

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 17, 2005

Present: Commissioners': Ross Turner; Gary Strack; Russ Frey; Barbara Morgan; George Russell; Charles Willard. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager; Bill Goodwin, Chief Administrator, Gary Gutierrez, District 2 Project Manager; Bob Weber, Caltrans District; Gary Antone, Public Works Director, City of Red Bluff; Gerald Brownfield, Acting Executive Director of TCTC; Jeff Schwein and Dorothy Watkins, Transportation Planners.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross Turner at 8:30 a.m.
2. APPROVAL of MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Willard and Second by Commissioner Frey to approve the April 19, 2005 minutes as presented. Motion Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara O'Keeffe informed the Commission of refreshments provided by Starbucks and Gary Gutierrez of Caltrans.
4. ADOPT RESOLUTION 8-2005 APPROVAL OF PROJECT REPORT FOR SOUTH AVENUE/I-5 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION: Barbara O'Keeffe provided to the Commission the South Avenue/I-5 Project Report authored by Bob Weber, Project Engineer. In addition, Staff added, this project has received categorical exemption and programmatic categorical exclusion, issued in October of 2004, and FHWA has granted a connection concept approval for modification to the ramp.

The five major components of the project include: construction of a new five lane over-crossing, relocation of the South Avenue/Barham Avenue intersection, moving the existing southbound ramps to the west, moving both the northbound ramps to the west, and adding lanes to South Avenue and signalize the intersection of old Hwy 99W. The existing interchange constructed in 1965, Barbara O'Keeffe continued, cannot handle peak demand with the increase in traffic; therefore, staff is recommending approval of the South Avenue/I-5 Interchange Reconstruction Report.

Gary Gutierrez, Project Manager/Caltrans, discussed items in the report. The report was necessary for Caltrans to complete and put forth resources to complete. Mr. Gutierrez acknowledged the report as being the best he had seen. The site was physically surveyed by Caltrans during the initial conception of the project. This data enabled engineers' conclusive information and detail to identifying impacts and design details for the PS&E.

Commissioner Russell questioned the estimated time for completion.

Mr. Gutierrez pointed out that one part of the project was a traffic study. With the knowledge of inter-regional traffic, Caltrans will try and claim inter-regional State funded monies for the project. Commissioner Turner felt the 15 to 20 year estimate would be appropriate.

Commissioner Frey left the meeting.

Williams Goodwin, former Executive Director of Transportation Commission, reviewed the project report history by saying, Caltrans was hired to create this report. The first draft did not discuss the projects 15% into Regional, but was technically correct. Staff should be complimented for working with Caltrans and changing the direction of the report. It is a local decision when the project goes forward, not a Caltrans decision. Even if Federal dollars are received, it will be a prorated amount based on the 15%. Most of the funds will come from the local STIP and a commitment from this Commission is needed to begin. An estimate of 5 to 6 years, Mr. Goodwin continued, to start the process and at least 5-years for construction. Commissioner Turner is probably correct in saying 12 to 15 years.

Commissioner Frey returned.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and Second by Commissioner Strack to adopt Resolution 8-2005 for approval of Project Report for South Avenue/I-5 Interchange reconstruction. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

5. PROJECTED FINAL 2004-2005 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS and ESTIMATED 2005-2006 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS: Barbara O’Keeffe provided the Commission information into the June preliminary budget and final projected 04/05 budget. Funding to streets and roads will exceed the projected budget and no contributions will be requested to the MET’s program due to this carry-over.

Commissioner Frey left the meeting.

6. APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY of TEHAMA AND TCTC TO IMPLEMENT GIS: Chairman Turner recognized the amended motion to allow chairman to sign the contract upon motion from the TCTC Commissioners. Upon review and approval by County Counsel, the contract will become effective.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan and Second by Commissioner Russell to approve the GIS agreement between the City of Tehama and TCTC. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and Second by Commissioner Morgan to allow the Chairman to sign the contract and upon review by County Counsel, become effective. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

7. 2005 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: Jeff Schwein updated the Commission on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is our strategy for programming road, bridge, and all transit projects. The RTP is a required document to fund projects with State and Federal money through the STIP.

Commissioner Frey returned.

With no money for projects at this time, the update process is only for changing dates and outdated information. Information gathered from local agencies updating their local projects will be added in anticipation of better funding. Adoption of the RTP is expected in August.

8. PROPOSITION 42 UPDATE: Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commission the Governor has included Prop 42 in the 2005/2006 State Budget providing \$1.3 billion dollars for the coming fiscal year. Though the support from Legislature is required, it is a positive response from the Governor.
9. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC WORKS EFFORTS OF CITIES OF CORNING, RED BLUFF, TEHAMA AND THE COUNTY OF TEHAMA: Barbara O’Keeffe summarized Public Works employees accomplishments and presented letters for the Chairman’s signature to recognize the workforce who maintain and improve our regional infrastructure and facilities, and to celebrate National Public Works Week.

Motion by Commissioner Frey and Second by Commissioner Willard to approve the Chairman’s signature to recognize Public Works efforts of Cities of Corning, Red Bluff, Tehama, and the County of Tehama. Motion Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

10. APRIL 2005 TCTC CLAIMS: Motion by Commissioner Russell and Second by Commissioner Strack to approve the claims in the amount of \$4,165.62. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
11. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.