



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

**September 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

The Mission of the City of Coalinga is to provide for the preservation of the community character by delivering quality, responsive City services, in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to develop, encourage, and promote a diversified economic base in order to ensure the future financial stability of the City for its citizens.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Special Meeting, on September 3, 2026 in the City Council Chambers located at 155 West Durian, Coalinga, CA.

Persons with disabilities who may need assistance should contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to this meeting at 935-1533 x113. Anyone interested in translation services should contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 935-1533 x113. The Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda will be as follows:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Council's Approval of Agenda

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS (NONE)

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

This section of the agenda allows members of the public to address the City Council on any item within the jurisdiction of the Council. Members of the public, when recognized by the Mayor, should come forward to the lectern, identify themselves and use the microphone. Comments are normally limited to three (3) minutes. In accordance with State Open Meeting Laws, no action will be taken by the City Council this evening and all items will be referred to staff for follow up and a report.

Citizen Comments submitted in writing to the City Clerk by 5:00pm on the day of the City Council meeting shall be distributed to the City Council and included in the record, however they will not be read.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Council's Reaffirmation of its Previous Support for the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act, Now Designated as Measure S on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS (NONE)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Manager's Announcements
2. Councilmembers' Announcements/Reports
3. City Treasurer's Announcements
4. Mayor's Announcements

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Closed Session: A "Closed" or "Executive" Session of the City Council, Successor Agency, or Public Finance Authority may be held as required for items as follows: personnel matters; labor negotiations; security matters; providing instructions to real property negotiators; legal counsel regarding pending litigation; and protection of records exempt from public disclosure. Closed session will be held in the Administration Building at 155 W. Durian Avenue and any announcements or discussion will be held at the same location following Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

STAFF REPORT - CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Subject: Council's Reaffirmation of its Previous Support for the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act, Now Designated as Measure S on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026

From: Sean Brewer, City Manager

Prepared by: Sean Brewer, City Manager

I. RECOMMENDATION:

This item was requested as a Future Agenda Item by Mayor Vosburg, for Council to reaffirm its previous support for the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act, now designated as Measure S on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

II. BACKGROUND:

On April 2, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4315 in support of the Better Roads, Safe Streets campaign and the proposed Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act.

The proposed initiative would establish a countywide one-half percent (0.5%) transactions and use tax for a period of 30 years to fund transportation improvements throughout Fresno County.

At the time the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4315, the initiative was still in the process of qualifying for the November 3, 2026 ballot and had not yet received an official ballot measure designation.

Following the Council's action, the initiative proponents submitted the required signatures to the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters. The petition was subsequently determined to contain a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify the initiative for submission to Fresno County voters.

There was subsequent uncertainty regarding when the initiative would be presented to voters, including legal proceedings concerning its placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot. Those proceedings have since concluded, and the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act will appear on the November 3, 2026 ballot as **Measure S**.

III. DISCUSSION:

The City Council previously expressed its formal support for the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act through the adoption of Resolution No. 4315.

Measure S is the same transportation initiative previously considered and supported by the City Council. The measure would establish a countywide one-half percent (0.5%) transactions and use tax for a period of 30 years for specified transportation purposes.

Under the expenditure plan, 65 percent of Measure S revenues would be allocated to Fresno County and

incorporated cities for the repair, rebuilding and maintenance of local streets and roads. Each jurisdiction would receive a base allocation, with additional funding distributed based on population and public roadway miles.

Additional revenues would support public transportation, regional transportation improvements, transportation programs serving seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and students, and other transportation-related programs and improvements throughout Fresno County.

When the City Council considered the initiative in April, it had not yet qualified for the ballot and was generally referred to as the Better Roads, Safe Streets Transportation Measure or Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act. Now that the initiative has officially qualified for the November 3, 2026 ballot and has been designated as Measure S, this item is being returned to the City Council to provide an opportunity to reaffirm its previous support.

Because Resolution No. 4315 already formally established the City Council's support for the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act, no additional resolution is proposed. Council may reaffirm its previous support for the measure by motion.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

Council may choose not to reaffirm its previous support for Measure S.

V. FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Council's reaffirmation of its previous support for Measure S.

If approved by Fresno County voters, Measure S would provide an additional source of locally controlled transportation funding for Fresno County and its incorporated cities, including the City of Coalinga, for eligible transportation improvements.

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name	Description
☐ RESO#4315_Support_of_the_Better_Roads__Safe_Streets_Transportation_Measure_040226.pdf	Resolution No. 4315
☐ Measure_S_County_Records.pdf	Measure S

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 **2nd day of April, 2026**, by the following vote:

AYES: Lowder, Schindler, Arroyo, Ramirez, Vosburg

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED:



Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE S**

By: _____

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DEPUTY

This measure would adopt the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act, a County of Fresno ordinance imposing a half-cent (0.5%) transactions and use tax (sales tax) for thirty years for specified transportation purposes (Measure). The tax would begin July 1, 2027, when the existing Measure C transportation tax expires, and would end thirty years later unless extended by the voters. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration would administer and collect the tax.

Tax proceeds would be deposited into a County fund and appropriated to the Fresno Council of Governments (COG), a joint powers agency governed by the fifteen incorporated cities and the County. COG would annually allocate the proceeds as follows:

- 65% to the County and cities to repair, rebuild, and maintain local streets and roads, including sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and safe routes to school. Each jurisdiction would receive a \$400,000 base allocation, with the balance distributed by population (80%) and maintained roadway miles (20%). No more than 5% of a jurisdiction's allocation may be spent on road expansion, and funds may not be used for streets in new growth areas.
- 25% to public transportation, with 10% to Clovis Transit, 70% to Fresno Area Express, and 20% to Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.
- 1% to the Fresno Yosemite International Airport.
- 4% to regional street, road, and highway projects.
- 4% first to zero-fare transit for people with disabilities, veterans, seniors, children, and students, then to competitive grants for clean energy and future transportation technology projects.
- 1% to COG for administration.

Funds must supplement, not supplant, other transportation funding. Each jurisdiction must extend the existing Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee agreement by June 30, 2028 or forfeit an equivalent amount from its allocation. COG would develop program requirements, complete studies, and conduct annual independent audits. An eleven-member Citizens Oversight Committee (Committee) appointed by the COG Policy Board would meet at least quarterly, review expenditures, and oversee annual audits.

The expenditure plan may be amended only through a public review process initiated by the COG Policy Board at least every ten years, conducted by the Committee, approved by COG, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors if the amendments further the purposes of the ordinance, with limited exceptions for declared emergencies and one-time state or federal funding opportunities. Any change to the percentage allocations among programs, and any other amendment, would require voter approval.

The Measure qualified for the ballot by an initiative petition signed by the requisite number of voters. It is being submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2026 election as required by Assembly Bill 1923 (Stats. 2026, ch. 108). Under current law, a citizen initiative

imposing a special tax is adopted by a majority vote (more than 50% of votes cast). A "yes" vote approves the tax; a "no" vote rejects it.

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