

APEX STRATEGIES

TO: SCCRTC Commissioners
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RE: Citizen Oversight Committee Make-up

I did some research into how other Measures have filled their Citizen Oversight Committee positions. Here is what I was able to find out:

Alameda County Transportation Authority:

Used a "Citizen's Advisory Committee" not an oversight committee appointed by the Board each member appoints 3 for a total of 33.

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority:

Seventeen member "Citizen's Oversight Committee" with non-elected representatives chosen two from each Supervisorial district as well as seven seats for groups such as organized labor, League of Women Voters, Taxpayers Association, bicyclist coalition, paratransit, and business. Supervisors appoint one from their District the Alameda County Mayor's conference appoints the second person from each Supervisorial District.

Contra Costa County Transportation Commission:

They have a "Citizens Advisory Committee" comprised of appointees from the 19 local jurisdictions and 6 "at-large" representatives of local interest groups. They provide advice to the Authority, and review the Growth Management Program Compliance Checklists, but are not an "oversight" committee.

Sacramento County Transportation Authority:

Sacramento does not have an oversight committee for their current measure, but will be developing this concept for inclusion in their renewal proposal.

San Joaquin Council of Governments:

A Citizens Committee that is charged with giving advise on Measure K, but is not described as an oversight committee in the ordinance. It is an eleven member committee with each member appointed by a COG Board member and the eleventh member being appointed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce in the county.

San Francisco Transportation Authority:

The Transportation Authority has an appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) consisting of eleven members representing a broad spectrum of transportation and community concerns. The CAC's mission is to assist the Authority by reflecting community values in the development of the mission and programs of the Authority; and communicating information about the Authority's mission and programs back to the community. The CAC accomplishes this mission by providing the Commissioners and staff of the Authority with input on nearly all matters that go before the Authority Board and its standing committees. This includes providing comments on transportation plans, programs and studies; the Prop. B (half-cent sales tax) Expenditure Plan and Strategic Plan; project funding priorities; transportation-related legislation; and community transportation concerns.

Santa Barbara Council of Governments:

They do not have an oversight committee for their current measure.

Santa Clara County Traffic Authority (1984):

The original Measure A did not have a citizen's oversight committee.

Santa Clara County Measure A Plus B Program (1996):

The text of Measure B describes the composition, role and mission of the CWC. It is comprised of comprised of 17 private citizens who cannot be elected officials. As stated above, ten serve two-year terms. The remaining seven permanent members are representatives from key diverse community organizations such as business, labor, environmental organizations and the taxpayer's association. Its mission is to ensure that the Measure B sales tax dollars are spent "wisely." The Committee's minimum responsibilities are to hold periodic public hearings, issue an annual report of revenues and expenditures, contract with an independent auditor, and publish reports of the independent audit in local papers and with the Board of Supervisors. In the past year, the CWC has taken a more active role in communicating with public through newspaper ads, what is its role and its evaluation of the Measure B program to date. The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month in open session in full compliance with the Brown Act, California's open meeting law.

Santa Clara County 2000 Measure A:

There is a 17 member independent citizen's watchdog committee of private citizen's per the measure language this is the same group as the existing VTA Citizen's Advisory Committee. They are to hold public hearings, issue reports, at least annually, do independent audits conducted by an independent auditor each fiscal year and publish results of audits and annual reports in local newspapers, with copies available to the public at large. There are representatives from the cities, environmental community, the disabled community, seniors, organized labor, chambers, building industry, real estate, transit users, bicylists, pedestrians, and manufacturing.