

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2009

Present: Commissioners': George Russell; Gary Strack; Ron Warner; Jim Byrne; and Robert Christison. Absent: Commissioner Willard. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director Public Works-Transportation; Alan Abbs, Air Pollution Control Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Russell at 8:30 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the September 29, 2009 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Barbara O'Keeffe attended the dedication of the Caltrans Red Bluff Maintenance Facility and Taylor-Tran Garden. This is a memorial dedicated to two Caltrans workers who lost their lives performing their duties.

The TIGER application submitted to fund construction of Flores Avenue truck route in the amount of \$6.3 million was discussed by Barbara O'Keeffe. On a national basis, there were over 1,300 applications with an amount of funding available of \$1.5 billion. The status of applications submitted will not be received until January 2010.

Gary Antone added, regarding the Flores project, the EA and PD work is nearly complete. Traffic numbers are being worked on to ready for public meeting and comments. The Board members should see this come back within two months.

5. **PROPOSED RULE 2:11 D, INDIRECT SOURCE FEE BY TEHAMA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT:** Alan Abbs provided a presentation regarding the proposed Rule 2:11 D, Indirect Source Fee by Tehama County Air Pollution Control District. This went before a public hearing October 6th, and will continue on October 27th for additional comments. This Rule impacts new development in the County and caused by vehicle emission, and as an "indirect source, houses, commercial, and retail buildings.

Alan Abbs continued by saying, Tehama County currently is in non-attainment of the State Ozone and PM10 standard. The ozone reading at Tuscan Buttes registered 85 ppb during the last three year cycle. The threshold for attainment is 75 ppb. This reading is caused by vehicle traffic in the Sacramento retro area. The remainder of the

County, according to the monitor in the Red Bluff downtown area, is currently listed as attainment and a measurement of 75ppb, which is the threshold for attainment. However, US EPA announced a review of the Federal and primary Ozone Standards and will be announcing in December a lower number. As a non-attainment County, this could result in significant economic burdens on existing and future stationary sources in Tehama County as well as existing agricultural sources.

Commissioner Russell commented on the fees proposed, but noted that even at these levels, this County would be less expensive than larger communities to build in.

Commissioner Byrne questioned that this program, directed towards new development, at what percentage of this and existing development is significant.

Mr. Abbs answered that with the County General Plan information it would be 28% above what is in the current county-wide inventory and 21% for particulates for current county-wide inventory.

6. **I-5 SOUTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE UPDATE:** In the absence of Steve Rogers, Project Manager, Jim Rogers, Resident Engineer for the project provided information regarding the Interchange progress.

- New ramps open.
- Installing signals to turn on approximately November 9th.
- Concrete pavement at the intersection, re-scheduled for Monday thru Wednesday night from 6pm to 9am, closing various lanes at the 99 and South Avenue intersection.
- Final striping and 300 signs remain to be completed.

Jim Rogers continued by saying the contractor is doing a good job completing projects on time in this relatively small area. The projected completion date is the week of November 16th.

7. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-2009, TCTC SUPPORT OF THE PHASING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE STATE ROUTE 99 LOS MOLINOS BOND PROJECT:** Barbara O’Keeffe discussed the Los Molinos project, which is in need of phasing, depending on the sale of bonds. The first phase will deliver most of the improvements. Phase II, for Spring of 2012, provides the drainage system to the slough, and possibly additional Transportation Enhancement funds onto the project for maximum amount of pedestrian facilities in Los Molinos.

Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Christison to adopt Resolution 21-2009 supporting the phasing of construction for the State Route 99 Los Molinos Bond Project. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

8. **UPDATE ON 2010 STIP AND ALLOCATION PLAN:** Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commissioners of the CTC adoption of the 2010 STIP fund estimate, guidelines for 2010 STIP, and adoption of an allocation plan for this fiscal year. The STIP cycle approaching will be a re-programmed exercise, meaning many projects and no money available. The CTC voted almost \$6 million for Tehama County projects, which will be for the two McCoy Bridges. In the existing STIP, 75% of the projects programmed are dependent upon bond sales. Funding sources are unstable causing the projects to be re-evaluated. TE funds are small and approximately \$500,000 in federal dollars. These have been put into the Los Molinos project that has the potential of leveraging potential State dollars.
9. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-2009 BLUEPRINT FUNDING CYCLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010:** Barbara O’Keeffe announced the application submitted by the County was accepted and awarded \$71,200, with the required 20% matching funds, for the purchase of and installation of a server for GIS data accessed by other county departments and cities of Corning, Red Bluff, and Tehama. Approval of this resolution would authorize the department move forward, apply for a third cycle of funding, and pursue additional funding sources to complete the additional work.

Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Strack to Adopt Resolution 22-2009 Blueprint Funding Cycle for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Motion Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
10. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the claims in the amount of \$15,027.26. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
11. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.