

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2009

Present: Commissioners': Ron Warner; George Russell; Gary Strack; Jim Byrne; and Robert Christison. Absent: Commissioner Charles Willard. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director of Public Works-Transportation; Kathy Grah, Caltrans Associate Transportation Planner; Phil Baker and Steve Rogers, Caltrans Project Managers; and Bill Goodwin, Chief Administrator of Tehama County.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Ron Warner with one absent.
2. **APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2009 MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Strack to approve the May 19, 2009 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Paul Mitchell of Lake California discussed Lake California Drive issues. One mile of the bridge has been completed, but 2.5 miles are left for repair. (Exhibit A). The State is taking money from Public Works and the fiscal restraints are recognized. We ask what we can do to help stimulate the preliminary design and environmental projects.

Norm Gruver of Lake California discussed the proposal of Permanent Road Division and sought advice and guidance from the Commissioners as to what the Association can do to assist you.

Steve Fitch of Lake California requested the Commissioners direct staff to begin planning for their access road.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Barbara O'Keeffe announced Director of Caltrans, Will Kempton resigned for another position.

TCTC will meet July 28th prior to 10 am.

Public Hearing for Unmet Needs process.

5. **UPDATE ON STATE ROUTE 99 TRANSPORTATION CONCEPT REPORT:** Kathy Grah informed the Commissioners of the extended deadline for the State Route 99 Transportation Concept Report. Comments from this Commission should be submitted by July 17, 2009. Upon receiving any comments, a resolution of acceptance will be put before the Commission for approval at a later date.

Commissioner Warner expressed concerns received from citizens regarding one alternative that goes through a floodplain.

6. **INFORMATION PRESENTATION ON 1-5 REHAB PROJECT:** Phil Baker discussed the need of the I-5 repair along a 3-lane section to the Adobe Road ramp. Also included in the project is bridge deck treatment on the Red Bank Creek overcrossing, Sacramento River Bridges including strengthening, and the Riverside overcrossing. The benefit is better ride, less maintenance and when the project is over, PCC pavement will be replaced. This should provide a 30-to 40 year stretch between maintenance. This will bring \$30+ million in construction to the County. The contract has been awarded to C.C. Myers.

Mr. Baker continued by saying the impacts will be two lanes in daylight hours which will be open in each direction. When volume allows, one lane will be implemented in some night work. Construction begins July 15th until the weather allows. Winter will possibly suspend work and resume in the Spring of 2010 with completion approximately July 2010.

Bill Goodwin questioned if the project will minimize the noise level on the roads, and Mr. Baker answered, without a doubt, it will be quieter then it is now.

7. **UPDATE ON SOUTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE PHASE I:** Steve Rogers announced award of the project to Knife River Construction (Baldwin). The bidding was very close and the final cost was \$2.9 million below the Engineers Estimate. As the Commission is aware, the District submitted an AB 608 to request that the savings return to County Shares. This looks very positive that the CTC on July 8th will approve the AB 608 return to the County. Start of construction has begun and it is expected that construction will be complete by Fall of 2009. It is not expected the project will go under winter suspension. With regard to impacts, most of the closures will be done during off-peak times at night. However, some closures on the northbound ramps will be closed up to 15-consecutive days in order to complete reconstruction. Staging the closings would have extended construction time beyond this season and forced the job into 2010.
8. **UPDATE ON STATE ROUTE 99 LOS MOLINOS BOND PROJECT:** Steve Rogers announced the Phase I of Route 99, and the goal, is to deliver one year early with the project in construction by 2010. Phase II is an ongoing issue and will deliver the remainder of the drainage element out into Mill Slough which will include shoulder widening along Arroyo Mayo. This phase will remain on the original schedule for construction in 2011.

On April 27th, this Commission approved the transfer of money from construction to right-of-way capitol Mr. Rogers continued. When the project was originally scoped, issues of signage being moved and the purchase of 20 parcels were not known at the time. There was a shortfall in right-of-way capitol. However, there was a surplus on the construction side and it was hoped this could be used for the shortfall. District Staff met with CTC staff and they denied our request to move funds. Their view was to find additional funding or live with what was programmed. The District, however, has decided to go into minor funds in order to fund the right of way capitol shortage. This decision is very unusual, but without

the funding, the project is dead.

George Russell questioned how much was in question and Mr. Rogers said \$195,000.

Barbara O'Keeffe added that with the CTC decision, they have also taken a hard-line on exceptions with other projects. Staff thanks District 2 Staff for working hard on our behalf and it is appreciated.

Commissioner Russell added that when you operate in this manor, you encourage over estimates. This is not productive and retards progress because of governmental bureaucracy.

Gary Antone agreed with Commissioner Russell. Recently, difficult discussions with staff and District 2 have occurred, insuring funding are at the right level and in the right place. We have had difficulty in all projects adjusting dollars and moving them. We do have a good working partnership with District 2 and they have represented us very fairly at headquarters, and we work closely with them to insure projects move forward and achieve as much as we possibly can with the funding available.

9. **DISTRIBUTION OF COMPLETED FIX FIVE PARTNERSHIP TEHAMA COUNTY IMPACT FEE NEXUS STUDY:** Gary Antone presented the completed document for the study. There will be no adoption or approval of items in the document, but the main reason is to show the document is complete and the grant dollars can be closed out. Planning documentation in the study will be helpful in many areas of the County. The document will be shelved and at some time in the future, when the Board/Counsel feels appropriate, it will be brought back for further discussion. This item will return to the Commissioners, after their review, for approval.

Commissioner Byrne questioned the cost of preparation of the document and Mr. Antone reported less than \$500,000.

10. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 12-2009 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM 2009-10:** Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Christison to approve Resolution 12-2009 Overall Work Program 2009-10. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

11. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-2009 PRELIMINARY 2009-10 TCTC BUDGET FUNDS: 507, 514, 515, 527 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-2009 2008-2009 BUDGET CLOSING AUTHORITY:**

Motion to adopt Resolution 13-2009 Preliminary 2009-10 TCTC Budget Funds by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion to adopt Resolution 14-2009 Budget Closing Authority by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

12. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-2009 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SCORE NORTH VALLEY SERVICES 5310 APPLICATION:** Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Strack to approve Resolution 15-2009 to score the North Valley Services 5310 Application. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
13. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-2009 TCTC MANAGEMENT LETTER AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2007-2008:** Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Christison to approve Resolution 16-2009 TCTC Management Letter and Financial Statements 2007-2008. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
14. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON:** Motion by Commissioner Christison to elect Commissioner Russell for Chairman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Strack and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Christison to nominate City of Red Bluff representative as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Byrne declined the nomination. Commissioner Christison agreed that his nomination be changed to nominate Commissioner Gary Strack as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Russell to nominate Commissioner Strack and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
15. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,061.00:** Motion by Commissioner Strack to approve the claims in the amount of \$13,061, second by Commissioner Christison and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
16. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.