

# Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

August 8, 2006  
Meeting Minutes

## Committee Members Present:

David Sundstrom, County Auditor-Controller, Chairman  
Brooks Corbin, Second District Representative  
Gilbert Ishizu, Second District Representative  
Merlin Henry, Third District Representative  
Greg Moore, Third District Representative  
Frederick von Coelin, Fourth District Representative  
James Kelly, Fifth District Representative  
Gene Rodriguez, Fifth District Representative

## Committee Members Absent:

Ed Wylie, First District Representative

## Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Paul Taylor  
Monte Ward  
Kathleen O'Connell  
Alice Rogan  
Teri Lepe

## Members of the Public

None

### 1. Welcome by Chairman Sundstrom

Chairman David Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman David Sundstrom led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Approval of Minutes/Attendance Report for June 13, 2006

A motion was made to approve the minutes and attendance report for the June meeting and was passed unanimously.

### 4. Chairman's Report

David Sundstrom introduced Kathleen O'Connell as the new Internal Audit Manager, replacing Robert Duffy in that position.

### 5. Co-Chair Election

Ed Wylie was nominated and unanimously voted Co-Chairman of the COC.

## 6. Selection of Subcommittee Members

COC members were asked to state their preference for a subcommittee they would like to serve on. Frederick von Coelin, Brooks Corbin, James Kelly and David Sundstrom chose to serve on the Audit Subcommittee. Gilbert Ishizu, Merlin Henry, Greg Moore, Gene Rodriguez and Ed Wylie will serve on the Growth Management Subcommittee

## 7. Presentation Items

### A. *Semi-Annual Review*

Paul Taylor apprised the COC of the Semi-Annual Review of the Combined Transportation Funding Program (CTFP). As part of the review, OCTA staff visited every city in the county to spot check street and road projects to verify compliance and progress. The current status of Measure M funds awarded to cities from a total of \$713 million is that \$200 million in projects have been completed, \$100 million in projects have been started, and one quarter of a billion dollars in projects are planned. In addition, more than half of all federal funds have been spent on completed projects.

Paul reviewed the Measure M Project Viewer which had been introduced to the COC at the last meeting, explaining once the website is up and running, the public would have access to status, cost and contact information for Measure M street and road projects.

David Sundstrom asked how long the RSTIP ([Regional State Transportation Improvement Program](#)) had been in existence. Paul and Monte Ward both explained this program, administered through Caltrans, has been in existence for as long as Measure M, but the program name has changed over time as federal rules for state funds have been revised. David commented that there exists a higher percentage rate of completed projects with federal funds than with Measure M funds. Paul answered that federal funds have more stringent requirements; as a result cities prefer to apply federal money to larger projects first.

### B. *Renewed Measure M Update*

Monte Ward introduced himself to the COC as the Director of Special Projects for OCTA, who has been tasked with the possible renewal of Measure M for the past couple years. Since the last COC meeting, the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Renewed Measure M Transportation Investment Plan have been adopted by the OCTA Board of Directors, and Measure M renewal was approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to be placed on the November 2006 ballot.

Monte informed the COC that OCTA is prohibited from using public funds to promote or campaign for the renewal of Measure M. COC members as individuals, however, are not constrained by that limitation and can advocate support or opposition to renewal of Measure M to their district of representation, council members and others as long as public funds are not used in this pursuit.

Merlin Henry asked Monte why the Measure M Renewal proposal is for 30 years as opposed to 20 years. Monte responded that when the current plan was voted in, limitations at the time dictated the plan could not exceed 20 years. Currently, that limitation does not exist, allowing OCTA to propose a more comprehensive 30 year plan. In answer to an inquiry regarding bond financing as an alternative source, Monte suggested that, under the current measure M, if OCTA had opted for pay-as-you-go financing, it is likely that fewer projects would have been completed, or overall project costs would have been higher than with bond financing.

Greg Moore asked why the program's comprehensive review is slated for every 10 years as opposed to a yearly review. Monte replied that not all facets of the program necessitate yearly review; the intent of the review is to provide the opportunity to complete a thorough overview of the program in order to assess the overall appropriateness of the program and allow for revision of the plan to accommodate longer range current trends. Results of the review and any proposed revisions to the plan would be made public, with major revisions requiring voter approval.

Gene Rodriguez asked how the COC would transition from Measure M under Ordinance No. 2 to Ordinance No. 3 if Measure M is approved by voters in November. Monte responded that a new committee would convene with two additional members added to the current number, and that committee would assume the duties of both ordinances concurrently until Ordinance No. 2 is exhausted.

C. *Five Year Transit Program Status Report*

Paul Taylor went over the status of the Five Year Transit Program, which was adopted by OCTA's Board of Directors last year, of which a few of the highlights are: a 10 percent increase in Metrolink ridership; weekend service for the Metrolink OC line began June 3, 2006; approval of construction of pedestrian walkway to Anaheim station from Katella Avenue; agreement to purchase more rolling stock approved.

Gene Rodriguez asked Paul how much rolling stock \$160 million buys. Paul responded that Metrolink, which is a joint power agency with OCTA, will be ordering approximately 35 passenger cars and a dozen locomotives on behalf of OCTA which will become part of their fleet.

**8. Growth Management Subcommittee Report**

Alice Rogan advised Growth Management Subcommittee members the first meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2006.

**9. Audit Subcommittee Report**

None to report.

**10. Committee Member Reports**

None to report.

**11. OCTA Staff Update**

None to report.

**12. Public Comments**

None.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. was made and passed unanimously.