

Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

June 12, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

David Sundstrom, County Auditor-Controller, Chairman
Ed Wylie, First District Representative, Co-Chairman
Brooks Corbin, Second District Representative
Gilbert Ishizu, Second District Representative
James Kelly, Fifth District Representative
Gene Rodriguez, Fifth District Representative
Merlin Henry, Third District Representative
Greg Moore, Third District Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Frederick Von Coelin, Fourth District Representative

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Monte Ward
Ken Phipps
Kia Mortazavi
Charlie Guess
Jeanne Spinner LaMar
Alice Rogan
Sarah Swensson
Jennifer Bergener
Tresa Oliveri
Nora Yeretian

Members of the Public

None.

1. Welcome by Chairman Sundstrom

Chairman David Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

None to report.

5. Co-Chair Election

Brooks Corbin was nominated and unanimously voted Co-Chairman of the COC.

6. Subcommittee Selection

COC members were asked to state their preference for a subcommittee they would like to serve on. Members chose to remain in their existing subcommittees.

7. Presentation Items

A. I-5 Gateway Project Update

Charlie Guess, I-5 Gateway Project Program Manager, presented an update on the I-5 Gateway Project Program. He discussed the reconstruction of the Western Ave. bridge. He showed how the railroad is being reconfigured to accommodate the bridge expansion. The contractor is 24 percent complete with the project and is on schedule. There is an aggressive outreach program going directed by Alice Rogan. As a safety measure, construction is done during off-peak hours, not during rush hour.

Merlin Henry asked if Los Angeles County was doing anything to increase their lanes from three to six, as OCTA was doing. Charlie said they were about 1 ½ to 2 years behind OCTA with their projects. D. Sundstrom said Los Angeles County was not happy about what OCTA was doing because the difference will be so dramatic.

Gene Rodriguez asked if we would have project information at outreach events. Alice said we had been distributing information at events, such as Silverado Days.

David Sundstrom asked if we were on budget. Charlie said yes. He also said that we have been going out and informing the public about closings and what would be coming up next.

Brooks Corbin asked how much time it took and how we closed the roads. Charlie said Caltrans had closures every night and had the assistance of the county police to close the roads.

Gene Rodriguez asked how well the detours were working. Charlie said that we have a wonderful detour in place and that it was working very well.

B. Anaheim Regional Transportation Center Project (ARTIC) Overview

Jeanne Spinner LaMar, Program Manager, gave an overview of the Anaheim Regional Transportation Center Project (ARTIC). She discussed the parcel that OCTA purchased with Measure M money, which is approximately 13 ½ acres. Jeanne explained how the vision for ARTIC is that of a central hub for all forms of transportation. The concept that was adopted by OCTA's Board of Directors consists of three phases. Phase I (2007 – 2015) will connect what we currently have. Phase II (2015 – 2020) consists of making new connections. Commercial development will be done by the private sector. It is anticipated that the high speed train will be coming in. Phase III (2020 – 2030) is considered the “dream” phase. It is a forecast of such things as the super speed train, high speed rail, completion of commercial build out, etc. By the end of this year, OCTA will have a conference with Anaheim and present a rough draft of the concepts and costs.

Greg Moore asked how this concept will be funded. Jeanne said it would be funded with Measure M money. David Sundstrom asked what was happening to the roads around the stadium in Anaheim. Jeanne said that the roads will be widened.

Merlin Henry asked about the super speed train and where it would go. Jeanne said it would go through the states of California and Nevada. M. Henry stated that he does not think the train should go to the airport because he does not believe people would carry luggage around. Jeanne said there would be check-in areas for luggage to avoid this problem.

Gene Rodriguez asked about the passenger path in Phase I. Jeanne said it would be a bike/pedestrian path extending south and north along the river. The concept is to have an outdoor gathering area, like a concert center, at the end of the river.

Greg Moore asked if the commercial building will bring in funding. Jeanne said yes, it would. Gilbert Ishizu asked if there was money earmarked for this, Jeanne replied that there was none yet.

James Kelly stated that there is an amount of \$450,000 on the addendum. He inquired why we were hurrying if it is a long term project. Jeanne responded that we need property for parking due to outgrowing the current Anaheim Metrolink location.

8. Receive and File Items

Motion was made to receive and file the Measure M Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report and passed unanimously.

9. Growth Management Subcommittee Report

Gene Rodriguez asked if the Growth Management Subcommittee had plans. Tresa Oliveri said that there would be upcoming action.

10. Audit Subcommittee Report

David Sundstrom briefly discussed the Audit Subcommittee meeting he attended and said they talked about Measure M.

11. Committee Member Reports

None.

12. OCTA Staff Update

Monte Ward said the upcoming COC meeting on August 28 would outline the future amendment to Measure M in regards to the Early Action Plan. He briefly discussed how the pre-construction cost of \$22 million for an M2 project on State Route 57 could be funded from the current Measure M to help get the project started and that it will help the transition from M1 to M2 and meeting the closeout percentage for M1.

Monte said there are two projects that need to close out, I-5 and SR-22. OCTA is also seeking to allocate \$10m from freeway side to Phase II of the SR-22 project. Funding for the project will come from CMAQ but OCTA is only reimbursed after

expenditures are made, so we need the money up front he noted. OCTA may get reimbursed up to \$7m for the M1 dollars SR-22 Phase II, pending discussion with the Federal government.

Greg Moore asked if state funds are for construction only. Monte said yes, that's why we need to have projects ready to go.

Merlin Henry asked what the reasons were for a decrease in revenues this year. Monte said he wasn't sure but it could be that people weren't able to take out equity from their homes and are spending less.

James Kelly asked if there was money put aside in Measure M for freeway projects and maintenance. Monte said that Caltrans does most of this work, and cities maintain their streets and roads. Transit operations and maintenance are funded through Measure M and we currently have enough money to fund it.

Greg Moore asked if lower revenues will affect the I-5 project. Monte said no because we have strong reserves that had previously been forecasted.

Alice Rogan, Community Relations Officer, announced the departure of two committee members: Ed Wylie and Gene Rodriguez. She said that there will be no meeting in July, but that the new member orientation will be held on July 24. There will be four new members, two of which will be replacing Ed Wylie and Gene Rodriguez. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28 and it will no longer be the COC but will now be the Taxpayers Oversight Committee (TOC). The TOC will grown from a nine member committee to an 11 member committee. There will another meeting on September 11. James Kelly asked to identify upcoming meeting dates in an email.

Alice reported back on OCTA's Disaster Recovery (DR) backup systems. She said that OCTA has a backup system, but that the photos taken of the committee members were put on the S drive and that drive is a temporary one that is not backed-up.

Alice reminded the committee that the I-5 Gateway tour will be next Wednesday, June 20. The bus will pick up at 11:30 am at OCTA's 550 building in Orange.

13. Public Comments

None to report.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.