

**Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee
Executive Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Madera County Transportation Commission Conference Room
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637

Members Present: Chairman John Reed, District 5
Tom Kellner, District 1
Wendy Fagan, District 3
Angelina Cantu, District 4

Members Absent: Michelle Robinson, Member At Large

Vacant Seats: District 2
Member At Large

Local Agency Staff: Jason Rogers, City of Chowchilla
Ellen Bitter, City of Madera
Jared Carter, County of Madera
Ahmad Alkayyat, County of Madera

MCTA Staff: Troy McNeil, Fiscal Supervisor
Sandy Ebersole, Grants Analyst

Auditor: David Dybas, CPA

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members and Agency 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 September 28, 2016 Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Kellner, seconded by Ms. Fagan, the September 28, 2016 Executive Minutes were approved as written. A vote was called and the motion carried.

III. FY 2015/16 Measure T Compliance Audits

MCTA financial statements and Agency compliance audits for the fiscal year 2015/16 were audited by Price Paige & Company. Price Paige & Company presented and explained the audits to the Committee. No adverse findings were reported in the FY 2015/16 Measure T compliance audits.

Information and discussion only.

IV. FY 2015/16 Annual Report to the Public

Sandy Ebersole presented the *Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report to the Public* in the form of an annual newsletter. The newsletter summarizes the Committee's review of MCTA's financial reports and audits and provides a brief description of projects funded by Measure T. Minor changes were made to the Annual Report. The amended Report was approved by Ms. Fagan and seconded by Mr. Kellner. A vote was called and the motion carried.

V. Annual Work Program

a. Local Program Updates

City of Chowchilla – Jason Rogers from the City of Chowchilla noted Measure T Funds were used for local street and road maintenance and road repair. Measure T leveraged additional funding for a project on Lake Street

City of Madera – Ellen Bitter from the City of Madera noted projects completed this year with Measure T funds such as chip seals and overlays. Measure T leveraged funds to complete the Sunset Avenue Jefferson Middle School pedestrian safety project.

Partnering with other funding sources, the City constructed bus stop shelters and surrounding sidewalks, bicycle trail projects and alley pavings.

The City is compiling funds for a widening project on Olive Avenue from Gateway to Knox. The roadway will be widened to a four lane arterial with bike lanes, sidewalks, bus turnouts and widening of the railroad crossing. The City is also compiling funds for Lake Street widening from the river north from Fourth Street to Cleveland.

The new Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program provides a 50/50 match to counties with a self-imposed tax such as Measure T. These matching funds will allow the City to complete additional projects.

County of Madera – Jared Carter from the County of Madera discussed projects completed with Measure T funds which include chip seals on Avenue 14, Road 36 from Avenue 9 to Avenue 12, Avenue 9 from SR 99 to Road 29 ½, Road 274 from Bass Lake to North Fork as well as other maintenance district roads.

Measure T is used to leverage funds for large projects. Avenue 26 from Chowchilla to Eastman Lake is a partnership with Measure T and the Federal Land Access Program. The total project cost is \$20 million with a \$3 million Measure T match.

The Midtown Connector project in Oakhurst has been realigned due to the discovery of cultural items. After consultation, a new alignment was agreed upon and the project is moving forward.

Other leveraged projects include a roundabout in North Fork and sidewalks in the Ranchos area.

With funding from the SB 1 Local Partnership Program the County will be able to fund a Pavement Management System which will assist in timely maintenance and repairs.

b. Regional Program Update

Troy McNeil provided an update on regional projects. The widening of SR 99 from Avenue 12 to north of Avenue 17 will be ready to list by the end of the year. Construction will begin when leveraged funds become available. The Oakhurst Midtown Connector, Road 200, Phase III widening at Fine Gold Creek Bridge and the reconstruction of Avenue 7 are moving forward, the environmental phase of the SR 233 interchange operational improvement project in Chowchilla is still in progress.

VI. Other Items

- a. Annual Work Program.
- b. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
- c. A Measure T outreach program and project updates will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. There are two vacant positions on the Citizens Oversight Committee. Open positions are Districts 2 and Member At Large
- e. Ms. Cantu had a question regarding the Lake Street widening. Ms. Bitter stated that bike lanes will be included as well as roadway median with

landscape and turn pockets. This project will be discussed in an open forum next year.

VII. Adjournment at 6:25 pm.