

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 16, 2000

Present: Chairperson Ron Warner, Commissioners' Earl Wintle, Rex Roush, Ross Turner. Absent: Commissioners' Charles Willard and George Russell. Also present, Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, Mark Moses, Asst. Director Public Works-Admin., Roy Berlinghoff, Laidlaw and Debbie Pederson, Caltrans, Gerry Brownfield, Deputy Director of Public Works, Gary Antone, P.W. Director, City of Red Bluff and Tom Russ, P.W. Director, City of Corning.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Warner at 9:32 a.m. It was noted by staff that Executive Director Plunkett was unable to attend due to a conflict with the AB 1012 Committee Meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Ferrari, rider of TRAX, discussed the new schedule causes her to arrive late to work and leave work early. At present, the bus does not arrive on time in Corning. Ms. Ferrari questioned why the schedule was changed.

Chairman Warner commented the new schedule is a work in progress and will be changed accordingly.

Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, discussed problems with weather on the first day which caused delays. Route modifications are being reviewed for earlier departure and early arrival to Red Bluff. The need for the new schedule was for additional routes and service as well as a more "user friendly" schedule. Staff will continue to keep Ms. Ferrari informed.

John Prestan, citizen, discussed his disability and frustration with the new schedule. With frequent doctor visits, walking to bus stops is a problem. Also, no information was given to the public for changes in this schedule. Mr. Prestan suggested advertising on Channel 9 Television for those who do not receive the newspaper.

Jim Bacquet, TRAX rider, commented on the route through Los Molinos, Tehama and Red Bluff. Mr. Bacquet felt the schedule was not made for those who work and need to arrive on time. People looking for work are unable to use the bus due to this schedule. The bus has been there for the working people, retired and unemployed. Changes that have been made now eliminates the job for anyone except the retired and unemployed. By taking off the riders who work and support the bus, I think it is a major mistake and should be reconsidered.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara O’Keeffe announced that one of two Transportation Planner positions has been filled. Kevin Rosser was introduced to the Commission.

Kevin Rosser addressed the Commission by stating he appreciated the opportunity to serve as Commission Staff. Kevin graduated from Chico State University with a bachelor in environmental science. His course work included planning and policy classes. Kevin pledges to do the best of his ability to serve the County and this Commission.

Barbara O’Keeffe announced the Transit Develop Plan (TDP) has begun. We have been working closely with the selection committee which consists of the City of Tehama, Corning and Red Bluff City Managers.

With regard to Senior Nutrition, staff and the Executive Director are involved in the transportation subcommittee.

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 1999 MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Wintle and second by Commissioner Turner to accept the minutes of December 15, 1999. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

5. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR BURT BROCKETT: Barbara O’Keeffe briefly discussed Burt Brockett’s service to Caltrans for 37 years as he was unable to attend this meeting. Burt has worked cooperatively with the Commission and Cities.

Motion by Commissioner Turner to approve the resolution and seconded by Commissioner Wintle. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

Chairman Warner acknowledged and asked District 2 staff to convey thanks for Mr. Brockett’s services performed throughout our County.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT MANUAL: The Commissioners were given their TDA manuals and no discussion followed.

7. COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2000: Motion by Commissioner Wintle and second by Commissioner Roush to accept the schedule as is and changes thru the year as needed. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

8. RURAL APPOINTMENT TO THE CTC: Barbara O’Keeffe presented to the Commission a memo written by Charles Fields, Chairman of the Rural Counties Task Force regarding the need for a rural appointment to the CTC by Governor Davis.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second b Commission Wintle to approve the letter and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

9. **GOVERNORS PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION BUDGET:** Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, gave information regarding the Governors proposed budget and the use-it-or-lose-it approach. Tehama County is not in jeopardy of losing any funds due to this budget proposal. Kevin stated the CMAQ and RSTP funds are always programmed and received. The Governors proposed budget does seem to undergo changes throughout the year. Further information will be available as the budget proposals are developed.

10. **TAC RECOMMENDS LETTER TO GOVERNOR:** Barbara O’Keeffe presented a letter of recommendation by the TAC to the Governor in response to the proposed Transit Budget.

Kevin Rosser reviewed the important issues such as continued Caltrans assistance to local agencies, and shifting more dollars to federal funding requirements. Continued support of SCA 3 as well as support for increased funding to cities and counties outside of the STIP for critical maintenance and rehabilitation needs.

Commissioner Wintle commented that we have to look at SCA 3 and if people do not vote for it here in this County, we will not receive funds. It would be extremely hard to pass this increase in the present form. As it stands, Commissioner Wintle does not support it.

Barbara O’Keeffe asked for comments and/or suggestions for changing the letter. Suggested wording: “We urge continued support of concepts within SCA 3. It is necessary to provide the opportunity to move federal funds into the financial packet for transportation projects”.

It was agreed upon the new wording to show opposition to counties being penalized for non-passage, but being taxed.

Commissioner Turner requested copies for the Commission upon completion.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to approve the correspondence with appropriate changes. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

11. **TAC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF UNSPENT MATCH FUNDS:** Barbara O’Keeffe submitted recommendations from the TAC to allow each cities unspent bridge match funds allocated in accordance with Table 10B, to utilize those funds for other STIP eligible projects, with the provision that equal amounts will be deducted from future allocations in order to maintain an equitable distribution of funds to all eligible agencies.

It was motioned by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner Roush to accept TAC recommendations. Motion carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

12. **CORNING STIP PROJECTS:** Barbara O’Keeffe presented resolutions for the increase of STIP funds requested by the City of Corning for rehabilitation of Second Street and Houghton Avenue.

Tom Russ, Public Works Director for the City of Corning attended this meeting and stated the increase was due to re-engineering.

Motion by Commissioner Roush and second by Commissioner Turner to approve the increase. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent to adopt both resolutions.

13. COUNTY STIP PROJECTS: Barbara O’Keeffe presented two resolutions for approval of 1) Local matching funds for County Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Bridges (HBRR) projects with Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds. 2) RTIP Amendment No. 4.

At present, staff is pursuing additional HBR funding, however, it is difficult to know if additional funding will be received. This request for additional money is due to road work and realignment of the roadway that is needed with the bridge replacements.

Commissioner Wintle requested the City be contacted and kept informed of the construction.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

14. ADOPTION 1998 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND ADDENDUM NO. 1: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to approve the addendum. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

15. PROP 116 FUNDS SUNSET: Barbara O’Keeffe requested the TCTC to recommend that the Tehama County Board of Supervisors adopt this resolution authorizing the Public Works Director and the Transit Manager to process, execute and submit all necessary documents for Prop 116 to the CTC for approval.

Commissioner Turner question if the monies available were strictly for vehicle purchase. Staff confirmed that the Prop 116 application/allocation was public transit vehicles. This was approved by the TCTC and CTC in 1994/95.

Debbie Pederson of Caltrans reviewed Prop 116 for the Commission. This is carrying forth with a project that is already programmed by the CTC and now has to be allocated by June 30.

Motion by Commissioner Roush and second by Commission Wintle to approve the resolution. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

16. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT: Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commission of additional monies available and distributed the information to the Commission. Barbara noted additional monies were programmed to further support aviation. All aviation funds go to the cities for aviation planning. There is still coordination for this

element required by Staff, non the less funds are directed to the City of Red Bluff and Corning.

The cities and county are also receiving additional funds to augment RTIP/STIP planning. A new element for Air Quality Planning has been added to the Overall Work Program. It is anticipated that Tehama County will identified as a non-attainment area for 8-hour ozone.

Commissioner Turner questioned if staff is coordinating with the Planning Department and Airport Commission. Staff answered the aviation funds go directly to the City of Corning and City of Red Bluff. Coordination is between the City and their Airport and Planning Commission.

Debbie Pederson added that the increase is due to the Governor's approval of one-half million more for rural counties.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to approve the resolution. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

17. **IMPREST CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE METS PROGRAM:** Mark Moses, Asst. Public Works Director-Admin., presented a resolution to approve the Imprest Checking account for the METS Program. This checking account has been in place for many years with no comment from previous auditors. The \$3,000 balance will keep us from running short on funds when demand is high.

Motion by Commissioner Wintle and second by Commissioner Turner to approve the resolution. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

18. **MID YEAR BUDGET REPORT:** Mark Moses presented the mid year budget report for approval.

Commissioner Turner questioned the expenses for overtime and contracting with Business Connections. With the new personnel there will be a deletion of this overtime in the future. Mark Moses agreed, in part, with the statement. Overall, we have one Transportation Planner position filled out of two. We will wait for another six months before advertising again. There is still more work dealing with federal and state agencies which may require overtime. The part-time position is for METS only.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to approve the budget report. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

19. **PROPOSAL FROM TRANSPORTATION CALIFORNIA:** Barbara O'Keeffe asked for the Commission to discuss and provide direction on this issue.

Commissioner Turner requested this be carried over to the next meeting. The consensus agreed.

20. CORRESPONDENCE: Accepted as presented.
21. WARRANT REGISTER: Chairperson Warner questioned the Commission that in the future only one hard copy of the Warrants and Claims be available at the and available upon request. This would reduce the volume of the packet. The Commissioners agreed that a list would be acceptable in the packet.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to accept the Warrant Register in the amount of \$1,474.86. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

22. CLAIMS: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to accept the claims for \$64,294.86. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.
23. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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Chairman

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Deputy/Secretary