

**JOINT MEETING
MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AND
MADERA COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2003

Time: 2:35 P.M.

Place: Madera County Government Center,
Board of Supervisor Chambers

Members Present: Chairman Vern D. Moss, Supervisor- Madera County
Vice Chair Frank Bigelow, Supervisor- Madera County
Alfred Ginsburg, Councilman- City of Chowchilla
Darwin Shebelut, Incorporated Area
Gary Gilbert, Supervisor- Madera County
M.J. Nabors, Councilman- City of Madera
Gordon Skeels, Councilman- City of Madera
Jon Norby, Eastern Madera County
Harlen Rippetoe - Unincorporated Valley
Alt. Ronn Dominici, Supervisor- Madera County (Observed)

Members Absent: None

MCTA Staff Present: Patricia S. Taylor-Maley, Executive Director
Derek Winning, Planner I
Tricia Stone, Receptionist

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment

This portion of the meeting was reserved for person(s) wishing to address the MCTA on items within their jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

There were no public comments.

**III. Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2002 – MCTA
Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2002 – MCRIA**

Upon motion by Director Ginsburg, seconded by Director Bigelow, to approve the December 4, 2002 MCTA Executive Minutes as written. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Upon motion by Director Bigelow, seconded by Director Ginsburg, to approve the December 4, 2002 MCRIA Executive Minutes as written. A vote was called and the motion carried.

IV. Administration

A. Measure “A” Election Results

Included in the package was an analysis of the election results for Measure “A”. The comparison is of the 1990 and 2002 election results.

Background:

Statewide the election results are mixed but continue to show support for transportation. On Tuesday, November 5, 2002, voters cast their ballots on a number of transportation issues, including five sales tax measures. While only Riverside County received the necessary two-thirds YES vote, all five won the majority of votes. The breakdown is as follows:

- Madera County – Yes 50.7% / No 49.3%
- Fresno County – Yes 53.68% / No 46.32%
- Solano County – Yes 59.87% / No 40.13%
- Merced County – Yes 61.31% / No 38.69%
- Riverside County – Yes 69.07% / No 30.93%

The election showed that transportation continues to be a priority with voters. It also showed that the two-thirds requirement for these local votes continues to be a real concern. The Regional Transportation Planning Agencies at its November 6, 2002 meeting voted unanimously to encourage the California Transportation Commission to pursue legislative efforts to lower the vote threshold to simple majority.

Options (not necessary limited to the following):

The following are options related to the extension of Measure “A” efforts:

1. Start now to refine the Expenditure Plan for the 2004 Election
2. Hold a special election
3. Wait to see what happens through the legislative efforts to lower the vote threshold to simple majority and then react;
4. Wait until Measure “A” sunsets. Publicly identify the need of Measure “A” funds.

Staff Recommendations and/or Considerations:

- Identify “Grass Roots” effort. There is a need to identify who will be committed and involved in the “grass roots” effort. Without the support of the local community Measure “A” will not pass, especially if a super majority is required.
- Request that each Director identify local citizens interested in transportation to sit on the Measure “A” Extension Steering Committee
- Target the 2004 Election. The efforts to revisit the expenditure plan should be done parallel to the work in Sacramento to lower the vote threshold.
- Reconvene the Measure “A” Extension Steering Committee and include new members.
- Develop an expenditure plan that is sellable to the voters (Measure “A” sunsets in October 2005).
- Consider retaining a consultant to assist in the development of an Expenditure Plan (identification of sellable projects).
- Identify clearly the transportation needs in Madera County. Voters need to identify with the projects included in the plan. For an example, the plan may include three or four major projects based on the need. Other funding categories may include local streets and roads.
- Identify who will be responsible to implement the project(s). May consider the Authority.
- Solicit input from the community through public meetings (various locations) and outreach efforts. Information received will be considered during the development of the Expenditure Plan.
- Educate; fundraise and campaign now if the Board chooses to target the 2004 election.

Action: Board of Directors directed staff to proceed with staff recommendations.

B. 2002-03 Annual Work Program – Amendment #02/03-4

The City of Madera and the County of Madera requested to amend the 2002-03 Annual Work Program. The amendment is as follows:

City of Madera:

- Almond Avenue – MA-ALM-01: increase construction \$7,000 (from \$90,000 to \$97,000) and decrease construction engineering \$7,000 (from \$15,000 to \$8,000).

County of Madera:

- Avenue 17 – CO-A17-01: increase right of way \$364,000 (from \$371,000 to \$735,000) and increase construction \$1,000 (from \$1,315,000 to \$1,316,000)
- Road 26 – CO-R26-01: increase right of way \$334,000 (from \$594,000 to \$928,000) and increase construction \$60,000 (from \$941,000 to \$1,001,000)
- Road 200 – CO-R200-03: decrease construction \$759,000 (from \$ 4,170,000 to \$3,411,000)

There was discussion concerning the County’s request, listed above, to amend Road 200 to reflect projects increases in Avenue 17 and Road 26. The Director’s recommended staff to change the amendment to adjust the project increases in right of way and decrease the alike amount in the construction phase of the same project instead of reducing the funds programmed in Road 200.

Action: Upon motion by Director Nabors, seconded by Director Skeels to approve the City of Madera’s amendment request and amend the County’s request as follows:

- Avenue 17-CO-17-01: increase right of way \$364,000 (from \$371,00 to \$735,000) and decrease construction \$364,000 (from \$1,315,000 to \$951,000).
- Road 26-CO-R26-01: increase right of way \$334,000 (from \$594,000 to \$928,000) and decrease construction \$334,000 (from \$941,000 to \$607,000).

A vote was called and the motion passed.

C. Fiscal Year 2001-02 Fiscal Audit

The firm of Quady, Brash & Leal completed the audit of the Madera County Transportation Authority fiscal records for 2001/02. We are pleased to report that there are no exceptions or adverse findings noted in the audit.

Action: Upon motion by Director Skeels, seconded by Director Nabors to accept MCTA Fiscal Audit for FY 2001/02. A vote was called and the motion carried.

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Election of MCTC Officers

Chairman Moss opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Upon motion by Director Ginsburg, seconded by Director Nabors to appoint Vice-Chair Director Bigelow as Chairman.

Being no further nominations for Chairman. Chairman Moss closed the floor for nominations.

Action: A vote was called and the motion carried to appoint Director Bigelow as Chairman.

Chairman Moss opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Upon motion by Director Ginsburg, seconded by Director Nabors to appoint Director Skeels as Vice-Chairman.

Being no further nominations for Vice-Chair. A vote was called and the motion carried to appoint Director Skeels as Vice-Chair.

B. *Items From Staff*

Patricia Taylor-Maley thanked Vern Moss for his commitment to the Authority and his leadership and involvement in transportation issues in Madera County.

C. *Items From Directors*

Commissioner Moss stated that he will be leaving the Authority because of commitments he has made with RCRC and the meeting dates conflict.

VII. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia S. Taylor-Maley, Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission