

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

Present: Commissioners' Ron Warner; George Russell; Dan Irving; Gary Strack; Robert Christison; Charles Willard and Jim Byrne. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director-Transportation; Adam Hansen, Transportation Planner; Steve Rogers, Caltrans Program Manager.

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Ron Warner.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the October 21, 2008 minutes as presented.
3. **Public Comment**: None.
4. **Announcements**: Barbara O'Keeffe thanked Red Bluff representative Dan Irving for his service on the Commission and welcomed Jim Byrne as his replacement.
5. **Caltrans Update for South Avenue Interchange-sr99, and Los Molinos Projects**: Steve Rogers, Caltrans Project Manager, discussed the South Avenue project by saying the project is pre-bid listed to contractors and advertising should be completed by January 5, 2009. With bid openings February 17<sup>th</sup>. March 17<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled bid award. Money is good for this project. In the right of way area, a \$537,000 savings is projected.

With regard to the Los Molinos project, the challenge is drainage outside the state and county right of way. Preliminary surveys have been completed and several endangered species have been noted. Caltrans will use their own environmental specialists to complete the study. Drainage easements have also been a problem due to one owner not allowing the right of way. Discussions with this owner to be completed at a future date to hear his issues. If these issues are not resolved with the property owner, alternative drainage designs will be examined, but future needs will not be met with alternatives.

Commissioner Warner requested to be included at the meeting with the property owner

Another issue, Mr. Rogers continued, was a pipe under the railroad easement. A 9-month time-line is expected for this easement. If all goes well, the current schedule could be met.

6. **Public Meeting for Los Molinos Bond Project:** On November 20<sup>th</sup>, a public meeting was held in Los Molinos and many positive comments were provided by those in attendance with regard to additional projects for the Los Molinos Bond project.

Commissioner Warner thanked Caltrans for the meeting and for moving the radar sign on the north end of Los Molinos.

Adam Hansen presented information on the Environmental Justice Grant to the Commission.

Barbara O’Keeffe added that Los Molinos has a higher than average senior population. Street crossing is a concern in the City and is a safety challenge. This Environmental Grant provides information to those that are sometimes not heard and the data gathered will provide safe route to schools and landscape to Los Molinos.

7. **Adoption of Resolution 18-2008:** Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Christison to approve Resolution 18-2008 authorizing submittal of documents for 2008-2009 Prop 1B California Transit Security Program to the Office of Homeland Security. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
8. **Adoption of Resolution 19-2008:** Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Christison to adopt Resolution 19-2008 authorizing submittal of Planning Grants to Caltrans. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
9. **Adoption of Resolution 20-2008:** Motion by Commissioner Willard, second by Commissioner Russell to adopt Resolution 20-2008 coordinated public transit-human services transportation Plan. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
10. **Recognition of Completed Transportation Projects:** Barbara O’Keeffe presented Prop 42 as well as other projects completed.

Commissioner Russell thanked the Executive Director for this helpful list.

11. **Correspondence to Protect Transportation Funds:** Barbara O’Keeffe discussed the State budget crises and borrowing from transit funds. Transportation funds are still at risk and a letter to encourage the legislator to protect Prop 42 dollars is requested. Motion by Commissioner Christison and second by Commissioner Strack to approve the letter sent to the legislatures’ to continue to protect Prop 42 dollars as they did in the State budget. The letter

would be copied to the Governor and all other agencies necessary. The letter would contain the Chairman's signature as well as the Executive Directors. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

12. **Federal Economic Stimulus Package Discussion**: Barbara O'Keeffe said that when money comes from the Federal government, it needs to be distributed through an existing program, such as the STIP. One of the recommendations submitted this month was to get the money into the projects as quickly as possible. Caltrans is working hard to have a unified voice and the amount of money put into transportation at a Federal level. Projects from City's, County, as well as Caltrans have been submitted and we are awaiting good news.
13. **2009 Meeting Schedule**: Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Strack to approve the 2009 meeting schedule for the Commission/Board.
14. **Claims**: Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Willard to approve the claims in the amount of \$3,022.06. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
15. **Adjourn**: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.