

Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee Executive Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Time: 4 p.m.
Place: Madera County Transportation Commission Conference Room
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637

Members Present: Chairman Jon Basila, District 1
Vice Chairman Tom Swire, Member At Large
Dennis Holschlag, Member At Large
Cynthia Ortegón, District 3
Cathie Bustos, District 4
Russell Shaw, District 5

Members Absent: José J. Munera, District 2

Local Agency Staff: Matt Bullis, City of Madera Public Works
Keith Helmuth, City of Madera
Johannes Hovertsz, County of Madera
Ellen Moy, Consultant, City of Chowchilla/Madera County

MCTA Staff: Derek Winning, Deputy Director
Troy McNeil, Fiscal Supervisor
Richard Poythress, Planner I

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Basila called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

I. Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

II. Minutes of January 8, 2009 Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised minutes of January 8, 2009 as presented. A vote was called and the motion carried.

III. Measure T Signage

MCTA staff presented to the Committee approved signage for use on Measure T project sites. The Committee discussed the signage design and made several suggestions, including the removal of references to “quicker” roads (due to public safety concerns) and the addition of anticipated project completion dates.

Local agency staff raised concerns about adding project completion dates the inevitable problem of unanticipated delays in project completion.

IV. Formal Annual Report to the Authority

MCTA staff deferred this item to the next meeting pending the completion of FY 2007/08 audits. Mr. Basila requested that the independent auditor be present when the reports are presented to the Committee so that members can ask questions.

V. Measure T Financial Update

MCTA staff provided an update on the progress of FY 07/08 Measure T audits. The compliance portion of the reports is complete. The financial segment of the reports is still waiting on local agency data.

Mr. Basila asked about the reason for the delay in receiving the FY 07/08 audits. MCTA staff explained that March 31, 2009 was the final deadline for the 07/08 audits, but extensions can go to April 30.

MCTA staff presented an FY 09/10 allocation estimate and indicated that FY 08/09 revenue was still on forecast due to conservative projections.

VI. Measure T Program Updates

MCTA staff gave an update on ARRA (federal stimulus) impacts on Measure T. MCTC received a \$3.6 million share of STIP funding from ARRA, which will go toward Measure T Tier 1 projects. Two Tier 1 projects are currently ready to go to construction: SR 145-99 interchange and the Ellis Ave overcrossing. The SR 145 project is currently scheduled to go to bid in April, with the beginning of FY 2009/10 as the worst-case scenario.

The City of Madera reported that stimulus money is replacing Measure T money for local repair and rehab projects, freeing up that money for other uses. The City also reported that the Lake Street project could go to construction in August 2009.

The County of Madera reported on a variety of paving and bridge rehab projects using Measure T funds.

VII. Other Items

MCTA staff agreed to set the next meeting once the FY 07/08 audits are complete. A toll-free teleconferencing line will be made available to any member who is unable to physically attend future meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.