

## RESOLUTION NO. 4315

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITY OF COALINGA IN SUPPORT OF THE *BETTER ROADS, SAFE STREETS* TRANSPORTATION MEASURE

**WHEREAS**, safe, reliable, and well-maintained local transportation infrastructure is fundamental to the public health, safety, economic vitality, and overall quality of life of residents in Fresno County, particularly in small and rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, local streets, neighborhood roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and transit facilities are the infrastructure most directly used by residents every day—connecting families to schools, jobs, healthcare, and essential services—yet many of these assets are aging, underfunded, and in urgent need of repair; and

**WHEREAS**, unsafe local road conditions disproportionately impact children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income residents, underscoring the need for intentional investments in Safe Routes to Schools, pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and improved access to public transit; and

**WHEREAS**, locally controlled transportation funding is essential to ensuring that revenues generated within Fresno County are reinvested back into the communities that rely on them, rather than diverted primarily toward state-owned highways or infrastructure that does not directly serve local jurisdiction needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Better Roads, Safe Streets campaign is a broad, community-led coalition working collaboratively with cities, residents, labor, business, and community organizations to develop a transportation investment plan that reflects local priorities, equity, and long-term sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act proposes the continuation of an existing half-cent transportation sales tax for 30 years—without increasing the current tax rate—generating an estimated \$7.4 billion dedicated to repairing local roads, improving transit reliability, enhancing walking and bicycling safety, expanding Safe Routes to Schools, and supporting transportation improvements across Fresno County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed plan prioritizes local street and road maintenance first, while also strengthening public transit, improving countywide connectivity, and ensuring transportation investments equitably serve both urban and rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed plan emphasizes strong local control, requiring that funds be allocated and expended in accordance with voter-approved categories and local project lists, supported by clear performance metrics, measurable outcomes, and regular public reporting to track progress and effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, robust and independent oversight mechanisms—including citizen oversight, fiscal audits, and transparency requirements—are critical to ensuring that all transportation revenues are used exactly as voters intend, safeguarding public trust and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the 30-year measure includes formal evaluations at each 10-year interval to assess whether transportation investments are meeting identified local and countywide needs, to measure performance against adopted outcomes, and to evaluate and respond to changing transportation demands identified by cities and local jurisdictions, while remaining consistent with voter-approved intent; and

**WHEREAS**, sustained, locally directed transportation investment is essential to improving emergency response times, reducing traffic injuries and fatalities, supporting economic development, and ensuring safe, accessible mobility for all residents of Fresno County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the **City of the City of Coalinga** hereby supports the Better Roads, Safe Streets campaign and its proposed Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act, and grants use of the official city name for the effort, and those councilmembers who vote in support, and affirms its

commitment to placing local communities, neighborhood safety, children’s routes to school, strong local control, measurable outcomes, meaningful oversight, and adaptive long-term planning at the center of Fresno County’s transportation investments.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Coalinga at a regular meeting on this **2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

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Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk