

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2010

Present: Commissioners': George Russell; Gary Strack; Robert Christison; Ron Warner; Charles Willard. Absent: City of Red Bluff Representative. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Public Works Deputy Director-Transportation; Steve Rogers, Caltrans Project Manager; Lt. Commander Harry Linschoten.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman George Russell.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Warner to approve the February 9, 2010 minutes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Rogers provided information from a previous meeting concerning the Antelope flashing beacon and 25 mph speed limit during and after school hours. The beacon is there so drivers will pay attention and provide safety to the students.

Commissioner Willard discussed his vacation and the assistance of CHP. Transportation is a big issue and we need to work with it. Please recognize there are changes and you need flexibility.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - Barbara O'Keeffe announced the RTIP was submitted to the California Transportation Commission.
 - Caltrans District 2 has commenced work on the Transportation Concept Report for State Route 36.
 - No meetings will occur for the month of April.
 - Congratulations to Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki for his new position with Contra Costa County.

5. **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS (LTF) RECEIPTS SINCE 2001:** Barbara O'Keeffe provided information to the Commissioners from the previous month due to questions from the Technical Advisory Committee. LTF is derived from the 1/4 cent retail sales tax. The sales tax has not been on an upward trend for the last few years. A table was provided to show the LTF receipts from 2001 through 2009 and estimated funds thru 2011. What is important to know is that in 2007 thru 2009, more than 1 million was allocated to streets and roads despite significant decreases in LTF collected, as again this fiscal year. Table shows the percentage of funds distributed and how it drew the balance of the reserve down.

Gary Antone referred to the chart and tracking of LTF received, street allocation and the reserve balance. In the years of 2004 and 2008, the reserve was built and put in

place to protect or extend the life of funds for the very thing that is happening now. In the past, there was no reserve so funds for operation and local streets and roads were sporadic. We have gone through the cycle and we are in that place again. We have been assured that we will receive funding levels that have historically been received.

6. **UPDATE ON STATE ROUTE 99 BOND PROJECT:** Steve Rogers announced the bid opening that took place March 23rd. Estimates were 16% under the engineers estimate. Ron Hale Construction of Shasta Lake was the lowest bidder and using local subcontractors for the project. After approximately two weeks for verification of information supplied by the contractor, it is expected groundbreaking will take place in May and the project completed late fall or winter of 2010.

Commissioner Warner questioned if the signals would be where the project would begin, and Mr. Rogers answered that this would be the last item to complete due to the complexity of lighting.

Barbara O’Keeffe thanked Commissioner Warner for his assistance on this project and a Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce groundbreaking ceremony is planned.

7. **RECENT BID OPENINGS IN TEHAMA COUNTY:** Barbara O’Keeffe announced the bid opening for the I-5 Cottonwood Hills truck climbing lanes, the McCoy Road Bridges, as well as the Los Molinos SR99 previously discussed. Estimates were again below the engineers estimate and possibly monies saved could provide more projects in our area.

Gary Antone discussed the McCoy Bridge project and the bids received. Of the six contractors who submitted bids, the spread was \$2.1 to \$2.7 million with an engineers estimate at \$3.2 million based on previous projects. Contractors at this point and time, due to the economy, are limiting profit to keep staff working.

8. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the claims in the amount of \$7,596.51. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
9. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.