



**Transform Fresno
 Outreach & Oversight Committee Meeting
 Submitted Questions and Responses
 Monday, December 4, 2017
 10:30pm-12:00pm
 City Hall, Council Chambers**

Comments	Questions	Response
<p>1. This meeting provided no insight, or transparency, or clarity to how the projects are moving along. Project leads should've been here to provide updates on status, not provide a summary of the projects which is information that is already available on the Transform Fresno website. Furthermore, there is no transparency as to how the committees were delegated. (Grecia Elenenes)</p>	<p>1) Oliver Baines mentioned City wants to stay true to the public process that was initiated, however, appointing members simply because the Mayor wants to is not staying true to the public inclusive process that the former Steering Committee was part of. Why the sudden change? These members should have been voted for.</p> <p>2) Monica said they wanted to invite community to regularly scheduled meetings, but if the Committee wanted to be truly inclusive and transparent, the meeting should have been held after work hours in an accessible location. Clearly this speaks to the committee's dedication to the community. So why wasn't this meeting held after work hours in a good location as is highly encouraged by the TCC guidelines? (Grecia Elenenes)</p>	<p>Q1: The MOU implementing the SGC's required Collaborative Stakeholder Structure has been widely communicated. While the MOU does call for appointed members (all of which were previous steering committee members), the Mayor has also invited the entire former steering committee to continue to be involved in the implementation process through the Community Engagement Collaborative.</p> <p>Q2: The City had already scheduled the 12/13 meeting held after work hours in which project leads would be present and available to answer questions. The additional Meeting on 12/04/17 was requested by various advocacy groups in order to receive information regarding the Transform Fresno Proposal prior to submission. To be responsive, the Outreach & Oversight Committee invited the public to their regularly scheduled Monday morning meeting.</p>

<p>2. A better use of people’s time could have been the City answering questions not reviewing something that could have been emailed to them prior to the meeting. Community residents wanted answers before the application deadline. You are not staying true to the inclusive nature of the process the City had begun by the Mayor picking and choosing which members he wanted rather than letting the former Steering Committee vote on this. (Erica Fernandez)</p>	<p>Can you be more accountable and transparent with the community? They deserve better. (Erica Fernandez)</p>	<p>Thank you for acknowledging “the inclusive nature of the process” thus far. The Mayor has continued that inclusiveness by appointing only former community steering committee members who are proven leaders from each of the three neighborhoods in the TCC Project Area.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Who makes up the Tech Committee? 2) Is Public Works involved? If so, how. 3) Scoping? Can the public see them? If no scoping has occurred, why not? 	<p>Q1: The Technical and Policy Committee shall consist of the City, SGC Technical Assistance Providers, and third parties engaged to provide technical assistance on monitoring project implementation and ensuring compliance with TCC Program Guidelines</p> <p>Q2: The Department of Public Works assists with all City-implemented projects as well as other projects in the TCC proposal as requested.</p> <p>Q3: Scoping is happening and will continue to take place at a number of levels with various projects. The most recent results of project scoping will be shared by project implementers at our first quarterly community meeting on 12/13.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Project #15—is there a “bike share” program in this project? If so, how does it make the program affordable for residents? 2) Concept proposal overhead budget—what are the activities funded by 10% overhead? 3) Is the City contributing 10% to overhead budget? 4) Why/how was the percentage of the budget calculated? 5) Is 10% based on TCC ask or total budget including match? 	<p>Q1: Project #15 does not include a Bike Share component, Project #19 does include a Bike Share component and has committed to keeping the costs for residents at low to no cost.</p> <p>Q2: Per the SGC Guidelines (Page 32, 10/23/17 Version) Administrative costs are defined as costs directly tied to the administration of the TCC grant. “Administration of the grant” may include, but is not limited to: activities required for coordinating the Grantee/Partner relationship, reporting, invoicing, etc. Administrative costs may include, but are not limited to: staff salaries and benefits, supplies, and other resources used to administer the grant.</p> <p>Q3: The City is contributing over \$21 million in project funds. (See #7 below) Eligible overhead costs will be submitted for TCC funding based on SGC guidelines.</p> <p>Q4: See Q2 above.</p> <p>Q5: The 10% is based on the TCC ask for eligible costs per each California Climate Investment Program and Project type.</p>
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5.	How will the displacement avoidance taskforce be developed?	The City will be requesting comments and suggestions on how the Displacement Avoidance Taskforce should be developed. Please submit your comments via transformfresno@fresno.gov or submit a comment card on the 12/13/17 meeting.
6.	Project # 30: why the decrease? \$1.1 million Which projects are at risk of not meeting GHG reduction requirements? What is the plan for the money should a project be determined ineligible to GHG elimination?	Project #30 decreased the scope and budget in order to be able to deliver the services in the time period allotted for the grant term. At this time, none of the projects submitted via each California Climate Investment program is at risk of not meeting GHG reductions. Not applicable, see above.
7. Would like the presentation by each presenter to be given to individuals at meeting in writing and written documents be available to all interested parties. (Diane Smith)	Why is the City, as lead, in some of the projects has no matching funds? (Diane Smith)	Documents for 12/4 are available on the website. Printed copies will be provided on request. Documents for the 12/13 meeting will be available at the meeting and on the website. The City is providing over \$21 million worth of matching funds to the TCC proposal via the SW Offsites, TCC Connector Project, Park at MLK Core and Chinatown PBID.

<p>8. #15: Where is the location of this trail—near Darling Rending Plant is an unhealthy and ill-advised location.</p> <p>The projects are taken from ATP and have already included scoping and other preliminary stages to be prepared. The preference of the community is to connect schools to existing parks, and to bridge gap between proposed city college site and existing schools. Since there is a lack of trails and green space in SW Fresno, it's critical to address public health benefits and minimize health risks; any trail that leads towards existing polluting industries is contraindicated.</p>		<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>9. Displacement concerns for residence along MLK center. Community involvement throughout process.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rent control—will SW remain affordable? 2) If projects do not make it, where will additional funds go? And, who selects? 	<p>Q1: The Mayor is convening a Displacement Avoidance Taskforce that will invite broad community involvement. Displacement concerns for residents around the MLK Activity Center project area as well as issues such as rent control and affordability will be topics of this task force.</p> <p>Q2: Currently, the TCC Proposal is over the allocated \$70 million. If a project does not move forward, we do not foresee that there will be any extra funds. If there are funds, they will be used to administer the grant.</p>

<p>10.</p> <p>1) The community has been very clear they want to see the TCC project package from option 5 be kept intact. The City should do what it takes to shore up all projects for submission, including co-signing for projects with insufficient financial audits.</p> <p>2) The community has also been very clear they want to see strong local hire and anti-displacement policies implemented alongside TCC projects. The City seems unmotivated to do more than the bare minimum to make this happen.</p>	<p>1) Is the City willing to co-sign for proposed SW Fresno TCC projects to improve their viability?</p> <p>2) Is the City committed to pursuing strong local hire rules and a lowered trigger threshold for the City's PLA when dealing with TCC projects?</p> <p>3) Is the City willing to engage community residents and advocates to create meaningful anti-displacement rules for TCC projects?</p>	<p>Q1: As the Lead Applicant, the City is already a joint applicant in the TCC proposal.</p> <p>Q2: The City is committed to local hire and will ensure that these discussions will continue as we craft the Workforce Development Plan.</p> <p>Q3: The City welcomes all comments in regards to an anti-displacement policy.</p>
<p>11. I would like to hear and speak more to project oversight and how this will insure community benefits agreements are kept to the highest standards and project policy stays in TCC language and consistent.</p>		<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>12. I would like a copy of each project report read today or made available.</p>		<p>Thank you, the information is available on the transformfresno.com</p>
<p>13. I'd like to know why we cannot ask and speak without someone else doing it. I want to ask my own questions. Who are you, Artie, Morgan, and Sal—you do not represent SW Fresno. You have not held any meeting with our community. Baines, the Mayor, nor yourselves have seen or heard from our community. Mary Curry, B.T. Lewis rep us—we did not vote or ask them to rep us in SW Fresno.</p>		<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>

<p>14. MLK Activity Center—Fresno City College—West Fresno Satellite (Correct Title) Sylvesta Hall</p>		<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>15. 1) There is no representation for the SW Asian community in the Community Outreach & Oversight Committee 2) Quarterly updates/opportunities to provide input are not sufficient! That is not community engagement.</p>	<p>1) Will the information that was presented today be available to those who cannot make it today? 2) How exactly will the Community Outreach & Oversight Committee engage with the community as we move forward?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. Q1: The information will be available by the regularly scheduled meeting on 12/13/17. Q2: The Outreach & Oversight Committee acts as an advisory body to the overall TCC process. Any comments or suggestions on how to engage community residents are welcome via email to transformfresno@fresno.gov.</p>
<p>16. There was no presentation of what plans are being developed or implemented for outreach to multi-language and diverse residents.</p>	<p>1) What is happening with savings: \$77,731,329 - \$74,758,479? 2) Will there be an opportunity for funding bicycle education, given the projects focusing on biking (ATP). 3) The term “slightly” displaced was used. Are there some levels of displacement that are acceptable?</p>	<p>Comments: All quarterly community meetings will provide translation services. Our community engagement plan will include both project-specific and overall TCC Project outreach. Q1: The City of Fresno has not received a grant award, as such, there are no savings. Q2: Project #15 has a bicycle education component. Q3: There is no “direct” displacement as a result of the TCC proposal meaning. Indirect displacement could occur as a result of new development and subsequent rising costs – the Displacement Avoidance Taskforce will be implemented to discuss these important community impacts.</p>

<p>17. The Community Engagement Collaborative should continue to be a timely, informative and respectful gathering. The new format, with detailed handouts, will meet that goal. The only concern that arises is the space for questions and comments. Comments and remarks made by members out of order are disruptive and disrespectful. If there is any way to mitigate that I would appreciate it and gladly participate in future meetings.</p>		<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>18. I think the TCC Oversight Committee and the City of Fresno business division (Laura) is doing an outstanding job of coordinating information between 25 projects, the TCC voters, and the State of California. Just stay encouraged as we break through this new process. Don't worry about the complainers. Those who are actually doing something know your hard work.</p>		<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>19. Process does not pass the smell test—you are not taking questions for a free exchange of ideas. You only want to tell State that we have met with people in the community. (K. Omachi)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Who submitted some of the projects ex-PBID/High Speed Rail? 2) What has happened to the money taken from projects? (trails) 3) Your favored projects (housing) getting more money? 	<p>Q1: The Chinatown PBID was submitted by the City of Fresno at the request of Chinatown business owners at the Chinatown Community Meeting on 08/31/2017. Please restate the question regarding High Speed Rail.</p> <p>Q2: The City of Fresno has not received any grant funds; therefore there are no funds to reallocate from projects that have reduced scope or budget.</p> <p>Q3: Please restate the question.</p>