

**TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**

Present: Commissioners; Ross Turner, Gary Strack; Andy Houghton; Barbara Morgan; George Russell; and Charles Willard. Also present: Barbara O’Keeffe, Transit Manager; Norm Grover and Paul Mitchell of Lake California; Kathy Grah, Associate Transportation Planner, Scott White, Senior Transportation Planner, Ed Lamkin, SHOPP Program Manager, Eric Akana, Project Manager, and Larry Moore, Senior Civil Engineer of Caltrans District 2

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross Turner at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of August 2005 Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Strack, Second by Commissioner Willard and carried by those present 5-0 with 1 sustain to approve the August 16, 2005 minutes.
3. **Public Comment:**

Norm Grover and Paul Mitchell of Lake California, discussed and distributed articles regarding Taylor Bridge and future developments surrounding and involving the Lake California properties.

Mr. Grover discussed an article published in the Lake California Newsletter based on conversations from Public Work’s employee Kevin Rosser. “A letter received from Gerald Brownfield stated that Taylor Bridge wash, which was to be constructed this year was delayed until 2006. According to the article from Mr. Rosser, we are hearing that the Lake California Drive, as well as the bridge, could be put off to as far as 2010 or later”. Our fast growing community has 1100 homes or 3600 people. 1700 cars per day go through our gate Mr. Grover stated. The long range General Plan discusses annexing or adding another 16,000 residents to our community. Our infrastructure and roads cannot handle the increase. I ask this Commission and the Planning Commission work in concert with each other so they can understand you cannot put that many people in a two-lane 3-1/2 mile long road. There are 28-miles of road in Lake California that we maintain ourselves. The County has been good to us and does everything in their power to help us, help ourselves. We ask that you keep in mind what is happening and that we need to have this road fixed. Lake California is willing to help you.

Commissioner Ross Turner thanked Mr. Grover and said he had not heard of the extended date of the Taylor Bridge project. Commissioner Turner read the statements from Public Works employee Kevin Rosser and noted that Acting Public Works Director Gerald Brownfield had been in communication.

Barbara O’Keeffe said the statement does indicate that Tayler Wash Bridge is still on schedule, an HBRR project. Staff will bring an update regarding Lake California Drive to the Commission in October.

Commissioner Turner requested staff forward any information received to the Directors of Lake California Association to alleviate any waiting period.

Paul Mitchell, past President of Lake California Association, presented a letter addressed to the

Commission regarding the Jelly's Ferry Road impact of the Moore Ranch proposal and the Tehama County long-term Plan. George Robson was quoted in the paper, Mr. Mitchell continued, that Mr. Moore was planning to develop 2000 acres with one home per two acres adjacent from Jelly's Ferry Road. Mr. Moore has offered to construct a road to the Rodriguez and the Lake California properties as a second access. Proposed changes by Leviathan to the grazing land would add approximately 15,000 homes in this 776 acres and the intended traffic increase would be dramatic. This would not include access through the Lake California gate. These people would come in through the Jelly's Ferry Road due to the private access to a private community. Mr. Mitchell added that their Attorney has made it clear to Leviathan that these people would not be paying yearly costs for upkeep on Lake California roads, the front gate, and water pumping. These people would be non-residents of Lake California. That is important for the Commission to understand. They would not have access to the Lake California front gate, so their only access and exit is Jelly's Ferry Road, and the impacts would be dramatic. The second developer is developing on the back-side of Lake California. This adjoins property that Leviathan owns. They can develop this property, which is currently plotted, with roads, schools, and a golf course. They can put in their own access roads which would be their second access, but we are concerned with calling this a second access to Lake California. It would not. It would be a private road to the Leviathan property and I ask you to consider this.

Commissioner Turner questioned if this information had been brought before the General Plan Study Group informational meetings and with the consensus of the Commission, felt this correspondence should be forwarded to George Robson of Planning.

Commissioner Russell recommended that Planning should be involved in this report if it is to be brought before the Transportation Commission in October.

Commissioner Willard added that with the influx of people coming to the County, looking ahead is important.

Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, presented information regarding the Transit Planner position. Of the seven people interviewed for the position, a unanimous decision from the panel hired Melinda Carlson who will begin in October.

4. **Confirmation of CTC Tabling County/City Rehab Projects in August 2005:** Barbara O'Keeffe felt this information was important to include in the record to confirm that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) had tabled \$2.1 million in rehabilitation projects on August 18, 2005. Back-up was provided in the packet for review.
5. **Discussion of I-5 Transportation Concept Report Summary Working Paper Draft Traffic Projections North of Red Bluff Draft Level of Service Projections Liberal Avenue to Shasta County Line:** Kathy Grah reviewed that a TCR is a 20-year plan consensus that works with cities and counties involved. All agencies in the cities are involved to educate them on the process. The TCR examines traffic conditions and examines land use, demographics, and environmental issues. The important things we try to identify is potential/future needs and projects. The TCR is not a funding document nor a design or environmental document with review.

Scott White discussed the previous statements from Lake California residents and stated that Caltrans shares concerns with growth in the region and this being the reason, District 2 has worked closely with staff to insure consistency between plans and address needs before traffic congestion occurs.

Discussions continued with traffic projections and I-5 draft level of service up to the year 2030 occurring north of Red Bluff.

Scott White felt it was clear that based on the County needs and the Commissions knowledge, existing funding levels will not be sufficient to address the types of needs coming over the next 20-years. Caltrans has secured grant funding to begin a process of analysis for potential funding mechanisms. A second grant has been submitted to hire a consultant for a full analysis of the types of financial alternatives, in partnership with cities and counties, up to and including Siskiyou County. If this Commission felt appropriate, presentations would be made to cities and staff, but not with governing bodies today.

Commissioner Russell thanked Caltrans and felt presentation to the Board and City Councils would be appropriate.

Chairman Turner asked if it was the consensus of this Commission to recommend Caltrans proceed to contact the city entities, including the City of Tehama and Lake California Residence with the information.

Consensus was agreed.

6. **District 2 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Overview for Tehama County:** Ed Lamkin Deputy District Director, SHOPP Program Manager, prepared an overview for the Commission which was included in the packet. Some of the projects are proposals for the next SHOPP cycle. The 4-year program of Tehama County projection is \$143 million and Caltrans feels confident in receiving close to that amount. Adoption by CTC will be April 2006 and the draft should be ready by December 2005.
7. **I-5 Sacramento River Bridge Replacement between Adobe Road Interchange and Antelope Blvd. Interchange Discussion of Supplemental Project Scope Summary Report:** Eric Akana, Project Manager for District 2 and Larry Moore, Senior Civil Engineer provided a summary of the Supplemental Project Scope Summary Report. The I-5 Sacramento River Bridges between Antelope Blvd. and Adobe Road interchange bridges have metal fatigue and the super structure is cracking requiring the replacement of both bridges by one single structure. Replacement Bridge is estimated at \$41 million and anticipated to be open to the public in 2013.
8. **Adopt Resolution 18-2005 Approving the Annual GIS Software Maintenance Agreement:** Motion by Commissioner Strack and second by Commissioner Morgan. Unanimously carried 6-0 to Adopt Resolution 18-2005 approval of Annual GIS Maintenance Agreement.

9. **Adopt Resolution 19-2005 Authorizing Submittal of Transportation Grant Applications:** Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Strack to adopt Resolution 19-2005 authorizing submittal of Transportation grant applications. Unanimously carried 6-0.
10. **Claims:** Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard to approve the \$14,113.43 claims for August 2005. Unanimously carried 6-0.
11. **Adjourn:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.