

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2000
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Wintle, Commissioners' Russell, Roush, Willard and Warner. Absent: Commissioner Turner. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, Gary Antone and Peter Harvey, City of Red Bluff, Gary Plunkett, Executive Director; Gerry Brownfield, Deputy Director of Public Works, Rick Robinson, Chief Administrator, George Robson, Planning, Roy Berlinghoff, Laidlaw, Debbie Pedersen and Andrea Hitt, Caltrans.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to accept the minutes of August 15, 2000. Carried by those present and as to form by Commissioner Willard. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, announced Commissioner Turner was absent due to harvest.

Staff presented pictures of the transit bus fire. Minor damage, but no expense to the County. All damages were covered by Laidlaw's insurance.

5. ANDREA HITT, DISTRICT 2 PLANNING LIAISON FOR AIR QUALITY: Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, introduced Andrea Hitt of Caltrans. Ms. Hitt stated she enjoyed working with Tehama County on Air Quality and briefly mentioned past planning experience.
6. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION 2000 RTP PROJECT: Kevin Rosser presented information to update the Commissioners on projects for the 2000 RTIP. We have contracted with Quincy Engineering and all the cities together were able to program their projects for up to 2004.

Barbara O'Keeffe added that each agency is expending a great deal of effort in providing improvements to their community. Programming and funding for projects is only the first phase of the STIP process.

7. 2000 RTIP AMENDMENT: Kevin Rosser presented the 1998 RTIP and 2000 RTIP augmentation in the amount of \$7.604 million, leaving a balance of \$6,396 that will be unprogrammable until the 2002 STIP. The TAC has requested the Commission concur with their goal to program Regional Improvement Program Funds and adopt the 2000 RTIP.

Motion by Commissioner Russell for approval of Resolution 23-2000 and second by Commissioner Willard. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to approve Resolution 24-2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to approve Resolution 25-2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION 16-99: Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Warner to adopt Resolution 16-99 as amended on September 26, 2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
9. CTC ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO STIP GUIDELINES: Kevin Rosser informed the Commission of the addition to the CTC Guidelines. The environmental only projects that allow us to program the environmental portion of the job is pertaining to large projects in the scope of millions of dollars. Environmental clearance is one of the major parts within the STIP and you are unable to proceed with the next components, within any of the given projects, without this.
10. FLORES AVENUE PROJECT: Commissioner Willard corresponded to Tom Nisson, District 2 Director of the Department of Transportation, requesting clarification related to the Commissioners' decision relative to the Flores Access Road. Commissioner Willard's concern is and continues to be the best project be chosen.

Continuing, Commissioner Willard said that upon examining the letter, questions arose. All alternatives need to be examined when doing the environmental analysis. Commissioner Willard distributed a list of questions to the Commissioners' and asked that after examining the facts from the budget, time line, alternatives and environmental impact, if there were any questions.

Commissioner Russell added that during his five years of service the only modifications have been to the 400' realignment. This Commission and the Board of Supervisors have adhered to the Plan and Commissioner Russell questioned the letter from Caltrans regarding the timing. Based on what has happened for the past few years, he questioned if it could be done within the same time frame. The unknown is Federal approval of the interchange. The conclusion Commissioner Russell reached was that the present plan is the best. At the Public Hearing, Commissioner Russell voted against the funding, but the reason was because we had not gone back to our parent bodies and received their input when we made that decision. Had we done so, Commissioner Russell continued, I believe that the Board of Supervisors at that time would have said stay with the current plan.

Commissioner Roush said that any change of efforts would make a difference in the time line. You will still have to go through the environmental. Commissioner Roush felt that the best place for the interchange was as close to the industrial park as possible.

Chairman Wintle stated that we chose the alternative, at that time for certain reasons, and it is difficult to stop and change. Everything must be examined. We need to stay on course at this time and handle what is going on, but always look forward.

Commissioner Willard requested the Commission receive more information at the next meeting. All alternatives must be examined and in line with that, preserve the alternatives that we have.

Bill Moule, Red Bluff Chamber, asked the Commission to put the project in the hands of the Planning Department.

Dexter Wright, Executive Director of Tehama Tomorrow and member of the TLDC, submitted written support of the approved project.

Commissioner Russell recommended monthly updates be provided to the TCTC by the Project Delivery Team. Chairman Wintle and Commissioner Willard concurred.

No action was taken on this item.

11. PPM FUNDING STATUS: Kevin Rosser presented an update on the contract with Quincy Engineering. Staff was thanked by the Commission for this information.
12. TAC SUPPORTS GRANT APPLICATION: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to adopt Resolution 26-2000 endorsement of the City of Red Bluff Community Planning Grant Application. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
13. SERVICE REQUEST FROM THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT: Staff was directed to follow-up with the Clerk of the Board Mary Alice George. The Commission stated their concern with a “gift of public funds”. They also noted that voters can use absent-t ballots and we do not want to set a precedent of providing free service.

No motion on this item.

14. LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Accepted as presented.
15. 1998/99 COMMISSION AUDIT FROM THE STATE CONTROLLERS OFFICE: Barbara O’Keeffe stated the finding from the State Controllers Office as being the Commission was within conformity. The three findings requested: 1) Written allocations and instructions be separated out. There are now six resolutions; 2) Submission of documentation late; 3) Separate accounts be established at the County Auditor Controllers level.

Motion by Commissioner Warner and second by Commissioner Willard to accept the audit. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to adopt Resolution 27-2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to adopt Resolution 28-2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to adopt Resolution 29-2000.

Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to adopt Resolution 30-2000. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

16. STATE CONTROLLER SERVICES FOR 1999/2000 AUDIT: With various discussions regarding the high cost of this service, this item was not voted on or approved.
17. FINAL 2000/01 BUDGET: Discussion on various items and the format of the budget.

Commissioner Russell left the meeting at 2:56 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Roush and second by Commissioner Warner to adopt and approve Resolution 31-2000. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.

Staff was directed to bring back before the Commission a new format for the budget.

18. CORRESPONDENCE: Accepted as presented.
19. WARRANT REGISTER: Motion by Commissioner Willard and Roush to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.
20. CLAIMS: Motion by Commissioners Willard and Warner to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.
21. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:58 P.M.