

## TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2012

Present: Commissioners'; Robert Schmid; George Russell; Ron Warner; Gary Strack; Robert Christison. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director-Transportation; Sean Harrasser, Associate Transportation Planner; Adam Hanson, Sr. Transportation Planner; Dan Wayne, Sr. Planner Shasta RTA; and Alan Abbs, Air Pollution Control Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Schmid at 8:15 a.m. All Commissioners present.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Russell to approve the June 26, 2012 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 abstaining.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
  - Gail Locke announced that on November 3, 2012, Project Lift will be held for the low income and homeless and free services from TRAX and Paratransit will be provided to and from the event.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** In accordance with AB23 it is hereby announced that the Transportation Commissioners and Transit Directors in attendance at today's meeting shall receive a stipend of \$100 per adoption of the By-Laws.
5. **UPDATE ON LOS MOLINOS BOND PROJECT (PHASE 2) AND SOUTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE PROJECT:** Barbara O'Keeffe discussed Phase 2 of the Los Molinos project. Knife River is currently working on underground utilities and storm drainage. Drainage should be completed by fall 2012.

Regarding South Avenue, Barbara O'Keeffe announced all four parcels have been purchased concluding the right of way work.

Gary Antone added that the remaining one large parcel will be acquired once the next phase on the west side of I-5 begins

6. **AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ON-CALL AGREEMENT WITH VESTRA RESOURCES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR BLUEPRINT PLANNING AFTER REVIEW BY COUNTY COUNSEL:** Sean Harrasser updated the Commissioners' on the public outreach and surveys used to receive information regarding growth in the County. 265 surveys from Paskenta to Lassen and Bowman to Vina were gathered with very good comments. With the alternate scenarios from the survey, adjustments will be made to the GIS model to reflect the growth information from the survey. Other progress has been made connecting other County agencies to the GIS system and in

order to continue this work, Vestra Resources, the consultant for this modeling, will need to be hired for this service.

Commissioner Strack questioned if the total \$100,000 would be used. Shawn Harrasser answered it could.

Gary Antone added that the County standard agreement is used thereby allowing us to use the vendors services only when needed. Task Orders can be written up to the \$100,000 and as grant dollars are received, task orders for additional work can be written.

Motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Strack to authorize the Executive Director to sign the on-call agreement with Vestra Resources, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for blueprint planning after review by County Counsel. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

7. **ADOPT RESOLUTION 8-2012 BLUEPRINT FUNDING CYCLE FOR 2012-13:** Barbara O'Keeffe informed the Commission that there is an opportunity to apply for another Blueprint grant bringing our grants to a total of four this fiscal year. Staff would like the opportunity to proceed with these additional funds.

Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Russell to adopt Resolution 8-2012 Blueprint funding cycle for 2012-13.

Commissioner Russell questioned the total grant funding available and Gary Antone answered that there is \$200,000 available for rural counties. The range of funding to be received could be approximately \$50,000.

Adam Hansen added that there is approximately \$25,000 remaining in our previous grants No. 3 and No. 4, and if funding is received, the total would be used for the Vestra project. Money available is largely due to many counties already completing their project or not choosing to do one.

With no further questions, the motion was passed 6-0 with 0 absent.

8. **PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PARTICULATE MATTER:** Alan Abbs, Air Pollution Control Officer for the Tehama County Air Pollution Control District, discussed the recent proposal from the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding the ambient air quality standards for particulate matter. There is a PM10 monitor at the Red Bluff waste water treatment plant measuring the coarse dust and a PM2.5 monitor at the County Social Services Building. Outside the County there is a monitor in Willows, monitored by Glenn County, and another in Anderson, monitored by

Shasta County AQMD. These monitors can assist in identifying burn-day requirements, and the possible weather patterns throughout the day. Anderson and Willows data goes into the National Data Base to record the data from the North State.

9. **REGIONAL GIS PLATFORM AND NORTH STATE SUPER REGION TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY:** Dan Wayne, Sr. Transportation Planner discussed two projects impacting throughout the north state. The first is the North State Super Region Transportation Economic Development Study. This effort will build a business case for discretionary state and federal transportation infrastructure investment in the sixteen-county region. Staff is active in workshops which could result or enhance competitiveness for funding.

Dan Wayne continued by saying the second project, FarNorCalGIS regional GIS server and internet portal is an effort to consolidate data maintained by various public and private agencies with regard to geospatial data. As your agency continues to develop its GIS capacity, participation in this project could present potential opportunities to compete for discretionary funding that relates to this type of activity.

10. **ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-2012 FOR 2012-2013 COMMISSION BUDGET FUNDS 507, 514, 515, 527:** Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Williams to adopt Resolution 09-2012 for 2012-2013 Commission Budget Funds 507, 514, 515, 527.

Commissioner Russell questioned if this has improved and Barbara O’Keeffe answered in some areas we have improved.

Gary Antone added it is temporary as we look forward in the next funding cycles.

Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

11. **FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REAUTHORIZATION UPDATE:** Barbara O’Keeffe announced that July 6<sup>th</sup>, Congress passed the Federal Highway Bill. This two year bill includes the three remaining months of this fiscal year. Approximately 62% goes to the state and the remaining 38% or \$1.3B goes to local agencies. This is the first time there are no federal earmarks, or no demonstration projects in the highway bill. The overall focus of the bill is maintaining the existing infrastructure. There were 90 programs in the SAFETEA-LU program, but now down to 30.
12. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Russell to approve the claims in the amount of \$8,781.10. Carried 5-0 with 1 abstaining.
13. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.