



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

Executive Minutes

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present:

Bob Allen, Selma District Chamber of Commerce
Lee Delap, Unincorporated Rural County East of 99, District 5
Sam Molina, FCMA District 1
Sal Petrucelli, FCMA District 2
David Van Pelt, Unincorporated Rural Area West of 99
Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Collaborative
Stephenie Frederick, League of Women Voters
Destiny Rodriguez, Incorporated Cities Outside of the FCMA, District 4
Mike Schwan, Central CA Builders Exchange

Absent:

Antonio Gastelum, American Labor Alliance
Barry Mast, FCMA – District 3
Joe Denham, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce

Others Attending:

Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG
Mike Leonardo, FCTA
Denise DiBenedetto, Fresno County Transportation Authority
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Peggy Arnest, Fresno COG
Les Beashears, Fresno COG
Nicolas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club

David Van Pelt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 8, 2016 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

A motion was made by Bob Allan and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to approve the December 8, 2016 Oversight Committee minutes with corrections. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan Amendment #3- Request by the City of Fresno to facilitate the siting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's Heavy Maintenance Facility

Les Beshears reported on this item. Fresno COG received a letter from the City of Fresno (was attached) requesting that the Measure C Expenditure Plan be amended to allow the City of Fresno to access a portion (\$500,000) of the \$25 million in funding that had been previously set aside by the Fresno Council of Governments and the Fresno County Transportation Authority Boards for the High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility (HMF). The Measure C Plan amendment is required because utilization of those funds as established by Measure C Amendment # 1 (which formally set aside the \$25 million for the HMF) is conditioned upon Fresno County being awarded the Heavy Maintenance Facility site "prior" to expenditure of any of the \$25 million in funding. The requested amendment (Measure C Plan Amendment #3) would allow for the expenditure of up to \$250,000 in calendar year 2017, and another \$250,000 in calendar year 2018. The purpose of the funding request is to pay for non-refundable deposits on 190 acres (site map was attached) that have been identified as the preferred location of the HMF in Fresno County.

As it had been discussed previously, Fresno County is in spirited competition with other San Joaquin Valley communities to serve as the future home of the California High-Speed Rail HMF, which is estimated to create 1,500 new permanent jobs and \$245 million in annual earnings. With that in mind, the City of Fresno hired Continental Field Service to negotiate conditional purchase and sales agreements with property owners to control the proposed site during the time that the California High-Speed Authority is deliberating regarding where the HMF will be located. These conditional purchase and sales agreements, which are assignable, include two 12-month non-refundable deposits of no more than \$250,000 per 12-month period and would secure these properties for up to two years. The actual purchase and sales provisions contained in these agreements can be exercised at any time during the term of the agreements.

Approval of any amendment to the Measure C Expenditure Plan approved by the voters in 2006 requires a two-step approval process: 1.) the Fresno Council of Governments Policy must approve; and 2.) the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board must approve. In the event that both the Fresno COG and FCTA Board approve the proposed amendment, the City of Fresno would enter into agreements to access and expend the allocated funding with the FCTA. Fresno COG Resolution 2017-01 is attached for approval should the Fresno COG Policy Board choose to approve the proposed Measure C Plan Amendment #3.

The TTC, PAC, and the Fresno COG Policy Board all approved the Measure C Amendment #3 and Resolution 2017-01.

Les Beshears explained to the committee that the Measure C funds will be used for property for the High Speed Rail Maintenance Facility.

With much discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Hamilton and seconded by Bob Allen to approve a recommendation to the Fresno County Transportation Authority to approve Amendment #3 and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the Measure C High-Speed Rail program to the City of Fresno for non-refundable deposits. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan Amendment #4 - Bikeway language updates

Les Beshears reported on this item. Fresno COG staff has been working on a possible Amendment #4 to the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan, Appendix C regarding the types of bikeway designations able to receive funding. Staff would like to discuss Amendment #4 with the Oversight Committee members for feedback. The draft Amendment language was handed out at the meeting.

Peggy Arnest gave a presentation on the new classes of bikeways to show what the language means and how the Measure C funds are used.

Nicholas Paladino explained to the committee that he helped write the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan and that he drafted the paragraph on page A6. He read what the extension language says about how the funds are received for bikeways. Mr. Paladino expressed his support for editing the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan language to include the new classifications.

A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to support the concept of amending the document to include the recommended pedestrian trails and class one bicycle facilities and class two, three and four bicycle facilities, with the addition of any other State changes regarding classes that will automatically become part of the document. A vote was called for and the motion passed with one no vote.

V. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Local Agency Budget Forms Review

Summary: Each fiscal year the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) asks each local agency receiving Measure C Local Transportation Funds to complete a reporting of how they plan to spend the current year's Measure C Local Program allocations. The request goes out the local agencies via a form the COC have instructed staff to develop and revise and updates each year.

Three additional forms were received and were attached for review.

- City of Firebaugh

A motion was made by Stephenie Frederick and seconded by Kevin Hamilton approve the City of Firebaugh. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

- City of Sanger

A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Sam Molina to approve the City of Sanger. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

- City of Huron

A motion was made by Stephenie Frederick and seconded by Kevin Hamilton to approve the City of Huron. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Measure C Extension Expenditure Reports

Denise DiBenedetto reported on this item. At the December 8, 2016 COC meeting Denise DiBenedetto submitted the FY15/16 Expenditure Reports for review. At that meeting the following reports had been requested to return so that the COC could confirm that the requested changes had been made; City of Fowler, Fresno FAX, City of Orange Cove, City of Parlier, City of Sanger, City of Mendota and the City of Reedley. After that meeting on January 10, 2017, Denise DiBenedetto met

with Jeff Markarian from Dedekian, George, Small and Markarian to discuss the flagged items and suggest adjustments or corrections. At that meeting FCTA and Jeff Markarian agreed that it would be advisable to wait until the FY15/16 audits had been completed and after the proposed Expenditure Report workshop so that FCTA was not asking the agencies to adjust reports more than once. Considering there may be additional adjustments requested from the auditor, this will alleviate any inconvenience for both the local agencies and FCTA so that one final adjustment can be made.

This was an Information item with direction from the committee.

VII. Items from Members

Lee Delap shared information he received from the December 2016 Transportation Authority meeting regarding more vetting on New Technology.

Stephenie Frederick commented that the National Aeronautics was interested in the electric airplane project.

Lee Delap informed the committee that Neil Bretz gave a brief update on the 180 East project, saying that construction will start in June or July and it will take about three to five years to finish.

Destiny Rodriguez gave a brief bio on herself.

Kevin Hamilton mentioned that Fresno County is in the process of setting its SCS goals for the Greenhouse Gas Reductions through the Regional Transportation Plan, and that this is an opportunity to do better.

VIII. Items from Staff

A. Future tentative COC meeting dates to calendar:

- February 9, 2017
- March 9, 2017 (Very tentative--Fresno COG staff unavailable to host or attend)
- April 13, 2017
- May 11, 2017

B. Items for next agenda

C. Upcoming Meetings of other related Boards/Committees:

- Measure C Amendment #3 Public Hearing, Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 5:30-7:30 pm at Fresno COG
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, Friday, February 10, 2017 at 8:30 am at Fresno COG
- Policy Advisory Committee Meeting, Friday, February 10, 2017 at 10:00 am at Fresno COG
- RTP Roundtable Meeting, Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Fresno COG
- Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Fresno COG
- San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference, Wednesday evening, March 8, 2017 through Friday, March 10, 2017. The Falls Conference Center. See attached Flyer for more information.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.
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