



CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Vong Mouanoutoua, Public at Large
John D. Clements, Public School District-Transportation
Marc Johnson, Sanger Chamber of Commerce
Mary Savala, League of Women Voters
Shawn Carlson, Public at Large – FCMA, Chair
Michael Sigala, Public at Large – FCMA
Tony Canales, Public at Large – FCMA
Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Thomas Lang, Aquarius Aquarium Institute

Others Attending:

Sherri Martin, Fresno County Transportation Authority
John Downs, Fresno Area Express/Fresno COG
J. Patrick Sweeney, Public
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG

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 public presentations.

II. Minutes of December 10, 2009 Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Mouanoutoua and seconded by Mr. Lang to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009 as submitted. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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III. Measure C Transit Questions – Follow-up from June 11 & December 10, 2009 Meetings

At the June Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting the Committee requested a summary of what is being done for Public Outreach on Senior Transit Programs and interconnection between Transit agencies. In response, a summary report from Fresno Area Express was included in your December meeting packet. However, the Committee asked to have a staff member from Fresno Area Express attend the meeting for questions and answers. John Downs (Fresno Area Express) attended the meeting and answered questions. Mr. Downs handed out information regarding the public meetings that are scheduled for FastTrack. There was a brief discussion regarding the current bus routes and possible reconfiguration of some of the routes for more efficient service. Mr. Downs also spoke briefly about the new “smart” farebox system.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

ITEM VII. WAS MOVED FOR DISCUSSION

VII. Possible Amendment to the Measure C Expenditure Plan to provide funding to develop and incentivize the High-Speed Rail Maintenance Facility and Downtown Intermodal Center

Tony Boren (Fresno COG) gave an update. On January 14, 2010, Fresno County’s Expression of Interest for the High-Speed Train Heavy Maintenance Facility was submitted to the High-Speed Rail Authority. Fresno’s Expression of Interest, referred to as “Fresno Works,” identifies a site area encompassing nearly 700 acres adjacent to the BNSF alignment. This larger site area gives the Authority maximum flexibility as to how it may wish to develop the roughly 150-acre HMF. “Fresno Works” is a coalition of City, County, Council of Governments, labor, business, education, economic development, etc. working together to bring forward a technically responsive and compelling expression of interest to secure the HMF for Fresno. Mr. Boren explained the amendment process that will be followed if determination is made to allocate \$25 million for funding.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee. Staff will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

IV. Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report

A subcommittee met to develop content for the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report and the entire Oversight Committee discussed any edits at the December meeting. Ms. Lauchner gave a brief update. JSA will submit a draft for review by the Committee.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

V. Measure C Extension Local Transportation Pass Through Projects and Programs and annual reporting requirements for fiscal year 2008-2009

Ms. Martin reported that at the Committee’s meeting in December members were given the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) responses to questions posed by a few of the Citizen Oversight Committee members regarding the 2008-2009 Annual Reporting Forms. Committee members asked for time to review the responses and this item was brought back for discussion. There was a brief discussion of the responses. Mr. Martin also reported that the questions and comments will also be forwarded to the auditors. The auditor’s report will summarize all the findings.

This was a discussion item and required no further action by the Committee. Staff will report back when the audit report is finalized.

VI. Measure C Oversight Committee Local Agency Planned Expenditure Reporting Forms for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Ms. Lauchner reported that the Oversight Committee approved all but one of the Local Agency Pass-Through Forms submitted for their review during the December 10, 2009 meeting. The unapproved form was sent back to the local agency for revision, and four forms were accepted pending requested changes/additions. Included in the committee packet was the revised city of Clovis form reflecting changes on the Bicycle Subprogram planned expenditures page. Also included were revised forms from Kingsburg, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger and Selma.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mouanoutoua and seconded by Mr. Lang to approve the revised forms as submitted. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

ITEM VII MOVED UP ON THE AGENDA

VIII. Other Business

A. Items from Staff

The next meeting will be scheduled when the audit report is received. Staff will advise the Committee of the date.

B. Items from Members

Ms. Savala asked if a presentation could be made to the Committee on the pros and cons of the Morrow Mountain proposal. Staff will follow up on the request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Boren, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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