



Meeting Minutes

2022 Measure T Renewal Investment Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #10

Date: March 31, 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=e8lbyEp95IE>

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steering Committee Members: Madera County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Brett Frazier (Co-Chair), Active Transportation Advocate; Geoffrey Wheeler, Michael Prandini, Building Industry Association of Fresno and Madera Counties; Nichole Mosqueda, Camarena Health Center; 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; Carla Estupinian, Madera County; Jose Rodriguez, City of Madera

Members of the Public: Andrew Russell, Nathaniel Findley

Madera County Transportation Commission/Madera County Transportation Authority Staff and Consultants: Troy McNeil, MCTC/MCTA; Dylan Stone, MCTC/MCTA; Jeff Findley, MCTC/MCTA; Sandy Ebersole, MCTC/MCTA; Sheila Kingsley; Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies, Inc. (VRPA); Rose Willems, VRPA; Richard Lee, VRPA; Dena Graham, VRPA; VRPA; Charles Heath, TBWBH Props & Measures; Alex Wara-Macapinlac, TBWBH Props & Measures; Ellen Moy, Moy & Associates; Alex Zajdman, Linguistica



I. Introductions and February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Brett Frazier welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance and participation. Dena Graham, VRPA, then reviewed the available interpretation services and discussed the webinar protocols. Georgiena Vivian, VRPA, then explained the public comment protocol.

A motion to approve the February 10, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Tim Curley, Valley Children's Hospital, and seconded by Bobby Kahn, Madera County EDC. Supervisor Frazier 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

Comment received during the item generally included:

- Regarding outreach we feel like everything has been done over the Internet, residents and others do not have good Internet connections. When they attend community meetings, people must work off hotspots, which gets expensive. Community members should be a part of the investment plan. There have only been RTP/SCS workshops. Are they the same projects for both the RTP/SCS and Measure T? Staff noted that they are the same. The comments at the RTP/SCS workshops have been communicated to the Measure T Project Team.

III. Measure T Renewal – Staff Model Allocation Proposal

Ms. Vivian reviewed the allocations by mode in Madera County. Her review included a breakdown of the programs, subprograms, and eligible projects, as well as why the local transportation program should be the foundation of Measure T. Ms. Vivian then talked about the first poll and what voter preferences were. For the most part, voters focused on street and road projects, congestion and mostly fixing and maintaining the streets and roads. Ms. Vivian also reviewed the percentage of trips by mode, other assumptions, and the proposed allocation of Measure T funding to the approved programs. Ms. Vivian then reviewed alternative allocations as well. Comment received during the item generally included:

- Would like to encourage the committee to focus on maintaining the road pavement index in so they operate in a safe operating condition and that we at least allocate enough funds for to achieve better than a 70 pavement condition index (PCI). Each of the local agencies have identified funding need to maintain at least a PCI of 70+.
- Does this include the special districts miles, as well as funding collected from the special districts? Staff answered no.
- The City of Madera would like to achieve a PCI greater than 75. Our goal using these funds will be to slurry the roads as frequently as possible, which is difficult and will likely remain behind, even with the funding shown in the proposed allocation.
- The City of Chowchilla reiterated that the funding would fall short.
- This is not just indicative of the Madera County region; staff sees this result up and down the State.

- I do not think residents have said that they want higher percentages in maintenance, they want it in active transportation and public transportation. Polls show that maintenance for streets and roadways are very desired.
- How were the percentages calculated? Ms. Vivian noted that the active transportation and transit modes will likely receive greater shares of federal and State funding and Measure T funding will help leverage funding for all modes.
- How far into the future, do we know that they will continue to a focus of the State? Staff noted that it is up to the State transportation funding policy but that it is likely that the focus for State funding will be on alternative modes (Active Transportation and Transit) for the foreseeable future.
- Are we locked into these allocation percentages? Staff noted that once the implementing guidelines for the measure are drafted, it is likely that discussion will focus on revisiting the Investment Plan every 10 to 15 years.
- Painting stripes on the road for bike lanes is not safe. To really increase the percent of trips made by bicycles, we need to have Class I bike paths separated from traffic and also Class IV protected bike lanes to increase bicyclist safety.
- I think we have seen historically that there have not been projects in disadvantaged communities, which is a concern. The percentage allocation for Active Transportation and Transit needs to be greater than what staff is proposing.
- Active Transportation and Transit category funding will be supplemented with funding from other programs such as flexible and local streets and roads, correct? Yes, as local street and road projects are constructed, bike and pedestrian improvements will typically be part of the improvement project cost. Flexible funding can be used for any transportation purpose including Active Transportation and Transit.
- To have flexibility is very important.
- I think one of the key things that we need to consider is asking for a higher percentage of measure to funds to go towards Active Transportation.
- We need to remember that a lot of Madera County is comprised of disadvantaged areas, including the City of Chowchilla. We see all the time that the public wants roads fixed and every area has different needs.
- Will these percentages be available to the public and be a part of the public's assessment of whether or not they want to support the renewal of Measure T? Yes
- Every meeting or place in the county that we attend to discuss transportation issues, we get questions about road conditions.

A motion was made by Councilman Jose Rodriquez, City of Madera to vote on the Alternative 2 Allocation proposal. The motion was seconded by Matt Treber, Madera County staff. Three Committee members were opposed. The motion was approved.

IV. Public Engagement Update

Alex Wara-Macapinlac, TBWBH provided a review of the public engagement program and accomplishments to date. Ms. Wara-Macapinlac reviewed upcoming outreach activities and are

working to develop and conduct the tracking poll. Staff will come back to report results and will continue outreach to key stakeholders to seek their advice about Measure T. Comment received during the item generally included:

- There were none

V. Next Steps

a. Staff Items

- a. There were no items.

b. Renewal Schedule

- a. Ms. Vivian reviewed the future meetings schedule, and previewed items to be discussed at upcoming Steering Committee meetings.

c. Next Meeting Date

- a. The next meeting date is Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 1:30 PM.

VI. Public Comments Related to Items Not on the Agenda

Comment received during the item generally included:

- Do rural areas in Madera have a specific day for side hauling like the City does? As of right now we do not have specific days.
- There needs to be more public outreach underway and input from the community so they can say what is appropriate and so they can get the projects they want to see funded.