

# TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2002

Present: Commissioners' Rex Roush (late); Larry Stevens; George Russell; Ross Turner; Ron Warner; and Charles Willard.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Vice-Chair Larry Stevens.
2. Approval of February minutes. Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to approve the February 2002 minutes. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Commissioner Roush entered and chaired the meeting.

3. Public Comment: None
4. Announcements: Accepted as presented.
5. Complete Transit Website Presentation & Transit Report: Bill Brashears requested this item be submitted at a later date. The Commission agreed
6. Presentation of the Transit Development Plan: Mark Wall reviewed the draft Plan with the anticipated date of adoption as April 16, 2002.

Commissioner Russell asked if a timeline with objectives be included in the Plan showing signs, bus stops, etc.

Commissioner Willard felt that with the growth in the County, a partnership with the Casino coming to Corning would be appropriate. Also, examining the funding, a subscription service would be something to look into.

Commissioner Warner felt the cover needed to be revised using the County and three City's logo.

7. Public Hearing for Unmet Transit Needs:

Barbara O'Keeffe discussed the annual process stated the public is still able to provide written or verbal communication as to whether there are unmet transit needs. She noted that a presentation and opportunity to comment would be provided this evening during the Red Bluff City Council meeting.

Kevin Rosser read the definition of Unmet Transit Needs:

**"UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS":**

Those public transportation services which that have not been funded or implemented but have been identified: through public input, including the annual unmet transit needs public hearing, transit needs studies and other methods approved by the Commission.

**Unmet transit needs specifically include:**

- Public transit services not currently provided for persons who rely on public transit to reach: employment, medical assistance, shop for food or clothing, to obtain social services such as health care, county welfare programs and educational programs.

- Trips requested by the transit dependent or transit disadvantaged persons, for which there is no other available means of transportation. Transit dependent or transit disadvantaged shall include, but not be limited to, the elderly, the disabled and persons of limited means.

The definition of Reasonable to Meet is based on the requirements of the Transportation Development Act (TDA). More specifically, those public transportation services that are Reasonable to Meet are those which meet the following criteria:

- (1) Pursuant to the requirements of PUC Section 99401.5 (c), a determination of needs that are reasonable to meet shall not be made by comparing unmet transit needs with the need for streets and roads. The fact that an identified need cannot fully be met based on available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.
- (2) Services which, if implemented or funded, complies with a 10% farebox recovery ratio and/or TDA section 99268 et.seq.
- (3) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not duplicate or replace existing services. The Commission may use the following as a determinant in the implementation of new services:
  - a. Forecast of anticipated ridership if service is provided.
  - b. Estimate of capital and operating costs for the provision of such services.
  - c. Estimate of farebox recovery ratio.
- (4) Services which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of:
  - a. Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds which may be available for such operator to claim.
  - b. Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Funds or other support for public transportation services which are committed by federal and/or state agencies by formula or tentative approval of specific grant requests.
  - c. Farebox and local funding in compliance with PUC Section 99268 et. seq.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:42 a.m.

Lisa Hardwick of Los Molinos pays \$1,000 for her daughter to ride from 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Mercy High School. TRAX leaves at 2:40 p.m. from House of Design. If there were a route at 3:40 p.m. the kids could take it.

Ms. Kenyon a resident of McCoy Road said she and local residents have no way to get into town. She was anxious in getting a bus route started or thought given to bring the service out to 36W.

Commissioner Willard questioned if a service one or two days a week would be sufficient and Ms. Kenyon agreed it would.

Bill Brashears of Laidlaw read a fax from Rose Zastrow, Community Care Coordinator of Passages, who could not attend the meeting. (Note: This Secretary did not receive a copy of the fax read.) The correspondence read: I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting, but I have another meeting scheduled. I appreciate the opportunity to submit my comments to the Commission in writing. One of my main concerns about our transportation system is our lack of designated bus stops and shelters. If we want people to get on the bus system, we must make it clear where the bus will be stopping. The flag system we currently use is good for the occasional passenger, but as a standard way of getting the bus to stop, it is not only inconvenient, but also dangerous. If the Bus Driver's attention is focused on watching for flags, they are not focused on the traffic and pedestrians. If the Bus Driver is not watching diligently for people flagging, he or she will not see the client and drive right by. This damages the reputation of the TRAX system and may cost us future ridership. Some of my clients, while qualifying for the senior and disabled VanTrans Bus, would in fact ride the TRAX bus if there was shelter and seating once they got to the bus stop.

With no further comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 8:49 a.m.

8. Update on the Transit Request for Proposals (RFP): Barbara O'Keeffe informed the Commissioners that 12 RFP's were distributed.
9. Financial Auditing Services for Commission: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Russell to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for auditing services. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
10. This item will be presented at a future meeting due to time constraints.
11. Flores Avenue Update - Gerry Brownfield provided information with regard to the wetland dry season sampling being completed. Cysts have been found and hatched in 10 of the 28 acres confirming the Fairy Shrimp exist.  
  
Photos taken in 1952 and the present were presented by Gerry Brownfield demonstrating how the land has been ripped and re-planed. The old cysts have been moved around with the land work, therefore, presenting the degrading of the pools. Correspondence will be sent to the Corps of Engineers regarding the degraded pools and the Consultant will evaluate this new historical data.
12. This item will be brought back at a future meeting.
13. Correspondence: As presented.
14. Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Turner to accept the Claims of \$7,303.76. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
15. Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Turner to accept the Warrants of \$155,526.93 as presented. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
16. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.