



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Executive Minutes

Date: Monday, August 11, 2016

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Barry Mast, FCMA – District 3
Bob Allen, Selma District Chamber of Commerce
Lee Delap, Unincorporated Rural County East of 99
Sam Molina, FCMA District 1
Sal Petrucelli, FCMA District 2
Mike Schwan, Central CA Builders Exchange

David Van Pelt, Unincorporated Rural Area West of 9
Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Coalition
Joe Denham, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
Destiny Rodriguez, Central Calif. Builders Exchange
Stephanie Frederick, League of Women Voters

Absent:

Gilbert Coelho, Firebaugh Rotary Club
Antonio Gastelum, American Labor Alliance

Others Attending:

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

I. Fresno County Rural transit Agency – Measure C funding bus purchases

Moses Stites reported on this item. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency purchased eight 2016 CNG buses with funds (\$2,000,000) from Measure C and funds (\$1,800,000) from Caltrans Bond money. The buses are used in the Inter-City routes and have a range of 200 miles. FCRTA staff had one of the 2016 CNG buses available downstairs on the street and provided a tour of the bus to the committee and staff members prior to start of the meeting.

David Van Pelt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

II. 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.

III. Election of 2016-2017 Chair and Vice-Chair

Brenda reported on this item. The committee must elect a Chair and Co-Chair to assist staff with agenda development and to facilitate Oversight Committee meetings. Members may volunteer for consideration or be nominated by other members.

Sal Petucelli nominated David Van Pelt for Chair.
Kevin Hamilton nominated Lee Delap as Co-Chair.

A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to have David Van Pelt as the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Chair and Lee Delap as Co-chair. A vote was called for and the motion carried

IV. Minutes of March 10, 2016 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Mr. Van Pelt asked that a correction be made to a paragraph from the March 10, 2016 minutes that stated he was the one that opposed the vote on item VIII and not Mr. Delap.

(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 Sam Molina and seconded by Kevin Hamilton to approve with edits, the March 10, 2015 Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. Measure C Regional Transportation Projects and funding shortfalls/solutions

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. The Oversight Committee requested that Fresno COG staff give an overview of the funding and timeline issues currently surrounding the Measure C Regional Program's Tier One and Tier Two Projects. Fresno COG's Finance Director, Les Beshears, was scheduled to report to the Committee as requested. However, Mr. Beshears was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, a motion was made by Joe Denham and seconded by Kevin Hamilton to table this item until the next meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. 2015-2016 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee is charged with annually developing an Annual Report to the Public. Typically, members volunteer to participate on a subcommittee to write the Committee's report. The 2015-2016 COC Chair had begun work on the report but would like to have two or more other members volunteer for the effort.

Support staff photocopied all of the 2015-16 fiscal year agendas and minutes for members of the subcommittee to use. Copies of the 2014-15 report were available to committee members at the meeting.

Stephenie Frederick, Sam Molina, Kevin Hamilton, and David Van Pelt volunteered to be on the COC Annual Report to the Public Subcommittee.

VII. Fresno County Transportation Authority Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budgets

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. This proposed 2016-17 Measure C Extension budget addresses estimated revenue to be received during the 2016-17 fiscal year resulting from the extension of the original Measure C sales tax levy. Total estimated tax revenue is \$72,945,414. The revenue estimate reflects a conservative continuation of a recovery from the weak economy that has impacted tax revenue over the past 7 years in that it represents a 3.5% increase from the 2015-16

actual revenues. Fiscal year 2015-16 actual receipts appear to be trending toward a growth rate in excess of 5.0% over the prior year.

Ms. Benedetto distributed a hand out for Fiscal Year 2015-16 original Measure budget that was not included in the agenda because it does not fall under the committee's umbrella of responsibilities. This is a reference for the committee on some services that are prorated between the original extension Measure and might further explain the budget numbers.

VIII. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Denise Dibenedetto reported on this item. The 2016-17 RTMF budget identifies an estimated \$3 million in fee collection revenue based on recent development activity in Fresno County and \$27,000 in interest earnings. The final category of resources available to deliver the RTMF construction program in 2016-17 is \$19,303,000 in Measure C Loans that are estimated to be needed to service ongoing construction contracts in the coming year. These funds are available, if needed, to pay costs as they come due for on-going contracts and will be added to the outstanding \$54+ million Measure C loan to be amortized over the remaining life of the fee program. Combining all of the above listed resources, results in a total of \$24,936,897 available to deliver the 2016-17 RTMF Program.

David Van Pelt asked about the loans that Ms. Dibenedetto was referring to. Ms. Dibenedetto explained that Les Beshears would be better to explain the question at the next meeting.

Kevin Hamilton requested that a list of RTMF projects be sent to the committee. Denise DiBenedetto stated that she would get that list out to the committee the next day.

IX. Fresno County Transportation Authority Board Resolution No. 2016-01

Denise Dibenedetto reported on this item. Using the revenue estimate provided by the Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, the Fresno County Transportation Authority shall annually prepare a Resolution of Allocation/Apportionment. The Resolution shall include a table, which identifies each city and county, the total street mileage and estimated population within each jurisdiction. Following the adoption of the Resolution, the Fresno County Transportation Authority shall notify each city and the county in writing.

Lee Delap asked how the estimate provided compared with the current revenue curve, and with what the original Measure estimates were. Ms. Dibenedetto said she did not have the numbers but she will try to find out for Mr. Delap.

X. COC Response to Fresno Bee Letter to Editor August 5, 2016

Stephenie Frederick reported on this item. After reading a Fresno Bee Letter to the Editor entitled "Misplaced priorities plague Fresno transportation plans" by Jeanne Larson of Fresno (August 4, 2016) COC member Stephenie Frederick volunteered to draft a response op-ed piece on behalf of the COC. The op-ed piece, once in final form and if approved by the COC, may be submitted to the Bee. Ms. Frederick discussed the response letter with staff and the COC Chair. It was agreed that the op-ed piece should not respond directly to the letter published in the Bee but should highlight the transparent actions of those with Measure C fiduciary responsibilities, and possibly showcase some accomplishments.

After committee discussion a motion was made by Joe Denham and seconded by Mike Schwan to revisit this item and take some time review the letter and make edits. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Kevin Hamilton asked if Les Beshears was going to speak about other funding sources. Ms. Veenendaal said that he would talk about all funding sources applied to Measure C projects.

XI. Items from Members

Stephenie Frederick informed the committee of the on the Transit Oriented Development Program Update meeting on August 24, 2016 at 10:00 am at COG in the Sequoia Room. Ms. Frederick encouraged the committee to attend.

Committee members requested that the New Technology Reserve Funding Recommendations be included on the next agenda, as well as a listing of the Fresno COG Board Meetings, and other Measure C Committee Meeting dates and times.

Stephenie Frederick also asked that staff follow up with the City of Clovis on the check list they developed for reporting Local Transportation Funding items.

Lee Delap also reminded staff that he would like to have the committee receive a copy of the local agency census data from Fresno COG's Regional Directory. Staff agreed to copy the requested pages and hand them out at the next meeting.

XII. Items from Staff

A. Future tentative meeting dates to calendar

- September 8, 2016
- October 13, 2016
- November 10, 2016
- December 8, 2016

Chair \sm adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.