.

#### 2007 180 West expands 2.5 miles from Hughes/West to Brawley Avenue.

**MEASURE C** 

### 1998-2001

The Sierra Freeway, a brand new 12-mile urban freeway is completed.

# 2002

The urban section of 180 is dedicated as the Senator Jim Costa Highway

## 2005

Sequoia-Kings Canyon Freeway, a brand new urban freeway, expands 9.1 miles to Clovis Avenue.

Academy Avenue corridor opens 5.5 miles of new highway.

2008 180 East expands 3.2 miles from Clovis to Locan Avenue.

#### **URBAN PROJECTS**

# URBANHIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Approximately 75% of the proceeds of the Measure C tax is allocated for highway capital improvements, including administration, legal actions, planning, environmental review, design, construction and repairs. No more than 70% of these funds shall be allocated to improvements within the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, and no less than 30% of these funds shall be allocated for improvements within the rest of the County.

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– O 41 - 17 miles have been built

> ) 168 - 12 miles have been built

- O 99 - Interchange Improvements

> Herndon Avenue Palm to Cedar, Willow Avenue Herndon to Shaw

#### **URBAN PROJECTS**

# **THANKS TO MEASURE C WE HAVE**

## WITHOUT MEASURE C...









# FREEWAYS.





FREEWAY 180 @ CEDAR AVE

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FREEWAY 41 @ FRIANT RD.



FREEWAY 41 @ JENSEN AVE



FREEWAY 168 @ SHAW



FREEWAY 99-180 INTERCHANGE

#### LOCAL PROJECTS

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

Measure C supports projects including administration, acquisition, operations, repair, and transit.

# **BUILDING THE ROAD TOWARDS A MORE VIBRANT ECONOMY**

Every time Measure C builds a new road or improves an existing one,
a certain infusion of vitality is injected into the newly accessible area.
Places that were either impossible or very difficult to get to before are
suddenly transformed into vibrant, more sought-after destinations for
shopping, industry, or tourism. Just think for a minute about some
of the big projects recently completed using Measure C money
Highway 41 North, Highway 41 South, and Highway 168 East.
Because these projects opened up new transportation corridors,
several projects followed, including River Park, Harlan Ranch, and
Elkhorn Juvenile Facility.

## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES & PROGRAM PURPOSES**

These projects include construction of new bikeways, maintenance of existing bikeways, and the funding of bicycle education programs.

# **AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT & AVIATION PROGRAM PURPOSES**

This category includes, but is not limited to, airport marketing systems, bond servicing, fencing, property acquisition, runways and taxiways, and service roads.

**ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION PLANNING** 

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES





#### **MEMBERS 2006-2007**

# ORIGINAL MEASURE

- Created more than 14,000 jobs in Fresno County
- Contributed more than \$1 billion to the local economy
- Funded 1,200 miles of improvements to local streets and highways
- O Built 12 miles on Route 168
- Built 17 miles on Route 41
- O Improved 57 miles on Route 180
- Added miles of bike lanes throughout Fresno County
- **Expanded** FAX and the Clovis Stageline public transportation systems
- Allowed every city in Fresno County to choose its own transportation projects

# EXTENSION OF MEASURE C

- **O WILL create** more than 26,000 jobs in Fresno County
- WILL contribute more than \$1.7 billion to the local economy
- WILL repair potholes in each of the cities and throughout the County
- WILL provide seat belts to school buses
- WILL improve air quality by providing new clean-fuel school buses
- WILL improve the interchanges of State Routes 41, 168, and 180
- WILL support public transit services for all Fresno County residents
- WILL make safety improvements at Fresno Yosemite International and Chandler Airports and requires a citizen's oversight committee to monitor expenditures

#### FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2006-2007

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