

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2002

Present: Rex Roush; Larry Stevens; George Russell; Ross Turner; Ron Warner; Charles Willard (late).
Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager and Gary Plunkett, Executive Director.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Roush at 8:31 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Turner to approve the March 19, 2002 minutes. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Announcements: Accepted as presented.
5. Section 5311 Drug and Alcohol Audit Results: Barbara O'Keeffe announced the full compliance by Laidlaw Transit Service audit for drug and alcohol compliance by the State. Congratulations to Laidlaw for a job well done.
6. FTA Section 5310 Grant Application: Barbara O'Keeffe discussed the application for 5310 funding for capital procurement sent in by North Valley Services (NVS). Last year, NVS score of 99% was the second agency in the State to be selected for funding.

Public Hearing opened at 8:36 a.m. No comments given.

Public Hearing closed at 8:36 a.m.

Commissioner Willard entered. 8:37 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Russell to sign the RTPA Certification and Assurances. Second by Commissioner Turner. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Warner to authorize staff to submit all necessary documentation to the State. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Turner to adopt Resolution 9-2002 recommending NVS application receive 5310 funding. Second by Commissioner Turner with the provision to waive reading and accept by title. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Commissioner Willard questioned if NVS applied for similar funding in other counties.

Al Skaggs of North Valley Services answered that NVS is beginning the process with Glenn and Lassen County. At this point, it was not felt the service was up to standards to address the grant.

7. Bus Shelters: Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commission of Prop 116 funds available for benches and shelters for countywide use. Staff asked for the Commissions recommendations for such shelters.

In a discussion prior to this meeting, staff discussed with Commissioner Willard the possibility of assembly of benches by the ROP programs.

Commissioner Turner questioned the selection by the City of Red Bluff cost factor. Uniform benches in the County was suggested.

City of Red Bluff Public Works Director Gary Antone identified their selection by stating the glass units were more successful then plexi-glass units. The cost would be \$4,500.

Staff added that tempered shaded glass is effective and predominately used.

Commissioner Willard questioned if side panels and benches were included. Also uniformity was concurred with Commissioner Turner. Life cycle costs for repair and painting on what appears to be metal will be smaller when compared to wood.

Mr. Antone answered the side panels and benches were included and also the unit contains space for a wheelchair. City Staff and the Revitalization Committee reviewed a number of units and this is the one chosen by the group.

Commissioner Warner questioned the units donated to the County and their status.

Staff acknowledged these units are in the process of being painted and new panels and tempered glass will be installed. The City of Red Bluff has installed a unit at the temporary Bus & Ride. These older shelters are not the same style, but similar. Anticipated installation of the other units is June.

Commissioner Stevens expressed concerns that moving forward quickly due to the summer months upon us. A suggestion of placing the first one at the Winchells location.

Also, Commissioner Stevens questioned if purchasing recycled material benches and/or conserve costs for shelters as a whole, utilizing that resource to actually pay for the benches. When we receive the quote for the shelter, have it without the benches and give cost savings to allow us to use the benches from the other funding source to put the package together.

Staff will check on this issue. ADA specifications will have to be identified.

Commissioner Russell asked that the number of benches need to be determined.

Commissioner Willard added that other issues to be determined are: where do you put the shelter? On City, private or County property? An agreement for placement, visual impact, traffic flows affected.

Gary Antone answered that two sites are available. Winchells on City property and the Community Center which is also City property. No obstructions to traffic on either site.

Commissioner Turner questioned if there were a Sunset Clause and suggested an Adhoc Committee be formed to make recommendations to be returned to the Commission.

Staff answered that in discussions with Caltrans, they want funds allocated. Discussions with Public Works Directors are being done with concern to this item.

8. Update on the Transit Request for Proposals (RFP): As directed by the Commission, RFPs were accepted. Five proposals were received and a meeting with the selection committee will be held.
9. 2002 STIP Adoption and Amendments: Kevin Rosser, Transportation Planner, discussed the adopted STIP. What this means for the County of Tehama is that \$4.4 million as an unprogrammed balance needs to be amended. October is the expected time for completion of these amendments. Working with the Cities and the County, the amendments are presented to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Willard motioned for approval and second by Commissioner Russell. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

10. Flores Access Road Project Delivery Team Update: Gerry Brownfield, Deputy Director, informed the Commission of the wetland delineation and shrimp study progress report. Reverification was delayed while photographs of the land in 1952 were examined. The photos showed how agriculture had leveled the land more than two feet. North State Resources is examining this theory and possibly be presented to US Fish & Wildlife shortly.
11. Principles of Re-authorization of TEA-21: Gary Plunkett, Executive Director, discussed the committees consisting of Caltrans and California Council of Governments, developed principles of re-authorization (TEA-21) which will occur next year. This will level out funding and spend the highway trust fund balance. Program structure will keep things the same and no new programs will be added. Equity will insure California gets the full share previously not received. Expediting project delivery deals with the environmental process, linking permitting agency review and approval to environmental processes.

Staff is recommending this policy and asks the Commission to agree.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to accept the principles of Re-authorization of TEA-21. Motion carried 6-0.

12. Proposition 42 Passes in Every County: Gary Plunkett confirmed the passage of Prop 42 which will increase from \$92 million over a seven-year period for streets and roads to \$280 million. Tehama County will receive the fiscal year 2008/2009 approximately \$1.5 million per year.
13. Warrant Register: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to accept

the warrants of \$105,944.52. Carried 6-0.

14. Claims: Motion by Commissioner Warner and second by Commissioner Stevens to accept the claims of \$8,407.37. Motion carried 6-0
15. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.