

MINUTES

PROPOSITION "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 30, 2007, 3:30 p.m.
Room 1500, City Hall East

Members Present: Ellen (CAO representative)
Gerry Miller
Cynthia Ruiz
Michael Mullin (Mayor's Office representative)

Members Not Present: Karen Sisson
Ron Deaton
Nancy Sutley

The meeting was called to order.

The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approved the minutes from the meeting held on July 26, 2007.

Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) staff provided a briefing relative to the actions taken by the Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) and other issues as follows:

- The COAC met on August 15, 2007, they were unable to establish a quorum which prevented them from taking any actions. They heard presentations from Bureau of Engineering (Engineering) and Bureau of Sanitation (Sanitation) on the status of concept reports for Fremont High, Boyle Heights, and Lincoln Heights projects.
- The COAC was presented with a list of previously approved projects scored with the new proposed project selection criteria, as they had requested.
- The COAC held a discussion on what the role of the COAC would be as they moved forward from a project selection phase to a monitoring phase. The COAC requested that staff provide a report on the responsibilities as outlined in the Prop O governance structure.

Sanitation gave a brief update on the status of the concept report for three projects: Fremont High, Boyle Heights, and Lincoln Heights. For the Fremont High project, Sanitation met with local stakeholders and land trust. Sanitation is preparing the concept report and plan to have it on the September AOC agenda. For the Boyle Heights project, Sanitation met with stake holders, the school district and land owners to resolve land issues and is preparing the concept report to be on the September AOC agenda. On the last project, Lincoln Heights, Sanitation is working with North East Trees and CD 1 to re-evaluate the project to determine if the project will proceed. Staff discovered that the storm drain referred to in the concept report for diversion was never constructed resulting in limited water quality benefit for the project.

Engineering presented the July Monthly report. Engineering highlighted the Oros Green Street project which was completed and was marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 26, 2007. Also highlighted were the Grand Blvd. Tree Wells and the Mar Vista Recreation Center Stormwater BMP

Pre-Design Reports which were completed on schedule. In addition, four Task Order Solicitations (TOS) have been issued against the new Wastewater and Environmental On-Call Consultant List for the Echo Park Lake, Penmar Water Quality Improvement, Temescal Canyon BMP and Westchester/LAX BMP projects. The proposals are expected back on September 24, 2007. Lastly, Engineering highlighted that pictures of Prop O projects were added to the monthly report.

Sanitation presented an update on Catch Basin Phase 1 project. There was a cost savings of \$700,000, 7700 inserts and 8200 screens were installed. It marks the 1st TMDL compliance of a 20% reduction nationwide.

An AOC member asked if the responsibilities issue for catch basins owned by Cal Trans and Los Angeles County was resolved

Sanitation responded that any catch basins owned by Cal Trans that are in the City's right of way are considered as the property and responsibility of the City. The County (County) of Los Angeles has a number of catch basins in the City. The County has agreed to install inserts and screens in high trash generated areas. The County will do this by providing some money up front and seek funds from grants and other sources. As the money becomes available the County will do these projects. Sanitation is working with the County to ensure that this does not impact Sanitation's compliance plan. Vik Bapna of the County was present and available for questions from to the AOC. No questions were asked.

An AOC member asked if the County is committed to installing catch basin inserts and screens in all County owned catch basins. Sanitation responded that the County is only committed to installing catch basins in high trash generating areas only. An AOC member asked how many catch basins this represents. Sanitation responded that the methods used by the City and County to identify the number of Catch Basins are different. The City data identified 3000 catch basins; however, the County's data identified 700. Sanitation is working with the County to resolve this issue. An AOC member asked about maintenance of these catch basins. Sanitation responded that they are working with Street Services to provide more trash cans, street sweepers and VAC trucks. There is not enough money and as a result Sanitation is working with the CLA, CAO, and other offices to devise a strategy to come up with Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funding. One of the options is to increase Stormwater Pollution Abatement Fee (SPAF) rate. Sanitation is working on draft proposal. Sanitation will coordinate with the County to ensure that they have a plan to deal with O&M issues. AOC member advised Sanitation to work with the City Clerk because election costs are cheaper during odd numbered years. City Attorney advised that the County has no control of streets in the City. It will be the responsibility of the City to clean up trash in the streets, known as Flood Control transport.

Engineering requested that the AOC approve appropriations transfer of \$750,000 from the Catch Basin Phase 1 project, which was completed and ready to be closed out to projects that can expend these unexpended funds. The funds will be used to open project accounts for the following projects: Catch Basin Phase III, Peck Park, Hansen Dam, Machado Lake Phase I, and Machado Lake Ecosystem. An AOC member asked if these are projects that were previously approved but don't have money behind them yet. Engineering responded that they were previously approved by City Council and AOC but the money had not appropriated. Engineering advised that the request was a cash flow action. The AOC motioned to approve this request.

Engineering requested approval of a Management Aide in-lieu of a Management Analyst to provide it with the flexibility to fill the position with a Management Aide. Engineering intends to pursue filling the position with a Management Analyst to help with the implementation of the program. AOC member questioned why this has to come to the committee. An AOC member recalled that because staffing came to the committee, it was reasoned that in-lieu authorities should also come to the AOC. An AOC member suggested that future in-lieu requests go through regular city approval and not be brought to the AOC. The AOC approved this in-lieu motion and the motion to allow Prop O authority to submit future in-lieu requests to CAO using regular City process.

Engineering presented the Prop O Program Master Schedule. An AOC member expressed concerns about the nine projects related to TMDL compliance. Some of the TMDL compliance dates were in conflict with the Master Schedule dates. As a result an AOC member recommended conditional approval of the Master Schedule. An AOC member requested that Engineering and Sanitation work together to resolve the issue. The AOC had a discussion on what it means to be in compliance with the TMDL requirements. It was suggested that this issue be taken up with the Water Quality Board to establish the definition of compliance. The AOC also discussed efforts to speed up project completion dates. An AOC member recommend breaking out TMDL compliance dates separate from the Master Schedule due to the concern that it may appear to outsiders that the TMDL compliance dates will not be met.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned.