

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
July 6, 2017 – 9:10 a.m.**

The Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) met at the Amador County Transportation Commission Offices, 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, California on the above date, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

**Present on Roll Call:**

Brian Oneto, Chairman  
Jon Colburn, Vice Chairman  
Dominic Atlan  
Richard Forster  
John Plasse  
Tim Murphy

**Also Present:**

John Gedney, ACTC Executive Director  
Maggie Amarant, AT General Manager  
Nancy Champlin, ACTC Administrative Secretary  
Carl Baker, Office of Rural Planning, Caltrans District 10

**AGENDA:**

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ACTC Minutes of June 1, 2017:** Commissioner Forster submitted minor corrections to staff.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried to approve the minutes as corrected.

Ayes: Oneto, Colburn, Forster, Atlan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Plasse, Murphy

**Expenditures Budget vs. Actual:** Vice Chairman Colburn asked about line item 51800 - Amador Transit building maintenance being 158% over budget. Mr. Gedney replied that mold in one of the restrooms had to be fixed.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Agenda item 2.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**SR 16 Relinquishment:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. The draft letter to Senator Beall was discussed. Some edits to the text were made and additional names were given to receive a copy of the letter.

Vice Chairman Colburn asked if there has been feedback from the editorial in the Amador Ledger Dispatch. Mr. Gedney replied that the editor has received feedback and interest from people in writing letters. There was discussion on when a letter campaign should be started and how the letters should be addressed. It was suggested that a letter discuss the impacts of residential growth, not the growth itself, and to convey a visual description of Watt Avenue or Howe Avenue as to how the design of Jackson Highway will affect the drive from Amador County to Sacramento. When to send letters has not yet been determined.

Mr. Gedney gave a short presentation regarding a travel time study on Jackson Highway and how long delays will be with the additional stop lights. He noted that ACTC is working with the local media and Sacramento Bee to inform the public on this issue.

Mr. Gedney noted he has been trying to find out from Caltrans if they will perform a traffic study on the SR 16 relinquishment even though Caltrans' stance has been that this is only a transfer of ownership of the facility. He added that Sacramento County will not accept the facility until it is in a state of good repair. Caltrans still has to perform some studies, including what will be needed to repair the damage caused by last winter's storms.

Staff was directed to provide a letter to Chairman Jim Beall of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee regarding the status of negotiations among Sacramento County, Caltrans and Amador County in implementing AB 652 - the SR 16 Relinquishment legislation. Staff was also directed to provide a letter of appreciation to Mr. Paul Smith of the Rural County Representatives of California for his letter (attached) to Ms. Susan Bransen, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, and for his agency's continued support of the effort to protect the interregional functionality of SR 16.

**ACTC Commissioner Reports:** Vice Chairman Colburn said that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Plymouth roundabout on July 14. The contractor for the project is George Reed.

**ACTC Reports:** Mr. Gedney noted that copies are available of the initial draft guidelines for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) reporting requirements. The formula funds from the new gas tax increase are going to be subvention funds back to the cities and counties. However, there will be reporting requirements. A more detailed report will follow. Information from the report will be shared with ACTC's TAC and the cities and County.

**Caltrans Report by Carl Baker:**

- SB 1 - Active Transportation Program (ATP)
  - Local agencies will need to pay attention to the reporting guidelines. Resources for information can be found on the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) website ([www.catc.ca.gov](http://www.catc.ca.gov)).

- A Call for Projects has already gone out and awards made, but now there is additional money for fiscal years 2017/18 and 2018/19. The ATP is having an Augmentation Call for Projects for the 2017 awards. Jurisdictions will need to re-apply. If a jurisdiction has a project that was not funded in the 2017 ATP Call for Projects, those projects would be eligible under the augmentation.
- Caltrans will also be asking what projects already awarded in 2017 can be implemented quickly. They are looking for applications that can move projects up from the later fiscal years and for project applications that will fill holes left by those moving up.
- The ATP has been \$125 million/per year integrated into two year cycles. The new call is for \$200 million, which is substantial. Projects need to be prepared to be delivered quickly.
- SB 1 - Planning Grants
  - \$25 million/per year for 10 years. This will now double the amount of money for planning grants.
  - \$25 million over a three-year period for climate change adaptation grants.
  - The guidance for the planning grants is being developed and is expected to be similar to what is currently being used.
  - The next Call for Projects for fiscal year 2018/19 is expected in January 2018 with a deadline in February. Awards are expected to be announced in May. An Augmentation Call is expected in September, a deadline in late October, and awards in December 2018. Caltrans has not added staff to manage the additional funding.
  - There may be a formula distribution, but agencies would need to be accountable and demonstrate that the project met the criteria for the program.
- Mr. Gedney commented that ACTC was asked to push funding for the right of way phase for the Pine Grove corridor project out because of the reduction in the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). At that time, ACTC was assured by CTC staff that if the revenue package passed, there would be an opportunity to move the funding back up and accelerate right of way. Amador County is currently working on Plans Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) now and should be completed soon. That would give them an opportunity in the next cycle (December) to request funds for right of way. Mr. Baker noted that the CTC website would also have information and resources regarding STIP funding changes.
- The District has some money for planning and research grants which include an integrated corridor analysis for highways 205, 5, and 120 (from Manteca to the 580 merge).
- There have been some complaints regarding the paving work on SR 88. Most of the complaints pertain to long waits for traffic control. Chairman Oneto commented that the wait time seems to have improved lately.
- There is an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) project in Jackson between Mel & Faye's Diner and SR 88 (first block across the bridge). There needs to be discussions with the business owners in the area and the City. A meeting is being arranged to address concerns.

Commissioner Plasse commented that trees dropped by a contractor as part of Caltrans' hazard tree removal program have destroyed some fencing that keeps cattle off the highway. Is there a way to communicate to the contractor to avoid damaging fencing on private property? Mr. Baker will check to see if the contractor is working for Caltrans or possibly PG&E.

Gary Reinoehl, County resident, commented that he had contacted Mr. Baker shortly after the paving project started on SR 88 due to the delays. Response was quick and the construction was changed from daytime to nighttime which improved the delays.

**Claims:**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Chairman Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and unanimously carried to approve the revised claims.

**Adjournment:**

At 10:20 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 3, 2017, at the Amador County Transportation Commission Offices, 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, California.



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Brian Oneto, Chairman  
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

  
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Recording Secretary

(Note: Copies of referenced documents are available at the ACTC office.)