

**TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2000**

Present: Chairperson Ron Warner, Commissioners' Earl Wintle, George Russell, Ross Turner, Rex Roush, Charles Willard. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Roy Berlinghoff, Laidlaw and Debbie Pederson, District 2 Caltrans, Gary Plunkett, Executive Director and Allen Skaggs of North Valley Services.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with all present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff announced there will be a new Caltrans Director pending Senate approval, Jeff Moralez. Mr. Moralez was Executive Vice President of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Gaylen Norman, Office Assistant II, was introduced as the METS Program assistant.

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16, 2000 MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to approve the minutes. As to form by Commissioners' Willard and Russell. Carried 6-0.

5. GOVERNOR DAVIS' PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPORTATION

Gary Plunkett, Executive Director, discussed the funding proposal to accelerate \$3.6 billion dollars of funds for the 2000 STIP, that will be funded by \$3 billion in bonds and \$600 million from the State Highway Account. This will also amend Article XIX of the State Constitution allowing a portion of fuel taxes to be used for transit capital and operating costs. Another proposal is to extend the STIP from four to seven years to allow work to begin on projects that would otherwise be delayed until funds become available in the 2002 or 2004 STIP. Directions for Business, Transportation and Housing Agency's to develop methods to streamline environmental review and to eliminate the long periods for approval.

Gary Plunkett reviewed the "use-it-or-lose-it" provision. This proposal would expedite the use of \$300 million in local gas tax funds and \$800 million in unused local agency federal funds. There is controversy as to whether there is unused local agency federal funds and local gas tax funds that are not being used. Our County spends all Federal dollars on an annual basis for road maintenance. There is some question as to whether this will be implemented.

Regarding Public Transportation, Gary Plunkett continued, increases in intercity rail programs, planning, environmental and feasibility studies for a Bay Area ferry system.

No motion taken on this item.

6. PENDING TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

Gary Plunkett, Executive Director, presented a list of current bills affecting transportation. There are a few that could be implemented for funding local transportation such as AB 1303, which would take money from the State Highway Account and allocates to local cities and counties and back-fills the Highway Account with equal amount of money. An indirect approach to put general funds into local transportation projects.

No motion taken on this item.

7. REPORT ON STIP PROJECTS

Barbara O’Keeffe discussed the spread sheet prepared by the Planner for the Commissioners that tracks the amounts programmed and left over funds for each entity. This informational item shows that 80% of the STIP dollars have been programmed for 22 projects.

8. RESCHEDULING OF JUNE COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Turner to schedule the June 20th meeting for 8:00 a.m. Carried 6-0

9. SECTION 5310 PUBLIC HEARING/APPLICATION

With a brief discussion from staff, the Public Hearing was opened at 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Willard questioned what kind of phones were being put into the busses. Allen Skaggs, North Valley Services, answered Nokia hands free.

Commissioner Willard questioned selection of the larger buses versus CNG bus. Mr. Skaggs answered because of diesel powered. No fueling station was available for the CNG bus.

With no further comments the Public Hearing was closed at 10:04 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Turner, second by Commissioner Wintle to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 10-2000 and authorize staff to score the application from North Valley Services for 5310 funds and submit documentation to the State. Carried 6-0 with all present.

10. ROLLING STOCK RTIP AMENDMENT NO. 5

Barbara O’Keeffe discussed in an earlier item, there are 230,000 miles per vehicle in our fleet. With the FTA process and regulations for procurement, it would take one year at least to purchase vehicles with federal dollars. Our vehicles would have over 350,000 miles before new vehicles could be received.

Commissioner Turner questioned the wear and tear on the current busses. Staff answered the busses are approaching normal wear and tear. We purchased extended warranties on vehicles which proved cost effective. Prop 116 must be allocated by June 30, 2000. Barbara added that we will most likely have to find a federal contract to piggyback on or work with the FTA. This type of project, as far as the STIP, they require working directly with FTA. It is a lengthy process and you cannot wait until your vehicles are over 300,000 to begin procurement.

Commissioner Turner questioned if there was a mandatory ceiling in which you must roll the busses of certain mileage.

Debbie Pederson, of District 2, answered that one reason there is a 250,000 or five year policy is because at that point and time it will cost more money for maintenance then it does for buying new, if you have that option for grant funding.

Commissioner Turner questioned down-sizing TRAX vehicles. Staff answered not at this time. Power in transmission/engine is lost with smaller vehicles. Certain routes contain 70% - 80% capacity which would not accommodate the small vehicle for rural areas.

Commissioner Russell motioned to adopt Resolution 11-2000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Turner and carried by all present 6-0 with the discussion of a larger or smaller vehicle to be discussed in a future agenda item.

11. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING & MONITORING FTA

Motion by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner Wintle to adopt Resolution No. 12-2000. Carried 6-0

12. TEA-21 EXCHANGE FUNDS (RSTP)

Moved by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Turner to adopt Resolution No. 13-2000. Carried 6-0

13. WOODSON BRIDGE PILOT RIDERSHIP

Commissioner Turner discussed the lack of participation for this pilot program and possibility of cancellation.

Chairman Warner suggested correspondence to Woodson Bridge Estates and discussion of

participation.

Staff reminded the Commission that with the new schedule, this issue will also impact the schedule. It was the staff's recommendation that correspondence be sent to Woodson Bridge regarding participation and the new schedule.

With the consensus of the Commission this item will be agendaizing at the next meeting. Staff will draft appropriate correspondence for Woodson Bridge Estates.

14. RTR TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Barbara O'Keeffe discussed the possible RTR routing to Red Bluff and Corning. The survey has been sent to RTR for distribution and complete surveys will be delivered to staff on Friday.

With some discussion on the survey submitted, Commissioner Russell suggested staff gather the information from the survey and submit it to the Commission at a later date.

Commissioner Turner suggested percentages be used for response comparing commitment to the service and using Woodson Bridge Estates as the example of non-usage.

No motion was taken on this item. It was agreed one Commissioner would be selected to attend a meeting at Rancho Tehama and results of the survey would be presented at a later date.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted with no discussion.

16/17. WARRANTS/CLAIMS

Warrants and Claims submitted for February and March in the amount of \$52,376.68. Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Russell to accept the claims and warrants. Carried 6-0.

18. ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Chairman

Deputy/Secretary