

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2008

Present: Commissioners'; Robert Christison; Ron Warner; George Russell; Gary Strack; Charles Willard; Dan Irving. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager; Michelle Millette, Caltrans Office of Community and Regional Planning Chief; and Kathy Grah, Caltrans.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, by Chairman Christison.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Willard, second by Commissioner Warner and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara O'Keeffe announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rawson Road Bridge Tuesday, June 3, 2008. A buss will be available for the Supervisors and interested public to travel to and from the ceremony.

5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING:

Barbara O'Keeffe provided a brief overview of the annual process. The public comments received today will be reviewed by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council and they will make a recommendation to the Commission.

There are one of three findings that will be made by the Commission regarding unmet transit needs:

1. There are no unmet transit needs
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet
3. There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet

The public hearing was opened at 8:35 a.m.

Kathy Bonner: There are many people in Los Molinos that want the bus to go to Chico. A friend of mine has a disabled brother in Chico that wants to visit her and a son in Los Molinos that has music lessons in Chico. Bow River trailer park would like a bus and also its use of on Saturdays. I need to go to Redding. Thank you for your time.

Commissioner Irving entered.

Lupe Green of Rancho Tehama (RTR): Ms. Green said that 3800 people reside in RTR. The distance from RTR to Red Bluff is 23 miles and 17 miles to Corning. Also, approximately 4 miles to the back of RTR from the main gate. There is tremendous growth in the community. At one time the trial use of the bus came only to the front of the ranch. Many people cannot access the front of the ranch. The various needs: are seniors who cannot drive; medical and prescription access; 60 students who attend Corning High School are unable to participate in after school activities due to no transportation. Typically, 20% of the students participate in these programs. If there was a bus, they could do that. The same problem occurs for the students who attend the middle school in Corning. I would hope, if you are able to bring the bus to RTR, it would be in the morning, with routes to the back of the ranch. Also, in the evening is necessary. Ms. Green presented staff with 50 signatures on a petition of those that need transportation. Children need to travel during summer months for activities.

Jerry Schultz, Board Member of the RTR Association said, as just one Board Member making comments, RTR has a high population of low income and fixed elder citizens. There is a need for at least a bus once a week for citizens to plan their trips to town.

Staff read email from Laurie Arnold of RTR. Ms. Arnold is paying \$12 each way to town and cannot afford the gasoline. With no one to assist her, she has no way to get her prescriptions.

Charles Stottler of Vista Ridge Apartments, must walk quarter of a mile to catch the bus to go to town. There is a road not paved, but a place is available for pick up and there are several people that could use the bus. There are two apartments there that would be worth it.

Staff will follow up with a dial-a-ride service for Mr. Stottler.

Karen Buckholdt: Discussed the Chevron Station bus stop which is very hot. A bus to Anderson outlets would be a big help to those around here.

Staff is currently working on a shelter for that bench near the Chevron Station.

Charles Willard thanked the Commission for their continued work with the busses and assistance during his extreme illness. I hope we can continue.

Barbara announced another meeting would be available for the public to speak at the Red Bluff City Council.

Pearl Stottler of Vista Ridge Apartments said the bus can go all the way around and we would like to have one. Several adults and handicapped people are there.

Staff will discuss other information provided by Ms. Stottler with reference to Social Services.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:58 a.m.

6. DRAFT CALTRANS DISTRICT 2 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) ARCHITECTURE PLAN PRESENTATION: Michelle Millette, described the ITS and what it consisted of and improvement to the safety and efficiency of the surface transportation system. Comments are being accepted, approved by management at Caltrans and eventually, concurrence from this Commission. After adopted, this living document can be changed. The reason for completing this document is due to requirements by the Federal government in order to receive funding for ITS projects. Any metropolitan organizations, which includes Shasta County, are required to have one of these documents, but not Tehama County. This is not an in-depth review of the ITS application for local roads, but only how we can interface them at the connection points. The word "architecture" is actually a "Plan" to identify framework for ITS currently and what may be needed in the future. ITS consists of changeable message signs, weather indication in the pavement for icy conditions, to name a few. The completion date of this document is estimated at July 1.

Barbara O’Keeffe thanked Caltrans for the possible opportunities to incorporate ITS into projects and possible funding resources. As denoted, there are no specific funds for transportation systems at this time.

7. RESOLUTION 9-2008 ACCEPTANCE OF INTERSTATE 5 TRANSPORTATION CONCEPT REPORT: Kathy Grah returned to the Commission with comments to the report. Most were editorial in nature. The designation for the Nomlaki Hwy. is included as well as the level of service and highway runs data were correct. Fact sheets under land use description and definitions to the glossary for easier reading. Shasta County has adopted the resolution and Siskiyou County is still in the review process.

Commissioner Russell questioned if this resolution is adopted, does it imply approval of the Fix 5 project.

Kathy Grah answered that this does not include the project.

Barbara O’Keeffe added that the intent is to specifically identify there is insufficient funding and we can accept other verbiage if the commission wishes a change in text.

Commissioner Russell felt the minutes would reflect the concern and motioned to

approve. Second by Commissioner Warner to approve the adoption of Resolution 9-2008, accepting the Transportation Concept Report for Interstate 5. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

8. 2007-2008 BLUEPRINT PLANNING GRANT AWARD: Barbara O’Keeffe announced last month notification was received of our award of \$85,000. The first phase is to incorporate GIS data collection allowing the County scenario planning in the future. It provides us with the opportunity to work with all entities on benefits of blueprint planning.
9. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR BRIAN CRANE: A letter of recognition will be presented to Brian Crane for his past efforts and accomplishments for the County. Brian will be taking a position with the City of Redding as Director of Engineering.

Commissioner Willard and the Commissioners thanked Brian for his good work.

10. CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commission that the California State Association of Counties is leading a statewide assessment of the condition of local streets and roads. The purpose is to inform the legislature and give them a better understanding of streets and roads, costs to maintain over the next twenty-five years.

Gary Antone added, the key to this informational study is to prepare clear guidelines or ideas of what costs and assessments are on the same basis of projection. The affect remains to be seen, but it is a good process to proceed with and identify all needs throughout the State.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: No comments.
12. APPROVAL OF MAY 2008 CLAIMS: Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Willard to approve the \$10,401.05 claims. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
13. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.