



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Executive Minutes

Date: Monday, March 10, 2016

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

David Van Pelt, Unincorporated Rural Area West of 99
Barry Mast, FCMA – District 3
Bob Allen, Selma District Chamber of Commerce
Lee Delap, Unincorporated Rural County East of 99
Sam Molina
Murray McManus, Incorporated City outside FCMA
Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Coalition

Absent:

Others Attending:

Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG
Denise DiBennadeto, Fresno County Transportation Authority
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Peggy Anest, Fresno COG

David Van Pelt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. Presentations

About Presentations:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

There were no public presentations.

II. Minutes of December 10, 2015 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Mr. Delap asked that the December 10, 2015 minutes be updated to state that he had voted in opposition in the vote taken on item VIII. On the potential of utilizing Measure C Rail Consolidation Program Funding to advance construction of the Fresno-Clovis bike trail.

A motion was made by Lee Delap and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to approve the December 10, 2015 Oversight Committee minutes with edits. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. **Measure C New Technology Program and Application**

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. This first cycle of the Measure C New Technology Reserve Program will make up to \$10 million available for eligible new technology projects/programs. Subsequent cycles will be biennial and will make approximately \$2.8 million available plus any funds not allocated from the previous cycles, if applicable. It is expected that up to \$30 million will be made available through 2027 to fund advanced transit and transportation new technologies.

Background on the Development of the Program:

The Measure C New Technology Committee first met on January 28, 2015 to discuss the Measure C New Technology Reserve Subprogram. The first meeting provided an overview of the Measure C program and detailed information on the funding availability for the New Technology Program. The second committee meeting was held on March 25th where the recommendation and direction to staff was to assemble a workgroup that would focus on developing and recommending specific goals for the program, develop scope and criteria for the solicitation and project selection process, and develop a draft timeline for distribution of the funds. The workgroup was made up of Fresno COG staff, industry, academia, public, and transit members. Seven meetings were held throughout the summer from May through September.

With the assistance of the workgroup, Fresno COG staff drafted a grant application with scoring criteria in effort to solicit projects and programs for the New Technology Grant Program and presented it to the subcommittee for their review and recommendation. The Draft application with scoring criteria was included in the TTC/PAC and Policy Board meeting agendas during the month of October. A public meeting was held on Tuesday, October 27th at 2pm in the Sequoia Room for all interested individuals in effort to receive further input on the draft application and scoring criteria. The meeting provided an overview of the activities of the working sub-group and an in-depth review of the New Technology Grant Program Application, Scoring Criteria, and Detailed Timelines. Members suggested minor changes to the document were staff then incorporated into the [Final Application](#).

Preparing to release the Final Application:

The New Technology Grant Program Application was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board on January 28, 2016, and the call for projects for the 1st cycle of funding was expected to be released February 18, 2016 following review and approval by the [Fresno County Transportation Authority \(FCTA\)](#) Board. However, due to unforeseen circumstances the FCTA Board meeting scheduled for February 17th was rescheduled for March 16, 2016. The release of the New Technology Application Request for Proposals is expected to occur on March 17th, pending the FCTA Board's approval of the Application.

Applications will be issued to eligible public agencies within Fresno County including the Fresno COG, Fresno County, and the incorporated cities in Fresno County. Entities deemed ineligible to apply for New Technology Grant funds may apply as a partnering agency but **must** partner with an **eligible** applicant that will be responsible for implementing the project. The implementing agency assumes responsibility and accountability for the use and expenditure of program funds and all reporting functions.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Activity	Date
Request for Proposals Released	March 17, 2016
Last day to submit requests for clarification	April 29, 2016
Deadline for Proposal Submittal	June 22, 2016
Scoring	June 29 – July 13, 2016
Potential Interviews	July 18 – 22, 2016
Policy Board Approval	September 29, 2016
FCTA Board Approval	December 7, 2016
Notice to Proceed - Subject to Contract Signing	February 2017

Peggy Arnest gave a detailed explanation on the New Technology Funding and application for the projects and goals that are set for all that will go into the program. Ms. Arnest also answered additional questions.

There was much discussion on the New Technology program. Lee Delap commented that he was very pleased that this program was formed. Mr. Delap also congratulated the group on putting the program together in a short period of time.

IV. Measure C New Technology Reserve Program Multidisciplinary Advisory Group - Oversight Committee Nomination

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. A 12-member Measure C New Technology Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (New Tech MAG) will be established for purposes of reviewing, evaluating, scoring and recommending projects for funding as directed by the Fresno COG Policy Board at their meeting on January 28, 2016 and pending approval by the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board on March 16, 2016. While the New Tech MAG will make advisory recommendations to the Fresno COG Policy Board and Fresno County Transportation Authority, the final funding decisions lie in the hands of the two agency boards. For more information regarding the Measure C New Technology program, please visit <http://www.fresnocog.org/measure-c-new-technology-reserve-fund>.

The 12 positions include the following:

- City of Fresno
- City of Clovis
- East-side City
- West-side City
- County of Fresno
- Business
- Education
- Transit
- Fresno County Transportation Authority Representative
- Measure C Oversight Committee Member
- 2 Public Members

The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee was asked to appoint one of the Oversight Committee members to the New Tech MAG by March 25, 2016. An application was attached.

Barry Mast expressed that he would like to be a representative on the New Tech MAG Advisory Group for the Oversight Committee. Mr. Mast explained why he would like to be on the Advisory group and that he has years of experience in this field.

Stephenie Frederick, though not present at the meeting, previously filled out an application to be a representative on the New Tech MAG Advisory Group. Staff expressed Ms. Frederick's request for nomination by the committee.

A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Samuel Molina to appoint Barry Mast as the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee member to sit on the Cycle One New Tech MAG. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. 2016-2017 Local Agency Budget Form Review and Update

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. Each fiscal year the Oversight Committee asks each local entity who receives Measure C Local Transportation Funds to complete a reporting of how they plan to spend current fiscal year Measure C Local Program allocations. The request goes out the local agencies via a form staff was instructed to develop and update each year.

In looking forward to the upcoming Fiscal Year, staff asked for input on any changes necessary for the 2016-2017 Local Agency Budget Forms that will be distributed to member agencies in July 2016.

Ms. Veenendaal distributed the draft forms so that the committee could review and make changes to the problem areas that need fixing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen and seconded by commissioner Mast to approve the 2016-2017 Local Agency Budget Form with corrections. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. Items from Members

Kevin Hamilton commented to the committee that he had attended a COG Regional Transportation Sub-Committee meeting and heard a discussion on STIP funding projection shortfalls. Mr. Hamilton felt that this topic should be brought back to the next COC meeting for discussion.

VII. Items from Staff

Ms. Veenendaal distributed the FCTA annual reports to the committee members as well as a list of distribution locations.

Meeting to calendar:

- April 14, 2016
- May 12, 2016
- June 9, 2016

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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