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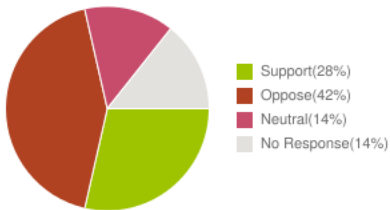
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1-L ID 21-249 RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Fresno Council of Governments for the 2021 Measure "C" Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-Fill Development Grant Program in the amount of \$1,138,000 for the Merced Complete Street Project; and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Application and Grant Agreement Documents by the Public Works Director or Designee (Council District 3)	1	1	0	0
ID 21-284 The Zero Fare Clean Air Act	3	1	1	1
3-A ID 21-273 Workshop - Coordination of Regional Homelessness Initiatives and Funding	1	0	0	0
4-A ID 21-285 Consider action to direct the City Attorney to file lawsuit against Fresno Unified School District to reopen for in person learning.	2	0	2	0

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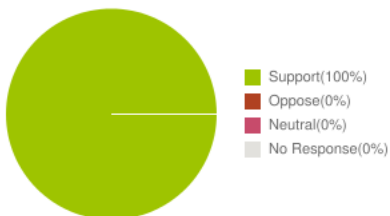
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Overall Sentiment



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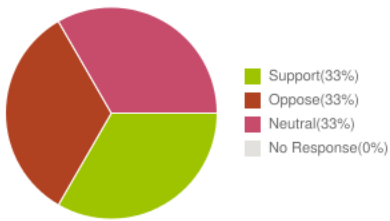
Matthew Woodward

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08pm 02-17-21

I wish there were more TOD projects coming from Measure C funding in general. Absolutely vote yes!

Overall Sentiment



Nasreen Johnson

Location: 93704, Fresno

Submitted At: 7:56am 02-18-21

Dear Mayor Dyer & the Fresno City Council,

As leaders in the City of Fresno, I urge you to support funding equitable transportation opportunities for all residents through the Zero Fare Clean Air Act (ZFCAA).

Transportation issues are a major concern for people experiencing poverty and we all know that one way out of poverty is education. As a State Center Community College District Trustee, I know how valuable transportation is to our students. Our whole community benefits when people can move freely to school and work.

There are always challenges to be overcome, but I know that the plan will be thoughtful in the details of its rollout to take into consideration COVID-19 precautions, the safety of our bus drivers and passengers, and replace bus fare revenue. These concerns, while valid, can be addressed and overcome in the details of the plan. Communities across the nation have figured this out and we can too.

By eliminating the city-wide costs of bus fare, the City of Fresno would help reduce carbon emissions, increase FAX efficiency & safety, promote infill development, and build a more walkable City.

I whole-heartedly support the Zero Fare Clean Air Act.

Sincerely,

Nasreen Michelle Johnson

Trustee, State Center Community College District

Jesse Gonzalez

Location: 93725, Fresno

Submitted At: 7:06am 02-18-21

Dear Council Members,

I know the pandemic has hit our community hard. FAX has been an essential service provider with her employees on the front lines. In July 2020 we were pushed to the brink, many of our staff was unavailable to work due to Health & Safety Protocols.

These same CDC/County/City protocols limit the passengers to 10 per bus. In the month of January 2021 nearly 800 "paying" passengers were left behind. These are people that needed to get to work, school, appointments, and stores. ADA passengers in wheelchairs are also left behind due to the 10 passenger limit. I would like to mention that the City of Fresno safety protocols are more strict than the 10 passenger limit for a 30 ft or 40 ft bus. There is also an issue where the public is not required to wear a face covering while on board a city bus. They are only required to wear a face covering when they board. This is despite the new directive from the Federal Government. There is also the issue of biohazards on the buses. Currently the department is averaging at least 1 call a day to have bodily fluids (human waste, blood, saliva) cleaned on our buses and bus stops. This requires a bus to be pulled from service and an added costs to be cleaned & disinfected.

I am concerned about how many people will left behind with the free fare. FAX had a semi free bus for a year, it didn't go well.

Bridget Watkins

Location:

Submitted At: 5:58pm 02-17-21

Good Evening,

I am writing in opposition of the Zero-Fare Bus system. I am opposed to this resolution because I have experienced the bus when riders thought the "Q" bus was free. It creates an unsafe atmosphere not only for drivers but the passengers as well.

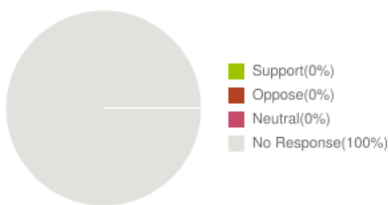
We are currently at a 10-passenger limit and regularly leave behind passengers due to this limit. Zero Fare will encourage those that would normally not ride the bus, to once again ride even though they do not have a destination. It will take a seat from a passenger who does have a destination i.e., work, grocery store, etc. I would suggest riding the bus for a couple of weeks for ALL your travel needs and experience what everyday passengers are currently experiencing with a 10-passenger limit and the problems that some passengers create.

It will cause unsafe buses by bringing back the homeless looking for a hangout while riding the bus from one end of the city to the other only to have a place to sleep, drink, or do drugs. Placing the safety of the drivers in a predicament as there are not enough police officers on assignment with FAX to handle the problems that occur on the bus. Problems arise on the bus daily even with the current fare in place. Making it Zero-Fare would bring more problems to the bus system. Please consider your decision carefully when casting your vote on the Zero-Fare Bus System.

Thank you,
Bridget Watkins
FAX Bus Driver

Agenda Item: eComments for 3-A ID 21-273 Workshop - Coordination of Regional Homelessness Initiatives and Funding

Overall Sentiment



guillermo martinez

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 02-18-21

This is my first time here. Hope i am putting this in the correct section. I don't know if anyone cares what i think or can do anything about it. They are planning on putting a 128 Unit Apartment Complex at the Christmas Tree Lot located next to Shaw and Blackstone Ave. This is all we need to finish destroying this section of the city. We have an overwhelming problem of homeless trashing and putting graffiti throughout the corridor of Blackstone Ave. from Shaw Ave all the way up to Neese Ave.

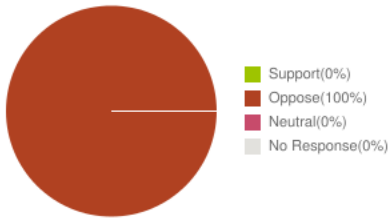
Whoever had the bright idea of putting this complex at Shaw And Blackstone avenues why don't they put the complex next to their house and see how they like it. This complex will worsen the situation out here with more trash, drugs and the sorts of things these complexes attract. I lived in a ghetto in NYC and the pattern is the same everywhere. If you want to destroy this area of town please put this complex up.

The corridor indicated above generates much needed tax dollars for police, etc. This area should be given priority over other homeless problems in the city. I am sick and tired of the homeless destroying communities. Please put these people in psyche wards or in hotels where they can be monitored. Also converting the former Smugglers Inn into a homeless shelter is the dumbest thing since civilization. Please continue destroying my neighborhood.

Out of time almost 9 am if anyone sees this let me know.

Agenda Item: eComments for 4-A ID 21-285 Consider action to direct the City Attorney to file lawsuit against Fresno Unified School District to reopen for in person learning.

Overall Sentiment



Matthew Woodward

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 02-17-21

You don't need me to tell you this item is ridiculous.

Dan Waterhouse

Location:

Submitted At: 1:35pm 02-15-21

Councilmembers, this proposal is complete idiocy.