



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Agenda Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Cynthia Matson, California State University – Fresno, Chair
Shawn David Carlson, Public-at-large, FCMA
John Clements, Public School District – Transportation
Marc Johnson, Sanger Chamber of Commerce, Sanger School District
Tom Lang, Aquarius Aquarium
Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Dr. Harold Price, City, FCMA
Mary Savala, League of Women Voters
Lonnie Work, Public at Large, Rural Unincorporated

Others Attending:

Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Sherri Martin, Fresno County Transportation Authority
Marla Day, Fresno COG

Cynthia Matson, Chair called the meeting to order. There was a quorum to conduct business.

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

There were no presentations.

II. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008 CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

A motion was made by Dr. Price and seconded by Mr. Lang to approve the minutes as written. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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III. MEASURE C REGIONAL SHORT-TERM PROGRAM

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) presented this item. As has been discussed previously, implementation of the Measure “C” Expenditure Plan approved by Fresno County voters in 2006 is being accomplished through the adoption of a series of “Implementation Handbooks” which detail the implementation requirements for each of the five components of Measure “C”. In 2007, the COG Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Policy Board approved two previous Measure “C” Implementation Handbooks that dealt with public transit, local programs and alternative transportation programs. Since that time, staff and consultants have been working with the Measure “C” Regional Transportation Subcommittee to develop implementation details related to the Regional Transportation Program, utilizing a Short-Term (1st seven years), Mid-Term (2nd seven years) and Long-Term (final six years) approach.

Approval of the Short-Term Regional Transportation Program allows the local Tier 1 urban and rural street and highway projects listed in the Short-Term Regional Transportation Program to move forward without waiting for development and approval of the Mid- and Long-Term Regional Transportation Programs. Tables 12 and 13 from the Handbook are included in the agenda package and provide a program funding schedule for three planning periods. The Short-Term period uses mainly Measure “C” funding and known STIP commitments. The projects scheduled during this period have a strong assurance of being completed.

The Mid-Term and Long-Term programs will primarily focus on the three large regional projects (Veterans Blvd., 168/180/41 Braided Ramps and SR 180 E projects beyond Academy Ave.) that remain to be completed. Due to the size and complexities of these large projects, this planning process will continue over the upcoming months, with an eventual adoption of these programs to occur once regional consensus has been developed on a delivery schedule for these projects.

The Regional Transportation Program is a very complex funding program that identifies how the Tier 1 regional urban and rural street and highway improvement projects listed in the Extension Expenditure Plan will be programmed over the 20-year life of the Measure. As a result, development of the program has required staff and the subcommittee to consider the availability and timing of funds in addition to Measure “C”. Other funding sources include funds generated through the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF), a portion (75%) of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, and other local funding.

In addition to the Mid-Term and Long-Term Programs, the only remaining subprogram to be fully developed as a part of this process is the School Bus Replacement Subprogram. Implementation details regarding these programs will be developed over the next few months. Once these programs are in final form, they will be combined with Programs in each of the two previously approved Handbooks (2007 and 2008), as well as the Short-Term Regional Transportation Program Handbook, to form the 2009 Measure “C” Extension Implementation Plan.

The Regional Transportation Subcommittee met on November 26 to review Tables 12 and 13 and recommended that the Draft Handbook and the schedules move forward for 45-day review and approval by the Fresno COG Board and Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA). The Subcommittee further recommended that the Mendocino Avenue widening project between Manning Avenue and the Industrial Park in Parlier referenced in the approved 2006 Measure “C” Extension Expenditure Plan be changed to Academy Avenue. This change was necessitated by cost overruns on the Mendocino Avenue project related to the required purchase of a gas station and the related environmental cleanup.

TTC, PAC and Fresno COG’s Policy Board approved the initiation of a 45-day review and comment period for Measure “C” Short-Term Regional Program.

Les Beshears (Fresno COG) gave a brief explanation of the Stimulus package process. After discussion, it was decided that the Committee would review the Plan. The Committee would also like to recommend SR 180 Temperance to Academy as a priority project.

IV. STATUS OF MEASURE C IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Staff presented updates to the committee on the following Measure C Programs:

A. School Bus Replacement Program

Sherri Martin (FCTA) handed out copies of memo from Ron Peterson to the Fresno County Transportation Authority dated December 17, 2008 which describes the program. This was a discussion item at the December Transportation Authority meeting.

B. Carpool

Brenda Lauchner (Fresno COG) gave a brief update on the new carpool program that will be implemented beginning July 1.

C. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee

Tony Boren (Fresno COG) gave an update on the RTMF. Model ordinance will be presented for approval by each city in March or April.

Action: Receive, Review and Recommend Action – No action was recommended.

V. CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Brenda Lauchner (Fresno COG) gave a report on the status of the annual report. At the last meeting of the COC the committee agreed to allow their annual report be developed by Jeffrey Scott Agency (JSA) as a part of the Fresno County Transportation Authority's yearly report. The Subcommittee held their first meeting on Thursday, January 8th. The subcommittee members gave a report to the entire Oversight Committee. It was suggested that an Executive Summary be included in the FCTA Annual Report. Ms. Lauchner will work with JSA in creating this summary.

VI. STATUS OF VETERANS BOULEVARD PROJECT

At the November meeting a Citizen Oversight Committee member requested an update on the status of the Veterans Boulevard Project. Mr. Boren addressed this request. The City of Fresno has \$2M programmed for Environmental study. Mr. Lang asked for a copy of the PSR showing the adjacent ramps. Staff will get this information to Mr. Lang.

Action: Discussion – required no further action.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. State Route 180 East Projects Update (*Martin/Peterson*)

2. Vacancy on Committee

Ms. Lauchner briefly discussed the problems with getting volunteers to serve on the Committee. It was suggested that the FCTA has offered to pay for ads in the local newspapers requesting volunteers. Several members terms expire in June 2009. Also, several members of the Committee have been absent for two or more consecutive meetings which was established at the first meeting of the Committee as grounds for removal from the Committee. Ms. Lauchner will send letters to those members to determine if they still wish to serve on the Committee. It was also suggested that the 2 year terms be extended to 4 year terms.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.