

**TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2005**

Present: Commissioners': Ross Turner; Gary Strack; Andy Houghton; Robert Christison; Charles Willard. Absent: Commissioner George Russell. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager; Doti Watkins, Transportation Planner; David Luscher, Caltrans Regional Planner; Gary Gutierrez, Caltrans Project Manager.

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairman Ross Turner.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion by Commissioner Strack and second by Commissioner Willard to approve the November 15, 2005 minutes. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. **Public Comment**:

Barbara O'Keeffe presented the Commission with the Tehama County 2005-2006 Report Card.

4. **Draft 2005 RTP**: Doti Watkins presented the Commissioners' with the draft 2005 Regional Transportation Plan and requested comments by January 31, 2006. Once review of comments have been finalized, a revision of the action and financial elements will be completed and it is expected to be presented to the Commission for approval April 2006.

Commissioner Willard asked that bikeway plans not be forgotten in the 20-year plan.

Executive Director Gary Antone added that this document is complete with the exception of certain elements. This draft will give the Commissioners' an idea of what the scope of the entire project and cross-referencing are.

5. **Authorize the Chairperson to Sign Letter and Adopt Resolution 20-2005 Requesting the Governor Retain Prop 42 Funding for Transportation Purposes in Fiscal Year 2006-2007**: Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Houghton to sign the letter and adopt Resolution 20-2005. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
6. **Caltrans Report on State Highway Projects**: Gary Gutierrez, Caltrans Project Manager, presented the updated information on various projects.

The Adobe Road landscape project has been completely designed and will be submitted to CTC in February for approval. Bid award is expected in early April 2006 with construction expected sometime in late April. As noted, 115% has been expended by Caltrans to design this project. Discussions on the 6-month history and \$53,000 Caltrans is seeking for additional funds due to escalation in the project construction costs. This is on the STIP funding and not County costs.

With regard to the South Avenue project, Caltrans is working closely with local partners for ideas and concepts on this project. Caltrans is suggesting \$1,511,000 for design support and requesting \$576,000 towards right-of-way efforts to purchase property from STIP funds.

7. **Accept the South Avenue Interchange Resourcing and Component Recommendations recommended**

**by Caltrans District 2:** Barbara O’Keeffe provided information showing consistent information provided by Caltrans and previously passed resolutions regarding this issue. The recommendation from District 2 is to consider programming construction dollars in the 2009-2010 year for the South Avenue 5-lane construction and 15% match totaling \$16,235,000 for the State.

Motion by Commissioner Strack and second by Commissioner Houghton to approve the requested South Avenue resourcing and component recommendations from Caltrans District 2. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Chairman Turner added that with the programmed escalation, it is hoped that financial support will be met in the future.

8. **Draft 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program:** Barbara O’Keeffe presented the 2006 RTIP draft consistent with the CTC Allocation Plan. With a number of projects in Tier 1, for a small rural agency with limited STIP allocations, it is surprising the number of projects meeting Tier 1 priority. Tier 3 projects still are not being funded. Under the new 2006 STIP, the City of Red Bluff bicycle project will be changed to a TE project and moved to the Tier 1 Allocation Plan. This will also allow the City of Corning to continue with their downtown revitalization project, and Red Bluffs Walnut Street beautification.

Chairman Turner opened the public hearing at 8:55 a.m.

Commissioner Christison questioned the increased costs for the Tehama bridge project.

Executive Director Antone answered that during the construction, changes from the plans and conditions are being discussed and will result in increased costs. The Public Works Department is considered the Resident Engineer and discussions will continue with the City of Tehama.

Commissioner Charles Willard discussed the Salt Creek Bridge/Hwy 99 pedestrian problems and looked forward to this project being addressed and not forgotten.

Executive Director Antone assured Commissioner Willard this issue is not being forgotten by Staff.

David Luscher, Caltrans Regional Planner, addressed Commissioner Willard regarding the Salt Creek Bridge issue and felt in the next few years it will be addressed.

Public Hearing closed at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Christison to adopt Resolution 21-2005 authorizing to proceed with RTIP for adoption January 31, 2005. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

9. Correspondence: No questions or comments.
10. Claims for November 2005: Motion by Commissioner Houghton and second by Commissioner Strack to approve the claims for November 2005 in the amount of \$1,167.94. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
11. Adjourn: With no further business, the TCTC meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.