

# **TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2000**

Present: Chairperson Ron Warner, Commissioners' Earl Wintle, George Russell, Ross Turner, Rex Roush. Absent: Charles Willard. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Roy Berlinghoff, Laidlaw and Debbie Pederson, District 2 Caltrans, Gary Plunkett, Executive Director Larry Stevens, Mayor of Red Bluff, RTR Board Directors, Arlene Gross and Tom DeMonte, Peter Harvey and Gary Antone from the City of Red Bluff, Gary Bovee, Air Pollution Control District, Tom Russ, City of Corning and Allen Skaggs of North Valley Services.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 9:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2000 MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Roush and second by Commissioner Wintle. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder by Barbara O'Keeffe of the June meeting moved to June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Also, information has been received from the State Controllers Office that they will provide a draft audit in the near future. Staff provided a newspaper discussing Governor Davis' spending plan.

5. DISCONTINUATION OF AB 2677 FUNDING

Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, discussed AB 2766 funding provided to TRAX. Through correspondence from the Air Pollution Control District (APCD), our funds will be discontinued for TRAX after June 30<sup>th</sup> due to funding requirements not being met. Impacts will be discussed during the June draft budget meeting.

Barbara O'Keeffe added that APCD due to staff and funding shortages, their district will develop an RFP to invite local agencies to submit proposals. The monies will stay in Tehama County, but it will fund other projects. Staff will work with Gary Bovee when they have developed their RFP.

Discussion of using diesel vehicles versus gasoline was discussed with Gary Bovee of APCD. The choice would be up to the agencies themselves as to the kind of fuel they would

use. As stated earlier the Air Resources Board sets the standards for emissions and their model which evaluates cost effectiveness of projects does not favor diesel vehicles.

No motion was taken on this item.

6. WOODSON BRIDGE ESTATES PILOT SERVICE RESOLUTION 14-2000

Staff had limited comments on the pilot program for Woodson Bridge Estates. There were five riders this month during the twelve service days.

Commissioner Turner stated as an advocate of the pilot project he was sorry to see it come to a conclusion, but economically it was not feasible.

Commissioner Wintle stated it was possible to examine this issue at another time to see if there were a justifiable need.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to adopt Resolution 14-2000 to terminate Woodson Bridge pilot service. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

7. RANCHO TEHAMA SURVEY RESULTS

Barbara O'Keeffe thanked the Board of Directors of Rancho Tehama Association (RTR) for their collaborative effort to assist staff. Results of the survey were presented to the TCTC Commission. Staff suggested a meeting be held May 25, 7:00 P.M. at RTR to discuss results with the public.

Arlene Gross, Director of RTR Association, asked as many as possible of the Commission attend the meeting and thanked Commissioner Turner and Staff for their participation. The need is recognized, but the low participation in the survey was also recognized.

Commissioners stated they would attend if possible, it was a consensus to schedule a public meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

8. UNMET NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

Staff discussed the annual unmet transit needs process in which the Commission reviews and discusses public comments/surveys and makes one of the following findings:

There are no unmet transit needs

There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet

There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet

The public hearing opened at 9:56 A.M.

Cheryl Schwabhower from the Women Foundation thanked staff for meeting with their agency to discuss transportation needs. The new TRAX schedules are user-friendly and the bus transfer is close to the Learning Center. Fares are fair throughout the County and their agency looks forward to future endeavors.

Larry Stevens, Mayor of Red Bluff, addressed appropriate signage, benches and shelters. The Commission is aware of the climate changes during the year and passengers with disabilities and seniors need comfort and safety while waiting for transportation. If we can work together between the County and in time, what the City of Red Bluff is doing, this will make public transportation user friendly. TRAX signage will assist the visually impaired to know where the bus stops.

Coleen Ryals, Chico graduate and member of SSTAC is visually impaired and happy to know about the fact you are enlarging and increasing your availability of transportation in the County. Ms. Ryles thanked the Commission for their participation and suggested that bus stop signs or benches could be used for advertising. Actual stops for busses would help the seniors and visually impaired.

Chairman Warner thanked those that spoke and acknowledged the issues discussed today have been discussed in one form or another and would be examined.

The hearing was closed at 10:07 A.M.

9. WARRANT REGISTER RESOLUTION 16-2000

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commission Turner to adopt Warrant Register Resolution 16-2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

10. WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR CCO RESOLUTION 16-2000

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Turner to approve Resolution 16-2000 Contract Change Orders for 2000/01 Bridge and Road Projects. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

11. AIR QUALITY PLAN UPDATE & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Barbara O’Keeffe asked the Commission to authorize research to determine which agencies will form the Air Quality Committee. Federal Code Regulations require representatives from FHWA, EPA, local APC District, Caltrans District, Cities of Corning, Red Bluff and Tehama, County Regional Transportation Agency, etc.

Debbie Pederson informed the Commission that one thing the AQC does is forms an MOU

of how projects will be reviewed. After this is done, the Committee will meet as often as they feel necessary. This is mandated by Federal Regulations so its important to invite all agencies.

Motion by Commissioner Russell to authorize research to determine which agencies will form the Air Quality Commission. Second by Commissioner Turner. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

12. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING & MONITORING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Gary Plunkett, Executive Director, informed the Commission that the TAC has reviewed and discussed the RFP and Agreement. The majority of the STIP projects are funded with federal dollars which requires extensive paperwork from each agency. Proposals will be evaluated and recommendations and request for award will be provided to the Commission at a later date. Due to the extreme amount of paperwork and staff shortage the state only funds (PPM dollars) for the RTPA need to be used for consulting. This person will be working for the Commission, but available in an advisory capacity for the cities to answer questions regarding the STIP process.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Wintle to approve the Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) Request for Proposals and authorize the solicitation of Proposals. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

13. APPROVAL OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLAIMS

Gary Plunkett reviewed the item as presented. Motion by Commissioner Wintle and second by Commission Russell to approve LTF Claims as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign claims. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

14. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Barbara O'Keeffe reviewed community/key person interview comments included in the Transit Development Plan. This information was discussed by the City Managers, Mayor of Tehama, Laidlaw, Staff and Mark Wall. Signs, bus stop shelters as well as the need for additional advertising, and Spanish schedules are some of the comments discussed for community members. A draft of the Transit Development Plan will be available at the end of June.

15. ADA PARATRANSIT ELIGIBILITY & CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT

Barbara O'Keeffe recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors for the agreement between the County and Independent Living Services of Northern California for the ADA

Paratransit Eligibility and Certification Services. Other local agencies have stated their inability to participate as they only wanted to work with their client base. Independent Living Service has twenty years experience and their rates are low and it is a benefit working with a non-profit agency.

It was questioned there was a no-bid process, but with no other agencies willing to participate the vote proceeded with the recommendation the contract go through County Counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commission Wintle to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors for the agreement between the County and Independent Living Services of Northern California for the ADA Paratransit Eligibility and Certification Services. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Accepted as presented.

17. WARRANT REGISTER BY CLAIMANT

Laidlaw Transit Service(WTW 4/00)	\$1,340.64
Mark Wall Associates(Transit Development Plan Fund by 5313)	\$1,459.00
TCTC 7/99-12/99 Staff Time (credit/debit accounts)	\$2,563.63
TCTC 7/99-12/99 Staff Time (credit/debit accounts)	\$5,604.58
Laidlaw (TRAX-3/27-3/33 revised routs)	\$6,566.45
Mark Wall Associates (Transit Development Plan fund by 5313)	\$7,762.00
TCTC 7/99-12/99 Staff Time (credit/debit accounts)	\$8,446.31
Laidlaw (TRAX 3/1-3/26)	\$20,879.08
Laidlaw (VT 3/1-3/26)	\$21,085.42
El Dorado Bus Sales (VanTrans Replacement Vehicle)	\$63,336.92
El Dorado Bus Sales (Para TRAX Vehicle)	<u>\$71,514.74</u>
Total	\$210,558.77

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Roush to approve the claims as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

18. CLAIMS

Pac Bell (800 number)	\$7.58
Red Bluff Comm. Center (VT April Advertise)	\$10.00
Red Bluff Comm. Center (TRAX April Advertise)	\$10.00
Red Bluff Daily (Legal Notice 5310))	\$12.25
Pac Bell (385-2200)	\$24.81
Aashito (Publication-Bicycle Facilities)	\$30.00
Center for Economic Dvlmt.(Publication-Demographic 2000 Profile)	\$55.50
Red Bluff Daily News (Feb.TRAX ad)	\$67.83
Intuit Inc.(METS check order)	\$69.34
Impressive Print(RTR Survey)	\$184.47

Laidlaw Svs (Matrac Radio System)	\$1,520.54
METS (Driver Reimbursement to Imprest)	\$1,609.09
METS (Driver Reimbursement to Imprest)	<u>\$1,878.00</u>
Total	\$5,479.41

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Roush to approve the claims as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

19. ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.