

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2003

Present: Commissioners': George Russell, Charles Willard, Ron Warner, Ross Turner, Rex Roush and Larry Stevens. Also present: Gerald Brownfield, Deputy Director of Public Works; Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, Jeff Schwein, Transportation Planner and Mark Moses, Assistant Director of Public Works.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Stevens at 8:00 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY & JUNE: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to approve the minutes of May and June 2003. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - Commissioner Willard discussed the well attended Adobe Road Interchange grand opening.
 - Commissioner Turner asked for a moment of silence for Marty Graffell.
 - Commissioner Warner added he was a great loss to the County and will be missed.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - North Valley Services grant application for 5310 funding was approved.
 - TRAX shuttle to District Fair Concert will be paid for by the Tehama District Fair Board.

Commissioner Stevens suggested temporary signage at designated pick-up locations.

5. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT REFORM: Jeff Schwein, Transportation Planner announced that the CTC adopted a resolution to put the Transportation Enhancement Program back into the State Transportation Improvement Program. The money as Tehama County received was approximately \$183,000 per year and the County would typically exchange Federal dollars for State and use it for local roads. With the new program this will not be possible and therefore, program the dollars into STIP projects or find a stand-alone Transportation Enhancement Project to use this money. New guidelines allow us to program more than our share if other counties do not use their share.

Jeff Schwein added that one way to utilize the money would be adding it to existing or newly programmed STIP projects. Some beautification projects, safety or historical preservation, or bicycle lanes. These are transportation enhancement projects. In the past, we have exchanged the monies for local roads.

Venita Philbrick reminded the Commissioners' that perhaps the funds do not have to be spent on one project, but enhance another project with qualifying elements so that we all begin to plug-in pedestrian safe routes to schools, trails and bike lanes. If you take an existing bridge and have adequate bike lanes or connect schools with pedestrian trails, put the money into the control of the County and identify it as enhancement-type projects as opposed to giving it to roads.

Jeff Schwein thanked Venita for her input and suggested programming small projects, such as sections of bike paths,

Commissioner Russell suggested Venita stay in contact with Public Works.

6. **STATE BUDGET/STIP PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES:** Jeff Schwein said along with the State Highway Users Tax Account, and loan repayments, transfers are resuming and loan repayments are helping the money situation. This will add approximately \$300 million in September, but it is not known at this time how it will affect the allocations. The negative aspect is that the State Department of Transportation has cut their budget by 22% which will in turn affect this County. Our Planning Programming Monitoring Funds, which assist us in dealing with the STIP process, is also on the pending allocation list. Also impacting the State Highway account is that the commercial weight fees have not been adjusted.

Regarding the STIP, Jeff continued, the construction for Thomas Creek Bridge has begun. This should be completed by the end of summer of 2004.

With a question from Commissioner Turner as to when we must be out of the area for fish, Gerald Brownfield answered by saying October 15th is the deadline from the Fish & Game Permit. Foundation columns will be completed and then in June of the following year, completion for the super structure will be done before October 15th of that year.

Jeff Schwein added that there are ten projects on the pending allocation list. It is not known at this time the outcome of these projects. Also, the fund estimate for the next STIP programming cycle has been delayed until December 2003. The RTIP will be due in April of 2004 and the adoption of the RTIP should happen in August 2004.

7. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11-2003 03/04 FINAL COMMISSION BUDGET:** Barbara O’Keeffe thanked Mark Moses for the work completed on the budgets. With no questions, motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Turner to approve Resolution 11-2003 to Adopt the final 2003/2004 Commission Budget Funds 507, 514, 515, 527. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** No questions.
9. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner to accept the claims of \$32,330.61. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
10. The Tehama County Transportation Commission adjourned at 8:23 a.m.