

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2001

Present: Commissioners' Turner, Warner, Roush (8:04 a.m.), Russell, Willard (8:05 a.m.) and Stevens. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager; Gary Plunkett, Executive Director; Keven Rosser and Tim Bollmann, Transportation Planners; Andrea Fields of Caltrans District 2; Tom Russ, City of Corning; Gary Antone, Red Bluff Public Works; Chuck Hayden, Red Bluff Director of Development; Mark Moses, Assistant Director Public Works.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross Turner at 8:01 A.M.
2. Approval of May 22, 2001 Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Russell to approve the minutes. Carried 4-0 with 2 absent.
3. Public Comment: Accepted as presented.
4. Flores Access Road Project Delivery Team Update: Gerald Brownfield, Deputy Director of Public Works, updated the Commission on the Flores Project Delivery Team meeting of June 6. One item of interest is funding for the project. This project is funded under the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which is funded in four phases: Environmental, design, construction and right of way. Each phase must be allocated in a particular programmed year. The present status is the environmental phase in which money has been allocated at this time. The design phase has been programmed in the 2000/2001 July to June STIP. In order to allocate money for the design phase you need to complete the environmental phase and request allocation from the local Caltrans District. In March of this year, it was determined that the CEQA document needed to be completed before June for our allocation or request an extension of time from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to complete this report. In May, CTC denied our extension request for the design allocation.

Rex Roush entered 8:04 a.m.

At the June 5, 2001 Tehama County Board of Supervisors meeting, a split decision was received on the CEQA document which meant that presently for design, we must wait for July 2002 to make allocation. The design phase must be reprogrammed into the 2002 STIP and an allocation could be made at that time.

Charles Willard entered 8:05 a.m.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers, during a site visit to reverify the wetlands, discovered additional wetlands within the project boundaries. These wetlands were not on the original maps and delineated. These must now be added to our project. Our Consultant at North State Resources, fortunately had completed shrimp studies and samples from these pools. With regard to the Shrimp Studies, they should be completed in July 2001 during the dry study.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Area of Potential Effect (APE) map. This map is used by FHWA to designate where studies for historical and cultural resources of the area are accomplished. Approval was done on the basis of our new connection report to determine if a new interchange was feasible for an alternative.

5. 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Schedule: Kevin Rosser informed the Commission of the September 1 deadline and necessity of a special meeting the first week in August to review and discuss the plan. July 30 the CEQA document, will be prepared for distribution and on August 30 the public hearing will be held for adoption of the RTP.

Discussion was given concerning air quality issues and ozone violations throughout the counties. Rural counties have considerably more organic compounds, volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen. Rural counties have considerable volatile organic compounds, but are missing oxides of nitrogen portion to make the ozone. The more traffic we get in a rural area, the more ozone we would create.

Motion by Commissioner Warner to schedule a special meeting of the Commission on August 7, 8:30 a.m. Second by Commissioner Willard and amended to include a public hearing later. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

6. Information from Recent Meetings of the CTC : Kevin Rosser discussed the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and RTPA agencies meeting of June 7. The items of interest were the fund estimates from Caltrans and STIP Guidelines. The current STIP cycles are five year cycles. The four year share periods are given to counties. If by Legislation there is a four year share period, but the STIP is five years, there is a problem. Every two years they add another three years of programming onto the existing STIP so there is three years of money they add on, but they have to legislatively give us four years. Along with that, there are new STIP guidelines that we can project out to four years and we would be guaranteed that four year estimate. But, if there wasn't money available past the three year estimate, then they could turn down our RTIP or our projects. It would give us two different numbers. A three year and four year fund estimate. With the three year estimate, we would be guaranteed for and the four year estimate, we would be able to use if the funds were available.

No action was taken on this item.

7. Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Application: Chuck Hayden, Red Bluff's Director of Community Development, discussed the grant applied for by the City of Red Bluff for \$267,300. The City Council approved a \$30,000 cash match. If funded and approved, this bikeway will provide a grade separation for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross Main Street and travel along the north bank of Reeds Creek. Competition for this grant is extensive and much effort has been done to submit this application.
8. 2001/02 Overall Work Program(OWP): Tim Bollmann, Transportation Planner, developed this years OWP and staff acknowledged his work.

Tim Bollmann discussed the OWP which covers a one year period and defines a degree of planning efforts which will be expanded for elements related to the County's transportation system. The OWP is subject to financial constraints as there are limited resources, staff time and funding, to address the wide range complex issues. A presentation was given.

Gary Antone attended an Airport Managers meeting to finalize the Inter-regional California Aviation System Plan. Presently, the City of Red Bluff is awaiting paperwork on a \$340,000 grant to reference the airport and coincide with the Luther and Paskenta Road project. The OWP funds help with aviation planning and go towards implementation of a master plan, originally adopted in 1998, which is reviewed every five years to update. Also, the City has been successful in obtaining a Planning Grant for transportation. The area is the south-east portion of Red Bluff and large areas for future traffic movement.

Tom Russ added that the Corning Airport is also expanding 900 feet to the North. A Consultant was hired for the Master Plan update and Corning has purchased 60 acres of property around the airport.

Commissioner Willard questioned where the Caltrans comments were that were referred to in the OWP Resolution. These comments have not been received and staff acknowledged the issue. Commissioner Willard felt adoption with exclusion of information was not part of the process.

Andrea Fields read: Caltrans was in agreement with the major planning activities and projects for the fiscal year; Ways of OWP improvement such as travel concerns; Planning for the areas were addressed; Caltrans transportation planning activities in this area were included in the OWP and headquarters was pleased to see this; Typographical error was discovered and could be corrected the next time the OWP was amended; Office of Community Planning had a few minor comments concerning the public outreach which could be addressed more.

Commissioner Willard questioned if these items read were specific things the Commission had to undertake or only recommendations. Ms. Fields confirmed they were recommendations only.

Commissioner Warner questioned if the Commission could pass Resolution 12-2001 without the inclusion of Caltrans comments. Staff confirmed the comments were only recommendations and these comments would be received at a later date.

Motion by Commissioner Willard to adopt the 2001/02 OWP with the inclusion of Caltrans comments by Andrea Fields and to be received in writing at a later date second by Commissioner Warner and carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Warner to adopt Resolution 12-2001 OPW 2001/02 and waive the reading. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

9. Unmet Transit Needs Finding: Barbara O'Keeffe advised the Commission that the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) found there are no unmet transit needs. The SSTAC had concerns with the recommendations in that they wanted to communicate to the Commission that

the majority of the comments were operational issues and look forward to receiving recommendations from Laidlaw and supporting them in the implementation of the Transit Development Plan.

Staff advised the Commission SSTAC finding by no means indicated a perfect system and requested the public outreach be continued. Staff also thanked the Commission on behalf of SSTAC for its support of the Senior Nutrition program and Commission's willingness to provide the match if a 5310 application was awarded to Senior Nutrition from the State.

Staff noted that a correction in the Resolution 13-2001, column 3 (Gross LTF Apportionment total) be corrected to \$881,642.84.

Chairman Turner addressed that in the future we need to look at our unmet needs in our METS transportation program to provide medical transportation to the County.

Commissioner Stevens discussed the need to get people to summer activities and perhaps the bus schedule could be adjusted. Future ways need to be examined as to pilot programs for connection with Chico and Redding.

Barbara O'Keeffe commented on grant 5311(f) which could be an opportunity to pursue this issue and coordinate with Shasta College. This is an issue staff has been pursuing.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens to accept staffs recommendation to adopt Resolution 13-2001 as per title and waive the reading. Second by Commissioner Russell and carried 6-1.

10. Shasta College Contract Amendment: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Stevens to accept the contract amendment to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
11. Designated Authority 2001-2002: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to adopt Resolution 15-2001 waiving reading. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
12. 2001/2002 Preliminary Budget was presented by Mark Moses. This secretary will not reiterate.

Comments made:

Commissioner Willard questioned leaving a full-time position on the books without funding. Mark Moses acknowledged policy by saying if the position was not filled this fiscal year, it would be deleted.

Commissioner Willard questioned the drop in revenue on SB45. Staff answered the way it is programmed in the STIP. 1998 was the only cycle that was six years.

Chairman Turner questioned advertising and if there was an increase after such advertising. Staff answered that usually there is. With specific targets using special prices there will be an increase.

JP Office (Stamp)	16.00
CDWG (Transit Mgr Computer + Software)	100.42
Egghead (Software)	328.79
County of Tehama (4/1-4/30/01)	<u>2,042.83</u>

Total \$ 2,545.86

Motion by Commissioner Warner and second by Commissioner Willard to accept claims as presented. Carried 6-0.

18. Adjourn: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.