

Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee Executive Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Madera County Transportation Commission Conference Room
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637

Members Present: Chairman Jon Basila, District 1
Dennis Holschlag, District 2
William Bunnell, Jr., District 5
Tom Swire, At-large

Members Absent: Jack Perialas, District 3
Cathie Bustos, District 4
Christopher Baker, At-large

Local Agency Staff: Ellen Bitter, City of Madera
Andrew Benelli, City of Chowchilla
Johannes Hoevertsz, County of Madera
Jared Carter, County of Madera

MCTA Staff: Troy McNeil, Fiscal Supervisor
Derek Dylan Stone, Transportation Planner I
Kasia Thompson, Transportation Planner I

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Jon Basila called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Committee Members and Agencies Staff introduced themselves.

I. Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on the agenda. Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item.

There were no public comments.

II. Minutes of December 13, 2010 Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Basila, seconded by Mr. Swire, the December 13, 2012 Executive Minutes were approved as written. A vote was called and the motion carried.

III. Review Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Staff presented the Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee Roles and Responsibilities .

IV. FY 2009/10 Measure T Compliance Audits

Troy McNeil presented Committee members the FY 2009/10 Measure T compliance audits for the City of Madera, City of Chowchilla and County of Madera. and reviewed the documents. No adverse findings were reported in the FY 2009/10 Measure T compliance audits.

Chairman Basila requested the presence of the MCTA auditor to explain the audits and answer questions. Committee agreed to meet again in July.

The Committee also expressed displeasure at the tardiness of the audits, presented almost 2 years after the end of the end of the FY 09/10. Troy McNeil indicated that the audits rely on the findings of the local agency audits, which can cause a delay if local agencies do not complete their audits in a timely manner.

William Bunnell asked about the use of bonding during economic downturn to get additional funds at low interest rates. Troy explained that MCTA has aggressively bonded to fund all capital projects that are ready for construction.

V. FY 2008/09 Annual Report to the Public

Kasia Thompson began a discussion on the Citizens' Oversight Committee formal Annual Report required by the Measure T Investment Plan and presented a draft letter to be signed by the Oversight Committee chair that summarizes the Committee's review of MCTA's financial reports and audits. Kasia also presented a supplemental to AWP - draft newsletter. The agreement was made that the final versions of both documents will be presented to the Committee during next COC meeting, tentatively scheduled for the month of September of 2012. Furthermore Mr. Basila requested the presence of the Auditor upon signing the letter.

VI. FY 2010/11 Draft Annual Work Program

County of Madera

Jared Carter from Madera County provided an update

Mr. Bunnell asked about

County staff outlined its program of planned chip seals and overlays for FY 2010/11. Road 222, Ave 12, Robertson Blvd., Ave 18 ½, and Ave 13 are all candidates for chip seal. Construction will commence in Spring when the temperature rises.

County staff noted the use of Measure T funds on a road widening project that was part of the new Amtrak station construction.

Regional Program

Staff provided an update on regional projects. Ave 12 overcrossing is scheduled for construction in 2012. The 4th Street overcrossing is moving at a record pace to begin construction in 2011.

City staff provided an update on the Ellis St. project. Phase I is under construction now. Phase II will go to bid in January 2011. The MCTA board approved an allocation of Measure T funds for Phase II in December.

VII. Other Items

The next meeting of the Oversight Committee will be scheduled in July 2012 to meet the Auditor the FY 2009/10 Measure T compliance audits are completed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.