

**TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2007**

Present: Commissioners' Gary Strack; Robert Christison; Dan Irving; George Russell; Ron Warner; Charles Willard. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Gary Gutierrez, Caltrans Project Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Gary Strack.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Warner and second by Commissioner Russell to approve the April 17, 2007 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **SB45 QUARTERLY REPORT: I-5/SOUTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE STATUS:** Gary Gutierrez discussed the changes to the I-5/South Avenue project. This fully programed project will go through construction on the first Phase. The City of Corning, Tehama County and Caltrans met to discuss and develop the recommendations presented today.

Regarding the SB45 Report, Mr. Gutierrez continued, shows changes, but is on schedule. Phase I will stay on schedule, fully designed by 2008, and constructed in 2009. \$7,594,000 is the estimated Phase I construction cost which is recommended for programming. In June, if the CTC approves, the project will be fully programmed and Caltrans will be able to construct this project in 2009.

Commissioner Russell recommended that charts should reflect total cost in later presentations.

Gary Gutierrez answered by saying, the reason zero is reflected on the chart is due to the unknown total cost. The next presentation will reflect the recommendation.

Commissioner Russell questioned "our share" of the cost and if it is available.

Gary Antone answered it was.

Gary Gutierrez reiterated that the money has been set aside for Phase I and awaiting CTC approval. A review of the project was presented.

Commissioner Strack thanked Mr. Gutierrez for all his efforts to keep this project together.

5. **STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS PLANNED:** Gary Gutierrez presented the planned projects for Tehama County. Information on projects currently in progress reflected on the chart provided. When totaling the costs of projects in design and in construction, \$150,000,000 for Tehama County is scheduled. South Avenue is at \$25 million and should be changed on the chart to reflect approximately \$9.5 million as the phased amount.

Commissioner Irving questioned how this overlaps with the Fix 5 Program.

Mr. Gutierrez answered by saying that it probably will not. As Fix 5 develops, projects will come out of that and it is not anticipated that any Fix 5 projects will actually be in construction this season. Caltrans has attempted to provide this information to the Commission on an annual basis, prior to construction season. It could be presented every six months if the Commission desires.

The consensus was every six months.

Discussions continued on various projects in Red Bluff and Los Molinos. Mr. Gutierrez will research and answer questions presented.

Commissioner Willard questioned the status of his request for repair of the Salt Creek bridges in his area. With new construction of a church and monument, traffic and safety is still an issue. Will this be addressed within five years?

Mr. Gutierrez said that the issue will be discussed again with Brian Crane of Caltrans. They have not been forgotten and there is also a flooding issue in the area. When money is marked for bridgework, Caltrans tries to get the funds for repair, but the bridges need to show scour issues and unfortunately, the Salt Creek bridges do not have this problem. Currently, no money is available for bridges that are in need of shoulders. Caltrans is told how to spend the money and from a safety prospective, the area does not warrant a safety problem.

6. **FIX 5 PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:** Gary Antone informed the Commissioners' of the remaining meetings scheduled for the City of Red Bluff and the City of Redding. Every agency that has viewed the presentation has supported moving ahead with the development of a Phase I fee.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None presented.
8. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Warner to approve the claims in the amount of \$1,870.09. Carried 6-0.

9. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.