

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 31, 2000

Present: Chairman Earl Wintle, Commissioners' Russell, Turner, Roush and Warner. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, Gary Plunkett, Executive Director, Debbie Pederson and Barry Tippon, Caltrans.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. No minutes
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Debbie Pederson of Caltrans discussed demonstration funds. There are \$2.2 million available. Part of the lead agency responsibility is to program how the dollars will be spent and half has been planned for the study.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: As presented.
5. PROGRAM, PLANNING AND MONITORING UPDATE: Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, announced Quincy Engineering submitted their first invoice of \$5,130 for the preparation of seven RTIP's. The County of Tehama prepared their own.
6. REVISED FORMAT OF THE 2000/01 BUDGET: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, presented the new format to the Commission for the 2000/01 Budget. The new format was accepted as presented.
7. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TEHAMA SLOUGH BRIDGE, PPNO #2142: In order for the City of Tehama to provide environmental studies and permits for the Tehama Avenue/Tehama Slough project, Kevin Rosser asked the Commission to approve additional funding in the amount of \$7,000. Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Roush to approve the transfer. Carried 6-0.
8. AMEND 1998 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): Several projects were programmed last month in the 2000 RTP. Barbara O'Keeffe informed the Commission this item was to keep the RTP and RTIP consistent. With the correction of City of Tehama on Resolution 33-2000 changed to "County" of Tehama, motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to approve the Resolution. Carried 6-0.

Staff thanked Gary Antone, Red Bluff Public Works Director, for attending a workshop with staff on the Regional Transportation Plan.

9. FLORES AVENUE ACCESS ROAD STIP PROJECT: Jerry Brownfield, Deputy Director of Public Works and Project Manager for the Flores Avenue Project, updated the Commission on the project. The project is eight months into the environmental phase. Regarding the funding, there is approximately \$6.14 million available for the project. The

project is regional in that \$3.941 million came from the STIP funding. All agencies, Cities and County contributed funds to this project off the top. The purpose and need of the project is to relieve congestion on 99W and provide direct access from I-5 to 99W. A schedule and recap of all activities was presented to the Commission.

Jerry continued, the focus is to complete the environmental studies currently in process and while doing that, we are preparing a concept approval report for a new I-5 interchange. FHWA has authority to approve or reject the interchange proposal and \$1.056 million is set aside for the study. Presently, a draft PSR for the interchange is beginning and when complete it will give us a time schedule and accurate costs.

With regard to the schedule, we are eight months or half way through the schedule. This could change with the finalized environmental study.

Commissioner Russell questioned if once you study all possibilities, could the information cause a change in the actions already taken by all agencies. Jerry confirmed that this would be a policy decision.

Preliminary costs were discussed. The Consultant has quoted \$5.15 million for the Flores access road. The cost for improvements to Flores Avenue and the freeway ramps are not included in this cost estimate. In comparing the numbers with a "generic interchange" the State and our Consultant have not agreed.

Commissioner Turner questioned funding for the structural or physical improvements of the existing Flores interchange. Jerry stated the only numbers seen have been from Caltrans of \$350,000. The Consultant has not submitted a cost as yet.

No action was taken on this item, but the announcement of future meetings of the PDT (Project Delivery Team) and an invitation to anyone interested in attending was given. A public information meeting will be held November 29th at the Senior Center in Red Bluff.

10. ADOBE ROAD INTERCHANGE UPDATE: Barry Tippin, Project Manager (of the Adobe Road Interchange) Caltrans, requested the Commission accept the recommendations of the RTIP/STIP TAC to adopt Resolution 33-2000 for additional funds. When the final studies were initiated, to complete the environmental document and begin the project plans, contact by a number of individuals was received. The project would be too disruptive to potential commercial development within the City of Red Bluff and prime agricultural land would be used. Therefore, in the reconfiguration of the project, the costs were underestimated. Caltrans is requesting of \$1,450,000 in additional funding to cover project expenses. If approved, deferred items such as traffic lights and landscaping would be done by Caltrans. Also, Caltrans will recommend that with the South Avenue interchange project, a 70/30 split will be recommended instead of the usual 80/20, subject to headquarters approval.

Commissioner Turner questioned the expected date of completion on the project. Mr. Tippin

stated the facility will be completed by November 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Russell to adopt Resolution 33-2000, second by Commissioner Willard with the deletion of the line "WHEREAS, costs for signals shall be provided by shared State/Local cost based on logs,". Carried 6-0.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: Accepted as presented.
12. WARRANTS: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Willard to accept the Warrants as presented. Carried 6-0.
13. CLAIMS: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to accept the Claims as presented. Carried 6-0.
14. ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

C:\Documents and Settings\Brandon\Desktop\z_meetings\tctc\2000\minutes\Oct Min.wpd