# Meeting Minutes
## 2022 Measure T Renewal Investment Plan
## Steering Committee Meeting #12
Date:  May 5, 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=V0qjhPN-_yo
**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Steering Committee Members:** Madera County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Brett Frazier (Co-Chair), Robert Poythress, County of Madera (Co-Chair); Michael Navarro, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); Michael Prandini, Building Industry Association of Fresno and Madera Counties; Council Member Diana Palmer, City of Chowchilla; Rod Pruett, City of Chowchilla; Jason Rogers, City of Chowchilla; Ellen Bitter, City of Madera; Keith Helmuth, City of Madera; Sarah Bosse, Madera County Public Health; Jared Carter, County of Madera; Matt Treber, County of Madera; Davinder Mahil, Creekside Farming; 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; Jose Rodriguez, City of Madera; Arnoldo Rodriguez, City of Madera; David Padilla, Caltrans; Rhonda Salisbury, Visit Yosemite, Madera County; Nichole Mosqueda, Camarena Health; Mike Lopez, Building Trades; John Reed, MVP Realty

**Members of the Public:** Andrew Russell, Maria Garcia

**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; Sandy Ebersole, MCTC; Evelyn Espinosa, MCTC; Monty Cox, MCTC;  Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies, Inc. (VRPA); Rose Willems, VRPA; Richard Lee, VRPA; Jeff Stine, VRPA; Maria Hernandez, VRPA; Alex Wara-Macapinlac, TBWBH Props & Measures; Ellen Moy, Moy & Associates; Tim McLarney, True North Research; Emelia Rivera, Linguistica

   

I.      **Introductions and April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Robert Poythress welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance and participation. Georgiena Vivian, VRPA reviewed the available interpretation services and discussed the webinar protocols. Following Item #3, Jeff Stine, VRPA took roll call.

Mr. Poythress asked if anyone had corrections to the meeting minutes for April 28, 2022. Ms. Vivian mentioned that they were still in draft form and will be presented in the next meeting.

II.     **Public Comment Related to Items on the Agenda**

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

- No comment was received.

III.    **2nd Public Opinion Poll Review**

Ms. Vivian introduced Tim McLarney, True North Research.  Mr. McLarney provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the tracking survey, which was recently completed and compared results to the August 2021 baseline survey.  Mr. McLarney then mentioned that recent events, such as the war in Ukraine, high gas prices, etc., were underway when the follow-on opinion poll was being conducted. He also mentioned that the survey was taken in April and that 572 potential voters participated. He noted that the survey was provided in English and Spanish with a margin of error of 4.1%. Mr. McLarney then reviewed the detailed results of the survey, including Measure duration, projects, positive  and negative arguments related to the Measure, and key conclusions of the survey. He mentioned that there is very solid regional support for a renewal measure, noting that the results show a solid chance of the Measure being successful on the November ballot. Comment received during the item generally included:

- Historically, the way the county is set up, we have the mountains, and we have the valley, which are two distinct communities.  The mountain area during a midterm election year has on average 58.5% total voter participation.  Over the past 10 years, that percentage has grown to 61.8% total voter participation.  Did you take this into consideration?  Yes, we did take that into consideration.

IV.     **Measure T Renewal – Regional Program Project Listing**

Ms. Vivian mentioned that at the last meeting there was an allocation proposal by the local agencies, which was approved by the Committee including an allocation of 25% to the Regional Subprogram. Ms. Vivian then reviewed the Program highlights, next steps, and the proposed regional project list, highlighting the list of projects that should be funded within the first 10-15 years of the Measure considering Measure T funding, as well as other funding available for the projects.

- In terms of the City Madera, the one thing of concern is Cleveland Avenue and the interchange with SR 99, which is one of the most challenging intersections in our community. We think it would be appropriate to allocate some Measure T funds for it. The other items we believe are fairly self-explanatory.
- The one highlight that we still struggle with a little bit are the SR 41 projects. We do have some funding already targeted for the SR 41 / Avenue 10 1/2 improvement project and we are on schedule to have under construction in 2024. We also certainly like the near-term projects along Avenue 12 improvements and leveraging our road impact fee program. We will work with staff to identify specific projects in the mountain area that can enhance emergency access and safety.
- Chowchilla projects are primarily focused on increasing or improving circulation throughout the city, whether it is phase 2 of the roundabout project or constructing an additional bridge to connect the east to west sides of the community, as well as other improvements that help circulation including pedestrian and transit improvements throughout the city. Regarding the east to west flyover bridge, that project is important not only for better circulation and connectivity, but also to improve public safety.
- I was at the CHP meeting this morning and in talking with the officers, they all unanimously agreed that one of the most dangerous areas along SR 41 up in the mountain area is at the Road 416 intersection, which has a high number of accidents. Can we address that on this list? Yes, we have looked at that intersection and we have already had conversations with both the CHP and Caltrans regarding that intersection.
- Routes 426 and 223 are not safe during the winter during snow events. The curves should be straightened to prevent more accidents.

Ms. Vivian then mentioned that staff has scored all the regional projects and that they all scored well.

Mr. Poythress asked for a motion. Mike Lopez, Building trades made a motion to approve the Regional Program list of projects for the first 10-15 years of the Measure Renewal. The motion was seconded by Bobby Kahn, Bobby Kahn, Madera County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Poythress asked if there were any objections to the motion, there were none. The motion passed.

V. **Public Engagement Update**

Alex Wara-Macapinlac mentioned that the county wide mailer was out to all residents, not just all registered voters in the county. Information was about the Measure T Renewal and the current Measure and included an option to take a survey and either mail it back or take it online. The survey was also offered in English and in Spanish. As of May 1, 426 people had completed the survey. She also noted that the survey was still online and available to the public.

VI. **Next Steps**

    **a. Staff Items**

Ms. Vivian mentioned that we will be providing an outline of the Renewal Investment Plan and the Implementation Guidelines at the next meeting. Once approved, staff will begin writing the Plan and Guidelines for release as a draft to the public in June.

    **b. Renewal Schedule**

Ms. Vivian reviewed the upcoming schedule.

    **c. Meeting Date**

Next meeting Date May 19, 2022.

**VII.    Public Comments Related to Items Not on the Agenda**

No comments were received.