



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM

**Place: COG Ash Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA**

Members Present:

Lee Delap, Unincorporated Rural County East of 99, District 5
Sal Petrucelli, FCMA District 2
Bill Jordan, League of Women Voters
Bob Allen, Selma District Chamber of Commerce
Mike Schwan, Central CA Builders Exchange
Sam Molina, FCMA District 1
LeAnn Nowlin, Public at Large

Absent:

Antonio Gastelum, American Labor Alliance
Joe Denham, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
Destiny Rodriguez, Public at Large
Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Collaborative

Others Attending:

Denise DiBenedetto, Fresno County Transportation Authority
Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG
Robert Phipps, Fresno COG
Mary Allen, Public

Lee Delap called the meeting to order at 5:02 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.

None

II. Minutes of February 8, 2018 Meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

A motion was made by Bob Allen and seconded by Sal Petrucelli to approve the February 8, 2018 Oversight Committee minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Measure C New Technology Reserve Grant Program - Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Grant Application

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. Fresno COG staff has been working to review, update, and release the Measure C New Technology Program's 2018 Application Packet. One meeting of the New Tech Subcommittee was held and suggestions for edits were taken.

Staff updated the application and prepared it to be release to the public by Friday, April 13, 2018. Fresno COG staff member, Peggy Arnest, gave an update on the status of the program and the application process.

Ms. Arnest also informed the committee of some of the important dates of this cycle. Request for Proposals would be released on Monday April 16, 2018, the last day to submit any questions or request for clarifications will be June 4, 2018 and the dead line for the submittal for proposals and application will be July 23, 2018.

Ms. Arnest informed the members about a new Multidisciplinary Advisory Group, everyone in this group is appointed by our member agencies. Ms. Arnest also stated that the Citizens Oversight Committee would need to appoint someone from their committee to the Multidisciplinary Advisory Group.

Ms. Arnest also informed the committee of the Electric Airplane that will be presented on the 17th at 10:00 am.

This was an information Item.

IV. Measure C Amendment No. 5 - modification to Measure C Local Transportation Flexible Program to include litter abatement

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. Over the last several years, Fresno COG and the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), in consultation with Caltrans and member agencies, had been examining different short- and long-term strategies to clean up litter found along the region’s freeways, highways, and major arterials. To that end, a draft Measure C-funded Litter Abatement Program (memo was attached) had been developed for consideration by both the Fresno COG and FCTA boards. At a February 14, 2018, meeting, FCTA Executive Director Mike Leonardo presented to the FCTA Board the conceptual framework (memo was attached) for consideration and direction. The FCTA Board supported the litter cleanup strategies identified and authorized Mr. Leonardo to begin working with Fresno COG to develop a Measure C Litter Abatement Program that could ultimately be adopted and implemented by Fresno COG and FCTA.

Given that the Measure C Expenditure Plan approved by voters in 2006 did not include funding for a regional Litter Abatement Program (LAP), the first step in that process is to formally amend the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan to set aside funding from the Regional Program. In addition, the LAP would also include a modification to the eligibility criteria for the Measure's Local Transportation Flexible Program that flows directly to local jurisdictions to include litter abatement as an allowable use. This would make Local Flexible funding eligible to meet the “local match” requirement of the newly created LAP.

The Measure C Amendment No. 5 proposal had two components:

1. A modification to eligibility criteria for the Measure C Local Transportation Flexible Program to include litter abatement as an allowable use.
2. Allowance of the formation of a two-year demonstration Measure C Litter Abatement Program that requires a partnership among Fresno County Transportation Authority, Caltrans District 06 and interested local member agencies.

The two-year demonstration Measure C LAP was founded on the principle that litter is a “community problem,” and therefore a variety of funding sources (state/regional/local) should be applied to address the situation. To maximize the Caltrans match, the LAP program would be limited to state highways only. With that in mind, the two-year LAP program would be structured as follows:

Two Year Litter Abatement Program Demonstration Program			
Source of Funding	Year 1	Year 2	TOTAL
Regional Transportation LAP (Measure C)	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Local Agency Match	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Caltrans	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Total Litter Program	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

LAP funding would be available to any eligible agency within Fresno County. If requests for LAP funding exceed the \$125,000 funding annually, a competitive program could be established or the available LAP funds could be distributed on a formula basis using similar population and road mileage percentages, as used for distribution of the Measure "C" Local Transportation Program funds. Any unused LAP funds would roll forward to the next cycle of funding availability. The source of the LAP funding would come from the Measure C Regional Transportation Program, with the nexus for utilizing these funds based on the premise that the accumulation of litter is an additional maintenance by-product for our region's freeway/expressway/highway system expansion that was funded primarily by Measure C revenues.

As was discussed in detail in the attached memo, the LAP is a short-term solution to the ongoing litter problem on our freeways and highways. With this in mind, Fresno COG and the FCTA are continuing to look for longer-term solutions. These include forming a state-authorized countywide *Service Authority Freeways and Expressways* (SAFE) that would be funded from an additional \$1 vehicle registration fee on all registered vehicles in Fresno County or pending state legislation (AB 1395) that requires Caltrans to develop a statewide litter clean-up program. The Fresno COG Policy Board approved the proposed amendment at their meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2018. The FCTA Board will be voting on it at their meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Robert Phipps explained and answered questions on the Measure C Amendment No. 5 - modification to Measure C Local Transportation Flexible Program to include litter abatement.

Mr. Phipps also informed the committee that Caltrans operations came forward with a great offer of a grant with a two year program of \$250,000.00 a year, and if the local governments assist with this and primarily thinking of the City of Fresno, this would be eligible for any state highway in Fresno County.

This was an information Item.

V. Items from Staff

A. 2018 COC tentative meeting dates:

- May 10 (Cancelled)
- June 14 (Tentative)
 - July 12
 - August 9
 - September 13
 - October 11
 - November 8
 - December 13
- FCTA Budget Hearing May 10, 2018
- Mike Leonardo Preliminary Conditioning on Assets – September 10, 2018 Discussion.
- Lee Delap thanked the staff members who worked on the annual report.

B. Items for next agenda – discussion

C. Upcoming Meetings of other related Boards/Committee

- Transportation Technical Committee - 8:30 am and Policy Advisory Committee - 10:00 am on April 13, 2018
- Fresno County Transportation Authority Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 9:00 am at Fresno COG
- Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting - Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm at Fresno CO

VII. Items from Members

None