

## **MINUTES**

Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

November 7, 2024 – 3:30 pm

801 12th Street, 5th Floor - Sacramento, CA 95814

Or join the meeting virtually instructions follow in the addendum.

Voting Members: Robert Holderness, Chair

Jose Luis Caceres

Ex-Officio Members: Mark Aspesi (Sacramento County Auditor-Controller designee)

David Tait (STA Chair Appointee)

Kevin Bewsey (STA Executive Director)

Staff: Dustin Purinton (STA Accounting Manager)

- 1. Call to order.
  - a. Robert Holderness called the meeting to order at 3:30.
  - b. Jose Luis Caceres attended remotely until 3:45, when he physically arrived in person.
  - c. Adjourned 4:50
- 2. Comments from the public regarding matters not on the agenda.
- 3. Review and approve minutes from the September 26, 2024, meeting. ◀
  - a. Approved
- 4. Executive Director summary of the October 10, 2024, STA Board meeting and any current initiatives.
  - a. Placer-Sacramento Gateway Plan Update Grant
    - i. STA will be partnering with PCTPA for a grant to update the Plan as there are projects in the expenditure plan that could receive grant funds.
  - b. Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 Local Partnership Program (Competitive) Prioritization
    - Sacramento Regional Transit District's project was ranked #1 with the City of Sacramento's I Street Bridge ranked #2.
  - c. Potential Legislative Changes Related To Sacramento Transportation Authority
    - i. Specific changes that are anticipated include the ability to fund building related infrastructure for infill development that would support transit projects and creating the ability to hold votes that could include or exclude specific jurisdictions in a ballot measure.
  - d. Creation Of A Temporary New Transportation Funding Subcommittee



- 5. ITOC Financial Member Position
  - a. Introduction of Geraldine Krajewski, prospective ITOC member.
- 6. Receive a presentation on completion of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and consideration of a recommendation for Board approval. ◀
  - a. Presentation by Christian Townes, Lance Soll Lunghard, LLP
    - i. Approved
- 7. Receive a presentation on the draft Measure A Sales Tax Program Performance Measures Agreed Upon Procedures for the period between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2023, and consideration of STA Staff Corrective Action.
  - a. Presentation by Christian Townes, Lance Soll Lunghard, LLP
    - i. Discussion about the next steps forward in this process and the subsequent development of policies from the recommendations provided.
    - ii. ITOC Voting members favored increasing reporting and elevating reporting levels to the STA Board to increase transparency. Such as requiring 5-year plans for ongoing programs and quarterly ongoing reporting that goes to the STA Governing board as well as the ITOC. They also preferred the review of delayed projects or underperforming programs.
    - iii. ITOC Voting Members did not favor a policy that limits execution of new capital project contracts until an agency had used the prior awarded funding.
- 8. 2025 ITOC Meeting Schedule
- 9. Future Meeting Topics:
  - a. Performance Audit Acceptance
  - b. Review of Planned Bus Rapid Transit corridors in Sacramento County and the Stockton Boulevard BRT Project.
    - a. SacRT to present in May 2025, ITOC Voting Members asked that they instead talk about the upcoming fiscal cliff and the changes they are making including the most recent change to SmaRT Ride.
  - c. Review of current SACOG Planning and Transportation Funding efforts,
    - a. No Discussion on this item.
- 10. Comments of ITOC Members
- **◄** Denotes items that require Committee action



## **Addendum**

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