



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee**



Special Meeting

**MINUTES
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
5:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom**

Taxpayer Oversight Committee Members

Representing	Name
Supervisory District 1	Sandra Skees
Supervisory District 2	Jake Farrar
Supervisory District 3	Philip Hodsdon
Supervisory District 4	Trina Coffman Gomez
Supervisory District 5	Andre Duurvoort

1. Call to Order: Chair Duurvoort called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Jake Farrar, District 2
Philip Hodsdon, District 3
Andre Duurvoort, District 5

Excused Absences:

Sandra Skees, District 1
Trina Coffman Gomez, District 4

RTC Staff:

Luis Mendez, Deputy Director
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
Shannon Munz, Communications Specialist
Tracy New, Director of Finance and Budget

Guests:

Jesus Bojorquez, Program Director, Lift Line
Chris Lamm, Director of Public Works, City of Scotts Valley

3. Additions, deletions, or other changes to consent and regular agendas:
None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Farrar/Duurvoort) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with members Farrar, Duurvoot and Hodsdon voting in favor. Members Skees and Coffman Gomez were absent.

4. Approved Minutes of the March 29, 2021 Oversight Committee meeting
5. Approved Minutes of the March 30, 2022 Oversight Committee meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (FY20/21) Measure D Audits and Expenditure Reports *(continued from the March 30, 2022 meeting)*

Member Philip Hodsdon asked for more transparent information in the annual report describing when funds are being carried over for longer-term projects.

RTC Senior Transportation Planner Rachel Moriconi responded that in each agency's annual report, there is a section of the cover sheet where agencies provide information on fund balances and a description of how the agencies plan to spend their carryover funds in the future. Information on planned uses is also included in the 5-Year Plans for every agency or regional category of funds.

Chair Duurvoort said that as a committee, a theme that keeps coming up is how Measure D is being used to leverage funds from grants. It is important that this is highlighted as one of the main benefits of the tax measure.

Tracy New, RTC director of finance and budget, said that the RTC is responsible for a Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) that spans the 30 years of the measure. The SIP is updated every two years and is currently in the process of being updated. It includes more information about future years and the spending that is planned, including where the bulk of the money will be targeted to leverage other grant money.

Chair Duurvoort asked for a statement from staff regarding the 2022 Measure D that is on the ballot regarding rail planning and if it will have an impact on how the 2016 Measure D tax funds are spent if it passes

since 8 percent of the funds from the 2016 measure go to the rail category.

RTC Deputy Director Luis Mendez said that they are two completely different measures. The 2016 Measure D is a transaction and use tax and revenue comes from items people purchase. He added that the RTC has begun conversations on the implications if the 2022 measure passes.

7. Oversight Committee Annual Report (*continued from the March 30, 2022 meeting*)

Chair Duurvoort said there are several themes that the committee would like to see highlighted in the annual report: how funds are being used to get projects shovel ready; how funds are enabling the recipient agencies to apply for and secure competitive grants; how funds have provided flexibility for agencies to carry on in the face of challenges such as COVID, supply chain issues, and labor shortages; and how the funds are being used from a sustainability standpoint.

Chair Duurvoort would also like the annual report to show year-over-year revenues or expenditures in a visual chart format.

Member Hodsdon said that people want to see that the money that is being spent results in something tangible and shows a positive trend either on throughput or number of people served.

Chair Duurvoort directed staff to begin putting together the annual report in a format similar to last year's report with the few new items added in. Staff will draft the annual report and send it to committee members to review. The committee will provide a letter stating their purpose and findings to include in the report.

8. Committee Member and Staff Comments or Questions: None

9. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda: None

10. Next meetings: There are no upcoming meetings scheduled.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Shannon Munz, SCCRTC Staff