



Meeting Minutes

2022 Measure T Renewal Investment Plan Steering Committee Meeting #8

Date: March 17, 2022

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Place: Zoom Meeting

To review the meeting in its entirety, please use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UEmh1QsDnY&ab>

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steering Committee Members: Madera County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Brett Frazier (Co-Chair), Robert Poythress, County of Madera (Co-Chair); Active Transportation Advocate; Geoffrey Wheeler, Michael Prandini, Building Industry Association of Fresno and Madera Counties; Michael Navarro, California Department of Transportation Caltrans); Council Member Diana Palmer, City of Chowchilla; Rod Pruett, City of Chowchilla; Jason Rogers, City of Chowchilla; Ellen Bitter, City of Madera; Mayor Santos Garcia, City of Madera; Keith Helmuth, City of Madera; David Huff, City of Madera; Stephanie Nathan, County of Madera; Jared Carter, County of Madera; Matt Treber, County of Madera; Jay Varney, County of Madera; Davinder Mahil, Creekside Farming; Madeline Harris, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; Leticia Casillas Luquin, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; Bobby Kahn, Madera County Economic Development Commission (EDC); Patricia Taylor, Madera County Transportation Commission/Madera County Transportation Authority (MCTC/MCTA); Frank Simonis, Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC); Tim Curley, Valley Children’s Hospital; Monte Cox, Madera County; Jose Rodriguez, City of Madera; Arnoldo Rodriguez, City of Madera; David Padilla, Caltrans; Derek Robinson

Members of the Public: Andrew Russell, Sirenia Lopez, Amalia Bernardo, Ofelia Abundez

Madera County Transportation Commission/Madera County Transportation Authority Staff and Consultants: Patricia Taylor, MCTC/MCTA; Troy McNeil, MCTC/MCTA; Dylan Stone, MCTC/MCTA; Jeff Findley, MCTC/MCTA; Sheila Kingsley, MCTC; Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies, Inc. (VRPA); Rose Willems, VRPA; Richard Lee, VRPA; Dena Graham, VRPA; Maria Hernandez, VRPA; Charles Heath, TBWBH Props & Measures; Alex Wara-Macapinlac, TBWBH Props & Measures; Ellen Moy, Moy & Associates; Tim McLarney, True North Research; Alex Zajdman, Linguistica; Reyna Rodriguez, Linguistica



I. Introductions and February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Robert Poythress welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance and participation. Dena Graham, VRPA, then reviewed the available interpretation services and discussed the webinar protocols.

A motion to approve the February 17, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Brett Frazier and was seconded by Bobby Kahn, Business. Mr. Poythress asked if there was anyone who was opposed to the motion. There were none. Motion approved by consensus.

II. Public Comment Related to Items on the Agenda

Georgiena Vivian, VRPA, then explained the public comment protocol. Comment received during the item generally included:

- For Measure T projects we do not want to see expanding projects; we want current roads fixed
- We also want to see more public transportation
- We have been talking to citizens and they say they have seen no public outreach
- We are not able to make 1:30 pm meetings because we are at work
- The Measure T expiration date should not be ended by voters and takes away the ability for Madera County voters to engage or vote on the investment plan
- Highways and freeways should not be projects in Measure T
- Measure T dollars should be used for clean energy projects
- Lavinia residents have been waiting to implement their mobility study since 2019

III. Measure T Renewal – Methodology to Distribute MT3 Funding to Local Agencies

Patricia Taylor, MCTC presented how allocations were distributed to local jurisdictions. Ms. Taylor then mentioned that staff is prepared to recommend that we move forward with the population funding base. It seems the fairest and most equitable way to distribute the funding to our local jurisdictions.

Arnoldo Rodriguez made a motion to approve and that it be 100% based on population. The motion was seconded by Jason Rogers, City of Chowchilla. Comment received during the item generally included:

- Before we make decisions like this one, we need to consult with the public and do not think it is fair to push through an investment plan without asking people what they want.
- I need a clarification from MCTA - this is a steering committee and the members of the steering committee represent the public, is that correct? Yes, this is a steering committee and therefore we represent the public.
- Questions should be centered around how Measure funds are to be spent - that is a completely separate process correct? Yes, we will be getting to that in the next agenda item.

- New development's impacts are paid for with road impact fees.
- The people need to be engaged. How do they know that the Steering Committee is going to get it right? It has been documented that new development has been paid using Measure T money. The fact is that new development is being funded through road impact fees.
- Community based organizations have a responsibility to reach out to the community and their stakeholders and inform other community organizations about the activities of the Steering Committee.
- A lot of the community input that we have been receiving has not been accepted by this committee.
- With regards to Measure T subsidizing and facilitating sprawl, when we look at the proposals to fund the State Route 41 expansion project and a lot of other interchange expansions for the upcoming investment plan, it appears that Measure T Renewal funding is going to facilitate sprawl development.
- Where do Measure T revenues come from – which areas in the County? Do we have information that shows where the sales tax is generated? Mainly asking about the cities and the County. Staff indicated that they are in the process of getting the revenue generation data.

IV. Measure T Renewal – Staff Modal Allocation Proposal

Ms. Vivian provided an overview of the approved programs, subprograms and eligible projects, street and road rehabilitation and maintenance needs, polling results indicating that pothole repair is of high priority to the voters in Madera County, and the modal split or which modes people in Madera County use to travel with autos and trucks being more than 90% of the mode split.

Troy McNeil, MCTC reviewed the expected Measure T Renewal proceeds and spoke about the highlights of the Measure T Renewal allocation proposal. Mr. McNeil then discussed other assumptions made by staff to prepare the allocations indicating that the allocations were based on the project needs derived from projects submitted to prepare the 2022 RTP/SCS, as well as from other sources.

Ms. Ellen Moy, Moy and Associates, then reviewed the public transit section of the presentation and discussed several transit issues including flexibility, zero to low emission conversions, and others and explained that there are funding sources for public transit, but they all must be matched.

Finally, Ms. Vivian discussed the revised 30-year allocation assumption and mentioned that this was a starting point for discussion.

Comments received during Committee discussion included the following:

- How are trips defined? Trips are defined as starting from a residence and traveling to a destination or between destinations.

- Since the gas prices went up drastically more people are walking, and more people are sharing rides and biking.
- How can we ensure that folks in the smaller communities get their roads repaved and repaired and that disadvantaged unincorporated communities aren't also see improvements to their roads? Staff is considering coming back to this Committee with a proposal to set-aside a competitive pot or certain percentage of Measure T3 maintenance funding for disadvantaged communities that may not compete well for otherwise.
- We really need to see active transportation and transit be prioritized; it is hard for rural communities to get competitive grants.
- I was confused from the two pie charts that you shared if you meant that the proposal is for 18% of Measure T funds to fund active transportation and 5% to transit or is the proposal for it to be 2.5 for both? 2.5 for both.
- The clean technology program should not be competitive.
- Wouldn't a 30 year assumption correlate to a 30 year measure? When we get to the implementing guidelines we will decide when the measure should be revisited for emerging technologies, etc.
- Would like to get the methodology developed that would consider how many tons of vehicle related emissions needs to be reduced.
- Have you sent this presentation to us, as well as the other presentations from today's meeting? They will be posted immediately following the meeting.
- Who would I connect with offline to understand these numbers, a little bit better and ask questions? Please contact staff at the MCTC office.
- No maintenance money goes to Caltrans highways.
- Are there other funding sources for maintenance projects? Yes, but funding for streets and roads projects is not being prioritized at the State or federal levels.
- Wanted to mention how important Measure T is and appreciate all the work that has been done to develop the Renewal Plan.

V. Public Engagement Update

Tim McLarney of True North Research reviewed the follow-on polling process to date. He mentioned that times have changed and that revisions and fine tuning of the priorities of the measure are important. Mr. McLarney mentioned that they are in the design phase of the polling instrument and that polling results are expected in early May.

Alex Wara-Macapinlac, TBWBH, provided an update on the mailer status.

Dylan Stone, MCTC reviewed the schedule of community events.

VI. Next Steps

a. Staff Items

- a. There were none.

b. Renewal Schedule

- a. Ms. Vivian mentioned there will be a meeting added on March 31, 2022.

c. Next Meeting Date

- a. The next meeting date is Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 1:30 PM.

VII. Public Comments Related to Items Not on the Agenda

There were none.