

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2012

Present: Chairman Ron Warner; Vice Chairman Robert Schmid; Commissioners'; George Russell; Gary Strack; Robert Christison. Absent: Commissioner Bob Williams. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director – Transportation; Adam Hanson, Sr. Transportation Planner; Dennis Garton, Supervisor Tehama County; John Bulinski, District 2 Director.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Warner at 8:16 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the April 24, 2012 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary Antone provided information regarding the June 13, 2012 project for median crossover detour began between Bowman Road and Hooker Creek Road. This crossover pattern is not familiar to this area, but periods of time will be a single lane running north in northbound lanes and the left lane will shift over running southbound.

No TCTC meeting in July. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 28, 2012.

5. UPDATE ON LOS MOLINOS BOND PROJECT PHASE 2 AND SOUTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE PROJECT: Gary Antone announced the award of Phase 2 construction in Los Molinos to Knife River of Chico. The work is scheduled to begin approximately after July 4th holiday.

Gary Antone discussed the South Avenue Interchange project. All Phase 2 parcels were purchased by Caltrans and they are in the process of transferring them over to the City of Corning. The next phase will be moving on the eventual completion of the interchange. The City of Corning is setting money aside in order to assist in this work.

6. UPDATE ON BLUEPRINT PLANNING PROCESS: Adam Hanson discussed the departments that will connect to the GIS services for data sharing capabilities. Each department has their different issues and needs to utilize the service. Office training will be provided.

Adam Hanson continued by providing information on the surveys being made available at the website and community locations to receive input for county growth ideas. At the August 28, 2012 meeting, staff will provide alternatives received from community comments. Deadline is mid-July for the survey to be received.

7. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REAUTHORIZATION UPDATE: Barbara O’Keeffe informed the Commission that due to the expiration in 2009 of the federal transportation legislation (SAFETEA-LU), Congress could pass another extension, but it is not certain. Staff will keep the Commission updated. The level of funding is a huge challenge.

George Russell questioned what is the percentage of the Federal gas tax accounts for the budget for transportation.

Gary Antone answered by saying that any of the additional tax that is being created for all counties and cities, the funds that we receive through gas tax and through that process has been capped with no increase to the general fund to pay back and pay off debts.

8. ADOPT RESOLUTION 06-2012 BUDGET CLOSING AUTHORIZATION: Motion by Commissioner Christison, second by Commissioner Strack to adopt Resolution 6-2012 budget closing authorization. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
9. ADOPT RESOLUTION 07-2012 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM 2012-2013: Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Christison to adopt Resolution 07-2012 Overall Work Program. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
10. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,391.13: Motion by Commissioner Russell, second by Commissioner Christison to approve the claims in the amount of \$8,391.13. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.
11. ELECTION OF COMMISSION AND TRANSIT AGENCY CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR FY 2012/13: Motion by Commissioner Russell to nominate Robert Schmid as Chairman of the Tehama County Transportation Commission and the Transit Agency Board. Motion second by Commissioner Strack and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Strack to nominate Commissioner Russell as Vice Chairman of the Tehama County Transportation Commission and the Transit Agency Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Christison and carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT REOPENED AT 8:34 A.M.

John Bulinski, District 2 Director, discussed with the Commissioners issues concerning transportation.

- California Governor issued revised budget
- Legislature approved spending plan for FY 12/13. Even though spending plan not revealed, still anticipated \$15.7B deficit in the State budget based on projections of revenue.
- Method examined to address deficit are through reductions, revenue increase which is the Governor’s tax increase and loan deferment.

- Transportation budget as proposed in the January budget has remained stagnant. That proposal is \$13.2B for next fiscal year. \$5.8B will be for state highway projects 3.3 for local assistance and 4.1 for maintenance and support.
- Malcombe Dockerty appointed Caltrans Director for the State.
- Projects in the District:
 - Bids coming in lower bringing a savings by securing funding for a number of projects across the District.
 - Over 60 projects in the District worth in excess of \$400M. Anticipate that to continue into next year.
 - For Tehama County, rehab project on I-5 and the crossovers previously mentioned. This is a long-life pavement strategy. Expected proposal for long-life is 40 years. Upfront costs are a little higher, but life-cycle is a little lower. Tullis is the contractor and 2013/summer completion date is expected.
 - Bowman and Gaspoint ramps are being improved and those will be added to the north Red Bluff rehab project as well.
 - Hwy 36 Morgan Summit turnout should be completed this week.
 - Tehama 99 overlay, remains a small amount of finish work for a week or two.
 - Bridge deck maintenance project ready to begin at Willow Ck. Oak Ck. Coyote Ck. So. Main overcrossing and South Anderson overhead. Those will be completed this year.
 - Los Molinos improvements previously mentioned, anticipated to begin after the utilities are relocated in mid-July.
- The District had their 63rd annual Highway Symposium sponsored by Caltrans in Redding May 7th. Attendance was over 190 participants across the country and several outside the United States.
- A scholarship program golf tournament was held and raised over \$1300 to be given to high school graduates pursuing a transportation career. Applications will be provided to staff for those interested. Generally, award is three to four scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000.
- The Commission Chairman is invited to attend the District External Advisory Liaison meeting held twice per year discussing items of mutual interest primarily focused on transportation.

Commissioner Warner questioned that Caltrans has plans to do away with HWY 36.

John Bulinski, answered by saying there is no plan to do away with HWY 36.

Dennis Garton, Supervisor, questioned with the reduction in the budget, rumors have it that some equipment will be removed from various regions, such as snowplows and snow blowers. How can we assist in maintaining the equipment because Hwy 36 is a viable link and if it does occur, there will be no snow removal at Lassen Park? This would be a viable disservice to the community.

Mr. Bulinski answered by saying the Governor issued an executive order for equipment reduction State-wide. We have been working with DGS to identify equipment that had low usage or were old enough that could be taken out of service. There is a list received by the District identifying the equipment and a number of pieces do include snow equipment. These are not used year round, but this is a State-wide issue. Headquarters is working with DGS on the issue and it is anticipated there will be no impact to the District at this time.

Commissioner Schmid questioned the money available to local jurisdictions and Mr. Bulinski answered yes, \$4.2B and it is for local assistance allocated through various programs.

Executive Director Gary Antone confirmed that this is based on formulas.

A presentation for funding can be done for the Commissioners if necessary, Mr. Bulinski added.

Executive Director Antone expressed his thanks to John Bulinski for his cooperation and meetings held with staff in bring local assistance and keeping projects moving forward.

Public Comment closed.

12. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.