

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OF AUGUST 21, 2007

Present: Commissioners' Gary Strack; Robert Christison; Dan Irving; George Russell; Ron Warner; Charles Willard. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe; Transit Manager; Scott White and Tamy Quigley of Caltrans District 2.

1. **Call to Order:** The regularly schedule meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Christison at 8:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Christison.
2. **Approval of July 2007 Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Warner to approve the July 17, 2007 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

3. **Public Comment:**
Barbara O'Keeffe invited the Commissioner's to the Red Bluff Trails United dedication of the River Park Trail planned for August 30th, 2007.

Commissioner Willard added it has been a long time to get there.

Commissioner Warner announced the possibility of Federal Transportation government officials to possibly take bike trail monies and use it for bridge repair.

4. **Caltrans Presentation of Origination and Destination Traffic Study:** Scott White, Chief of Office Assistant Planning and Tamy Quigley, Associate Planner of Caltrans District 2 gave a presentation on the recently completed traffic study for Tehama and Shasta County. This complex study provided travel patterns in areas of interest and future document planning.

Discussions continued into the Fix 5 issue.

5. **FIX 5 Phase 1 Nexus Study Report- Update:** Barbara O'Keeffe reviewed the purpose of the study which is to maximize leveraging for State and Federal dollars and provide a predictable and stable environment as well as streamlining the CEQA process. The maximum identifiable amount of traffic, identified by the Caltrans Traffic Study presentation, is significant. The goal within the partnership of Tehama, Shasta County, and the incorporated cities, is to keep the impact fee as low as possible. Leverage of funding is the goal. Spending local dollars and requesting a Federal government match is viewed as partnering.

Commissioner Russell felt the study was significant and should be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Barbara O’Keeffe continued that the general public does not realize that within the government, funds have been borrowed from the Public Transportation Account which impacts the STIP which is another reason why the Fix 5 is important.

Scott White added that the fund the State Legislature is proposing to move from transportation purposes to the general fund are for transit purposes. That change would not affect the amount of revenues in the State Highway Account available for the types of improvements we are discussing for I-5. The change would not increase a local burden or make less State funds available for interstate highway improvement. It is a transit change.

Barbara O’Keeffe answered that this does have an impact on the total dollars available, and Scott White agreed that it does have a total impact on total dollars available, but not specifically to the types of funds that could be used for adding lanes on I-5.

Dan Irving commented that it seems only logical that if the State finds a local source for improving I-5, what we are doing for ourselves is creating a permanent transfer of the burden from the State to the locals.

6. **Resolution 10-2007 TCTC Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2006**: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Warner to approve Resolution 10-2007 TCTC basic financial statements June 30, 2006. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

7. Correspondence:

With regard to the Fix 5 Partnership: Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commissioners that working with local partners, stakeholders and the Chamber continues, and correspondence is enclosed

8. Claims: Motion by Commissioner Warner and second by Commissioner Strack to approve the claims presented in the amount of \$108,718. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

9. Adjourn: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.