

Measure C TOD Program
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM
COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Andy Haussler, Chair)

Self-introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were now public presentations.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Measure C TOD Program (Kristine Cai) - Discussion/Direction

Ms. Cai reported that both the FCOG and FCTA board directed staff to review the guidelines and scoring criteria for the TOD Program. The program has completed its fifth funding cycle, a list of the funded projects was provided. The annual funding revenue for this program is approximately \$850,000. Staff has reconvened the TAC to discuss the direction of how the program guidelines can be revised with the goal of completing the revised guidelines by December 2017 and issuing a call for projects in January 2018.

Mr. Rudd commented that the premise of the TOD program was to identify funding development along high capacity corridors that were supported by BRT, light rail or street cars.

B. Defined Membership for Technical Advisory Committee (Kristine Cai) - Discussion/Direction

Ms. Cai reported that when the TAC was established, it was intended to be a consensus based process to develop the existing guidelines. Due to the fluidity of the membership, reaching consensus on issues at prior meetings has not been successful. Staff recommended formalizing the TOD TAC membership to mirror the TOD Scoring Committee.

If approved by the current TAC committee, the committee membership will be incorporated into the updated guidelines which will have to be approved by the FCOG and FCTA board.

The committee came to the consensus to move forward with a defined membership for the TAC.

C. Updating TOD Program Guidelines (Kristine Cai) - Discussion/Direction

Ms. Her-Cole presented that TOD is defined differently for every agencies, and that there is not a uniform definition that is used statewide or nationally; however, all have a common theme of focusing land use around and to support transit. Handouts were provided with examples of the AHSC TOD program which sets aside funding for Urban and Rural and the SANDAG TOD program which allocates funding for different place types.

Staff is seeking direction on whether to revise the current criteria or to revamp the entire program.

Mr. Hauser commented that the guidelines clearly identify the program be revisited after the 5th funding cycle. The program can serve as a tool to help encourage other agencies to try and meet the criteria for funding. He recommended removing the first criteria of "Project Location" and keeping the remaining requirements of the TOD program. He also expressed concerns of splitting the funding for Urban and Rural due to the small annual revenue.

The committee had a lengthy discussion about distance of projects to transit lines with minimum headways, criteria for high quality transit service, criteria's to be consistent with SCS, GHG and VMT reduction, update to the Long Range Plan Update.

Mr. Skinner commented that the current AHSC program excludes the rural communities.

Mr. Son concurred with Mr. Rudd that the program should remain unchanged.

Mr. Boren commented that policy board provided direction to staff both in the current guidelines and at the last meeting to review and revise the program to include the entire Fresno County region.

Mr. Son made a motion to maintain the current program guidelines with the exception that the first criteria of location should be eliminated.

Mr. Skinner commented that eliminating the location does not help the smaller communities compete due to scale; he requested that committee consider separate programs for urban and rural.

Mr. Roberts recommended taking the 15 points from location and spread it out to the other three categories.

Mr. Boren commented that COG staff can come back and present different alternatives to the committee for discussion and consideration.

Mr. Rudd recommended that staff return to the board and recommend the program stay unchanged.

Ms. Harpreet asked about waiting until the PTIS update is done. Ms. Cai commented that the PTIS update will take 2 years and with this approach, the committee would need to consider to freeze the program entirely or continue the existing program until the update is complete.

Ms. Sedigh-Darbandi concurred with splitting the funding pot for urban rural.

Mr. Son recommended distributing the total fund amount to all agencies based on lane miles. Mr. Boren responded that staff would not be supportive since there would not be nexus to TOD with a formula distribution.

FCOG staff will reach out to the defined membership that was just approved and will reconvene further to present and discuss the alternatives presented by the committee.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from members

None

B. Items from staff

None

Members in attendance

Andy Hausser, City of Clovis

Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA

Diana Sedigh-Darbandi, FCTA

Harpreet Kooner, Fresno County

Jeff Long, FAX

Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes

Lorena Mendible, Caltrans

Michael Navarro, Catrans

Monte Cox. EOC
Steven Son, Fresno County
Tom Skinner, City of Huron
Wilma Quan –Schechter, City of Fresno

Staff:
Kristine Cai
Trai Her-Cole
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