

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

Present at the meeting: Chairman Ron Warner, Commissioners' Earl Wintle, Rex Roush and Charles Willard. Absent: Commissioners' Ross Turner and George Russell. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Gary Plunkett, Executive Director, Mark Moses, Assistant Director of Public Works-Admin., Dianna..... Health Partnership, Beverly Murphy, Woodson Bridge Estates, Debbi Pederson, Caltrans, Gary Antone, City of Red Bluff Public Works Director, and Larry Stevens, TCTC alternate.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Warner at 9:31 A.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Venita Philbrick thanked the Commission for the use of transportation during the meeting of RCRC which she helped coordinate. Commissioner Willard thanked her for her participation.

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 17, 1999 MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Willard, second by Commissioner Roush and as to form by Commissioner Wintle. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara O'Keeffe announced:

North Valley Services, for a third year in a row, received approval of their application for replacement vehicle.

October 19, 1999 it is anticipated the RTP will be adopted.

TCTC Clerk Typist, Jessica Cunningham, left the department and is currently working for the Department of Education. We are using temporary help thru Business Connections .

SCA 3 did not pass the Assembly.

SB 1155 is currently pending.

Accidents involving VanTrans occurred September 16<sup>th</sup> and on September 21<sup>st</sup>, the TRAX bus. Staff has provided all requested information to County Risk Management. Laidlaw is responsible for all repairs, but the accidents were not the fault of our busses.

5. CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Public Hearing was opened at 9:39 A.M. and closed at 9:39 A.M. with no comments to such.

6. NEW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN GUIDELINES

Barbara O’Keeffe, Transit Manager, presented substantial backup for this item. TEA21 and SB 45 put an enormous emphasis on planning.. The proposed RTP Guidelines have undergone significant changes and it is important to note that the guidelines will now include performance measures.

These performance measures will be used for a basis of comparison. Caltrans and the CTC will review these plans and this will be the foundation of our Transportation Planning within the region. In order for us to have a STIP project, it must be included in this Plan. Caltrans will ensure that what we spend STIP monies on is consistent with our Plan. The performance measures need to reflect a rural environment.

Barbara O’Keeffe noted that Debbie Pederson was appointed to the State RTP Review Committee. She provided a rural perspective to the Committee and strongly urged separate guidelines for rural agencies.

The Rural Counties Task Force will meet October 8<sup>th</sup> to make recommendations from the Task Force to Caltrans.

Debbie Pederson confirmed the Commission needed to include all projects in the STIP and need to be included in the RTP as well as Federal monies. In District 2 during their review an important issue was the need for information for rural areas. Updates on the RTP Guidelines have not been done since 1991.

Barbara O’Keeffe commented that an environmental document is required for the Plan. Every project in the STIP requires the same. This is an expensive duplication and a hardship to rural counties. This will be reflected in the letter Staff has available for the Commission to approve.

Commissioner Willard suggested this be emphasized in correspondence or at least obtain a transition process so it would meet the secondary level.

Motion by Commissioner Willard to authorize Staff to compose correspondence and have the Chairperson sign regarding the RTP Guidelines to be submitted to Caltrans. Second by Commissioner Wintle, carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

7. COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN SIGNAL UPGRADES ON ANTELOPE

Gary Antone, Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Red Bluff, presented the Commission with a recommendation for consideration to have County share in local costs of State Highway 36 rehabilitation project within the City limits. The local share for the Main Street Project from Caltrans totaled \$325,685.99. The City programmed \$260,000 into the STIP to recover costs. The City of Red Bluff felt the rehabilitation project was an area wide benefit serving the City and County, therefore, the City is asking the Commission to recommend or consider this project be a shared cost.

Commissioner Willard confirmed his fostering of City/County interaction, but his personal opinion was the City annexed the property and can certainly come before the Board of Supervisors and ask for additional funding from what is in essence, the county share. The money allocated under that program, the City has money they can use for that and has chosen their project.

Commissioner Wintle commented this is a joint thing, for a safety-type thing. It should happen any place. Regional-type things have to be taken care of and we should share in that as a whole. We are all citizens of the County.

Chairman Warner felt there are many places within the County joint ventures could be beneficial to the whole County. This should have been presented to the TAC meetings where the decision was made to divide monies. It was mentioned, but never went any further. After everyone agreed to the division, I don't know if it is within the Commission's position. Whether it is the City of Red Bluff and the County (your City Council and the Board of Supervisors) working out a deal. Whether the rest of the Commission should be involved. I can see where it would help my City down the line. I think it should be discussed in the next year or two when the money is divided and joint projects like this should be thoroughly discussed.

Gary Antone added we had no idea what the costs were at that time. Once we had them the other actions had already taken place. What we are really coming back and saying is that if it is not a situation the Commission wants to support is one issue. The secondary issue is we should examine this situation as we move ahead.

Commissioner Wintle said these are one of the growing pains that new guidelines have. This is a required thing. That is why it comes to us to think about it.

Barbara O’Keeffe identified that if all the projects are identified, if there were an interest in a joint venture, that we would want to look at the plan and discuss it.

Commissioner Roush: I agree with the Chairman. I think the money has been distributed out of the STIP and to try to redistribute to this project, it may effect my community. I have some disagreement regarding your information. That the project has wide benefits extending beyond the City of Red Bluff, it is my opinion that the benefit is to the City of Red Bluff not the County.

Lack of motion by the Commission. No action taken.

#### 8. PARTNERSHIP EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Dianna Deets, Health Partnership, gave a presentation to the Commission to communicate the activities and scope of the Partnership Policy Education Subcommittee. The Health Partnership is an organization that is under the the interagency for coordinating council for the County. We are a group of County health care organizations such as the hospital, doctors and concerned citizens and others who care about our community. One subcommittee within the Health Partnership is the Policy Education Committee. Our goal this year is trying to develop a community prevention platform statement that will encompass four different topic areas. We hope to make recommendations that policy makers will adopt. Substance abuse, youth, violence and transportation.

The areas thus far for transportation are scheduling, afford ability, safety and signs. Researching existing ideas from other communities will be done. Information gathered will be presented in draft form by the end of October to the Interagency Coordinating Council (IAC) before presenting the any policy makers.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Deets for presenting her information and offered staff for any information needed.

#### 9. TAC RECOMMENDATION TRANSPORTATION POLL

Gary Plunkett, Executive Director announced the AB 1155 was approved by the Senate and Assembly. The Governor has until October 10<sup>th</sup> to do so. AB1155 was originally created to help implement the SCA3 sales tax measure. It requires a development of an expenditure plan. SCA3 is expected to be introduced again in the next session of Legislature. We need the expenditure plan developed. This must be voted on by the public. Development of the plan under AB 1155, must be developed by April 30, 2000 and adopted by June 30, 2000 for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election. A public poll was

suggested. Other counties have demonstrated the success of the polling. Moreover, many self-help counties and urban areas that have a transportation sales tax which are sun setting in the near future, are again polling the public. Shasta County is currently polling and their Polling Consultant would entertain a contract for Tehama County. The cost would be in the range of \$5,000 to \$15,000 depending on the level of polling. It should be noted that if the sales tax measure did not succeed, the information would provide information for our SB45 funds.

Staff requested the Commission approve a Technical Advisory Committee to perform a request of proposal from all Consultants.

Commissioner Willard motioned to approve and endorse TAC efforts to plan for transportation improvements; authorize the TAC pursue a transportation poll and return with recommendations of the polling consultant. Motion second by Commissioner Roush. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

10. TAC RECOMMENDS LEGISLATION REGARDING SR 36

1. Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Wintle to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter requesting our legislative delegation initiate legislation to have those portions of No. Main Street remain with the State (Caltrans) rather than revert to the City and County. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.
2. Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Wintle to authorize the Red Bluff and County TAC members to work with legislators to draft and pass said legislation. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

11. CTC CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR MEETING

Barbara O’Keeffe extended to the Commissioners’ an invitation to meet with the California Transportation Commission who is requesting a special meeting with all rural RTPA’s. This informal discussion with the Commission and TAC will be open dialogue. The TAC would like to provide positive input regarding the challenges their agencies are working to address. The STIP is a very cumbersome and time consuming process for rehab.

Commissioner Willard suggested not only the intent of SB 45, but the reaction of rural counties of planning and recruitment of planners. This would be a major issue to discuss.

No action on this item.

12. WOODSON BRIDGE SURVEY RESULTS

Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commissioners’ the information needed from the survey was not received as expected. Staff asked for open dialogue with Woodson Bridge Estates in hopes of receiving another survey with greater understanding and response.

The consensus of Commissioners agreed with Staff.

13. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARK WALL CONSULTING

Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Roush to approve the Supplemental Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement. Motion carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

14. ADOPTION OF TEHAMA COUNTY BIKEWAYS PLAN

Barbara O’Keeffe reviewed the extensive work that has taken place on this plan. Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Wintle to adopt the Tehama County Bikeways Plan. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

15. ADOPTION OF 1999/00 BUDGET

Mark Moses, Assistant Director of Public Works Administration presented the 1999/00 final budget to the Commission. Motion by Commission Willard and second by Commissioner Roush to adopt the budget. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

16. JARC GRANT

Barbara O’Keeffe gave information regarding the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Grant. FTA has extended the time line which is the most current information at this point.

17. CORRESPONDENCE: To be submitted next month

18. WARRANTS

Red Bluff Daily(Legal Notice)	\$5.78
Pacific Bell (800 Line; TDA Admin Claim)	\$6.64
Red Bluff Daily (Legal Notice Publication)	\$16.17
Red Bluff Daily(Legal Notice)	\$16.17
FedEX (CalWORKS Plan)	\$19.00
Tri-County News(Bike Plan Notice)	\$24.00
Red Bluff Daily	\$33.28
Impressive Print	\$47.19
Pacific Bell (385-2200; TDA Admin Claim)	\$56.03
JP Office Products(Office Exp)	\$83.63
Impressive Print	\$101.35
Business Connections(Trans.Survey)	<u>\$206.95</u>
Total	\$616.19

Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Roush to accept the warrants. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

19. CLAIMS

T.C. Public Works(Trans Planning 5/99 to 6/99)	\$27.45
T.C. Public Works(METS 5/99 to 6/99)	\$57.17
T.C. Public Works(VanTrans 5/99 to 6/99)	\$60.22
No. Calif. Planning & Research(7/99 Bikeway Plan)	\$160.00
T.C. Public Works(TRAX 5/99 to 6/99)	\$173.25
Business Connections(Clerical Svs)	\$348.40
Laidlaw (Welfare to Work Corning)	\$595.84
Laidlaw(9/99 Welfare to Work Cottonwood)	\$940.31
Laidlaw(8/99 Welfare to Work Cottonwood)	\$968.24
Laidlaw(7/99 Welfare to Work Corning)	\$1,340.64
T.C. Public Works(Adm.5/99 to 6/99)	\$4,688.63
No. Calif. Planning & Research(7/99 Bikeway Plan)	\$8,153.00
Laidlaw(VanTrans)	\$20,447.05
Laidlaw(TRAX)	<u>\$23,603.81</u>
Total	\$61,564.01

Motion by Commissioner Wintle and second by Commissioner Willard to accept the claims as presented. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

20. ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.