

Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

October 10, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

David Sundstrom, County Auditor-Controller, Chairman
Ed Wylie, First District Representative
Gilbert Ishizu, Second 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:

Brooks Corbin, Second District Representative
Merlin Henry, Third District Representative

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Monte Ward
Kia Mortazavi
Ken Phipps
Rick Grebner
Alice Rogan
Teri Lepe

Members of the Public

Paul Rodriguez

1. Welcome by Chairman Sundstrom

Chairman David Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of Minutes/Attendance Report for August 8, 2006

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

4. Chairman's Report

None to report.

5. Presentation Items

A. Freeway Program Update

Rick Grebner informed the committee that the SR-22 Freeway project is at 51 days to completion, on schedule, and with zero claims. A few months ago, the original project scope was amended in order to incorporate widening the Magnolia Street Bridge into the freeway project at the request of the city of Garden Grove. Everything else in the initial scope will be completed; however, the HOV lanes will not be opened to the west of Magnolia until work on the new bridge is finished. Magnolia Street is scheduled for completion by March 2007, and remaining landscape and clean-up work will be complete by June 2007.

Alice Rogan addressed the committee on behalf of Charlie Guess regarding the I-5 Gateway Project. The Project covers two miles with two lanes added in each direction at a cost of \$314 million, 60 percent coming from Measure M Funds. Construction of the I-5 Gateway Project will take four years because four bridges need to be reconstructed sequentially. Buena Park negotiated with OCTA to construct only one bridge at a time so as to minimize adverse affects of construction on the city's traffic flow. James Kelly asked if Los Angeles has plans to meet up with OCTA's I-5 project. Los Angeles now has a 10-year project planned due to OCTA moving forward with this project.

B. Growth Management Subcommittee Eligibility Report

Gene Rodriguez expressed his appreciation to OCTA staff for facilitating and coordinating the GMP Eligibility review process for this year. Gene also specifically thanked Yvette Pierre and Paul Rodriguez for their assistance. The Growth Management Subcommittee began the Measure M eligibility review process on September 7, 2006, and spanned four sessions. During these sessions, the capital improvement plans submitted by 34 cities and the County of Orange were reviewed. The committee encountered a few problems with some of the applications; however, requests for clarification were addressed and the committee found that all cities were in compliance and eligible to continue receiving Measure M funds. Several suggestions were made to OCTA staff to provide more clarity for the review process in years to come.

The Growth Management Subcommittee recommends the full COC concur with the findings of the subcommittee and give approval for the fiscal year 2006-07 eligibility review process. A motion to accept and receive the Growth Management Subcommittee's recommendation was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

C. Renewed Measure M Update

Monte Ward presented the committee with a post election program timetable that would begin in January 2007 if Measure M passed during the November election. Highlights of the timetable are: OCTA would recommend the Board of Directors adopt policies to establish program priorities, adopt initial five-year project delivery plan, develop initial financing plan, and develop new programs/standards. In

addition, a Taxpayers Oversight Committee would be created within 12 months to oversee implementation of Ordinance 2 and Ordinance 3.

A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding hypothetical scenarios should Measure M pass/not pass, and other measures on the ballot not related to Measure M. Resulting from the discussion, David Sundstrom suggested that a representative from the committee address OCTA's Board of Directors once a year as a regular agenda item to present the annual compliance report and summarize activities and recommendations of the COC for the past year.

6. Receive and File Items

The committee agreed to receive and file the June Quarterly Measure M Revenue and Expenditure Report.

7. Growth Management Subcommittee Report

See 5. B.

8. Audit Subcommittee Report

David relayed that new members of the Audit Subcommittee had been introduced and were provided with an orientation of the subcommittee's purpose and accomplishments. The committee was apprised of the eight cities selected for review. An external audit of the selected cities is expected to be completed by November at which time the external auditors would meet with the committee and provide the required communication regarding the LTA audit report.

9. Committee Member Report

None to report.

10. OCTA Staff Update

Alice informed the committee about the upcoming SR-22 Freeway completion event which will take place on November 29, 2006, at OCTA headquarters. In addition, committee members will receive information regarding the Measure M annual public hearing that will take place in February 2007 at the next COC meeting.

11. Public Comments

None to report.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.