

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Present: Commissioners': Ron Warner; George Russell; Gary Strack; Charles Willard; Dan Irving; and Robert Christison. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager; and Clint Burkenpas, Caltrans Project Manager.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Warner with the salute to the flag.
2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2008 MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara O'Keeffe introduced Caltrans District 2 Liaison, Lisa Little.

4. UPDATE ON SOUTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE AND LOS MOLINOS BOND PROJECT: Clint Burkenpas, Caltrans Project Manager, discussed the projects. The South Avenue project is in final preparation of the bid package. The Army Corps of Engineers has submitted the environmental permit and the bid should be advertised in early January 2009. The award should be mid-March with construction next summer.

Field meetings were completed with the Director of Public works on the Los Molinos Bond project. A project kick-off has been completed and moving forward. Late October will be another community meeting. Drainage work will be more difficult due to environmental reasons, and working under the railroad for boring, the railroad right of way will be expensive.

Commissioner Warner appreciated the work and welcomed the community meetings. The signal at Arromyo and Hwy. 99 will be a great safety feature for the area.

5. FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL: Barbara O'Keeffe explained that the current bill, SAFETEA-LU expires September 2009. The new bill will be called Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The scope and capacity for the current Federal Highway Bill is \$286.4 Billion over a six-year period. This provides for all surface transportation programs. The public transit component of this is approximately \$52 Billion.

Senator Barbara Boxer, chairs the US Senate Committee for Environment and

Public Works. She will have a strong lead in development of the preauthorization, bringing financial stability to the Federal Highway Trust Fund. It is projected that by the end of the bill, it will have a huge deficit. Emphasis is on the need to find funding sources that contribute to this bill. The bill needs to include funding for maintenance and safety projects, which is a key for rural areas.

Air quality is a concern and has a major role in the bill. Currently, waiting on the Governor's desk for signature. is SB 375 linking transportation, landuse planning and SEQA. California is working hard to make goods movement a national issue. 70% to 85% of the majority of goods shipped come through Los Angeles and Long Beach California. California will try and make that paramount because mitigation is needed for air quality and roads. A bill in August 2008, for a \$30 container fee was submitted to the Governor for signature.

Staff requested recommendations on items discussed including indexing gas tax or raising the gas tax. Resources are short for the highway bill due to the record of gas tax efforts. User fees, such as vehicle miles traveled, are now on the list.

Commissioner Irving questioned why our opinion is needed for container fees and Staff answered that California wants to make goods movement an issue. It is fairly clear, once a container fee is placed on goods coming to the U.S., it will be passed onto the consumer. The State bears the brunt of a significant majority of goods and air quality is an issue. Congestion in the port is a major issue.

Gary Antone added that some considerations they have are not loading trucks at the dock, but placing goods on rail to a distribution center thereby removing trucks from the area.

It was a consensus of the Commissioners' present that a portion of the gas tax should be indexed.

Information was requested by the Commissioners' to send them the necessary information to present to their Board's for review and comment.

Staff will send correspondence to Senator Boxer regarding the comments when received.

6. RESOLUTION 13-2008: ACCEPTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT FUNDS: Barbara O'Keeffe announced the Caltrans award of \$101,588 specifically focused on bringing in consultants to work with the community to hear opinions on safety projects and street enhancements. This is Phase I of the project and with the assistance of the community, an intelligent transportation

system will be achieved.

Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Christison to adopt Resolution 13-2008, accepting the Environmental Justice Grant funds and authorization to complete the project. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

- 6B. DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT - HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Barbara O’Keeffe reviewed the draft Plan. The Coordinated Plan is a requirement of SAFETEA-LU and necessary to be eligible for transit funding sources. Staff thanked the Nelson/Nygaard firm for their assistance in this Plan.

The Commissioner’s agreed the Plan was fairly comprehensive and easy reading.

7. RESOLUTION 14-2008 FINAL 2008-2009 BUDGET FOR FUNDS 507, 514, 515 AND 527: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Irving to adopt Resolution 14-2008 final 2008-2009 budget for 507, 514, 515, and 527 Funds. Carried by those present, 5-0 with 1 absent.
8. APPROVE EQUIPMENT INVENTORY REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Strack and second by Commissioner Christison to approve the Fixed Asset Inventory Report. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
9. CORRESPONDENCE: Barbara O’Keeffe made note of the Watson correspondence received. Agenda item in this packet will discuss Ms. Watson’s request.
10. Claims: Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Russell to approve the claims in the amount of \$95,997.15. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
11. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Irving nominated George Russell for Vice-Chair. Second by Commissioner Strack and accepted by Commissioner Russell. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
12. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

It should be noted that this agenda listed items one (1) thru twelve (12) only. The meeting continued into the Transit Agency Board meeting with Agenda Item No. 15, which is incorrect. There are no items 13 thru 14 on either agenda nor have they been deleted by this Clerk.