

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 5, 2017 – 9:30 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
Tim Murphy
Patrick Crew, alternate for Richard Forster
Dominic Atlan
John Plasse

Also Present:

John Gedney, ACTC Executive Director
Patricia 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 Vice Chairman Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Commissioner Atlan commented that he would like to avoid, at all cost, Board action because a deadline does not allow an item to be brought back to a subsequent meeting. It is frustrating when there is limited time for discussion.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:35 a.m. the Chairman called for a closed session as noticed for Conference with Labor Negotiators: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. ACTC Negotiator: John Gedney Executive Director. At 10:48 a.m. the Chairman resumed the regular session of ACTC and reported that direction was given.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Crew and unanimously carried to approve Consent Agenda items 2 through 5.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Crew and carried to approve Consent Agenda item 1 as corrected.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Adoption of 2017 ACTC Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan: Mr. Gedney noted that ACTC Transportation Planner Allison Platt has done a great job in developing the Plan. He added that this has been a thorough and extensive effort working with the local jurisdictions as well as the Amador County Recreation Agency, Amador Council of Tourism, school district, and others. The Plan is designed to be a technical resource for use by the jurisdictions to seek grant funding opportunities and enable them to work with the development community as General Plans and zoning maps are developed. Another “call for projects” is expected using pedestrian/bicycle funds which currently has approximately \$295,000 available.

Ms. Platt reviewed the changes that were made with input from the Commissioners, each jurisdiction, other agencies, and the public. The changes include Appendix F which is a list of public comments received and organized into General Comments and Comments by Jurisdiction. Ms. Platt noted that there are also several mapping components that still need to be incorporated into the final plan. A few of the edits were reviewed.

There was a general discussion among Commissioners and staff regarding potential changes and clarifications to the Plan.

Mr. Baker commented that local agencies are not required to adopt ACTC’s Plan, but if they want to compete for Active Transportation Plan (ATP) funds, it would be in their interest to have it adopted.

Gary Reinoehl, Upcountry resident, commented that, on page 84, if bullet point 4 was deleted, bullet point 2 is restrictive in terms of things public entities would be encouraged to do and is detrimental to the Plan in encouraging appropriate facilities for both pedestrian and bicycle use in the County. On page 85, he suggested that bullet 1 read “Recommend new development projects consider providing onsite facilities and/or otherwise...”. Staff deserves credit for providing a very good document that provides things we would like to see in the County if and when there are funds. It is a good road map and he would like to see it approved with minor changes.

Brenda Walker, an ad hoc committee member, thanked the Supervisors for appointing her to the committee. She commented that the explanation she would give to others was that this isn’t something we are going to do, it is something that gives people an opportunity to apply for grants. She added that while there were 400 people who took time to respond to the survey, there were many more conversations and many other people in the County interested in some of the ideas such as a safe place to walk. She thanked the Commissioners for their efforts in accepting the Plan and how impressed she was with Ms. Platt and ACTC GIS Coordinator Cindy Engel who drew the maps.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed, by motion, that the following changes be incorporated into the final draft.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and unanimously carried to approve, by resolution, the 2017 ACTC Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan with the following changes:

- Include in the introduction an opening paragraph that the Plan is a regional approach and that ACTC has no authority on agreements between jurisdictions and the development community. The Plan is for use as a technical resource. The "Summary of Project List" are not mandates, but are examples of what the jurisdictions are interested in pursuing if funding becomes available.
- Page 84, bullet 4 - "Provide bicycle parking as feasible at public facilities and encourage private entities and major employers, as appropriate, to provide support facilities that encourage bicycle commuting ~~such as lockers and showers and incentive programs.~~
- Page 85, bullet 1 - "Recommend new development projects consider providing onsite facilities and/or otherwise..."
- Resolution, - "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission makes this advisory Plan available to be used as a technical resource ..."

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Administrative Amendment: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

Commissioner Plasse asked about the \$9 million match for the Pine Grove project and Mr. Gedney replied that the RTP reflects a snapshot in time and that some of the information is outdated. The County has developed a revised project, however, environmental review and the Project Report will need to be revised and approved by Caltrans. Besides borrowing money from future State Transportation Improvement Project (STIP) funding, there are also other grant opportunities, possible safety funding, and Caltrans' discretionary Interregional Improvement Program.

Commissioner Atlan asked if the request for Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee funds was to fill in the gap between the \$10.8 million estimate on the chart and the current estimate of \$13.3 million, and Mr. Gedney replied "yes".

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried to convene the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) committee and request that ACTC's representative recommend the contribution of RTMF fees as discussed to cover additional costs associated with Phase A of the Pine Grove Improvement Project.

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

Carl Baker commented that STIP is State money, generally for use on State facilities. It can be used off the State facility if that is the local choice. The consideration at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is whether there are unmet needs on the State highway system. Mr. Gedney asked if there is a requirement that a Caltrans District needs to concur that there are no deficiencies on the

State highway system if money was to be programmed on rehabilitation projects. Mr. Baker will do some research and also suggested that Mr. David Cortez at Caltrans District 10 also be contacted.

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Program: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

Gary Reinoehl commented that he knows that tourism is a big economic factor in our County. He has noticed in the last five years that the number of electric and plug in hybrid vehicles has grown. He expects it will continue to grow and hopes the Commission will be supportive.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried to approve submittal of three (3) grant applications to the 2017 Caltrans Transportation Planning grant program.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Atlan, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and unanimously carried to provide a letter of support for the City of Lone planning grant submittal.

TIGER Grant Applications: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He noted that Amador Transit will be receiving formula funding through Senate Bill 1, although the amount is not yet known. It will be for capital replacements and could be looked at if the grant application is not successful. Vice Chairman Colburn asked if the trolley buses being requested through the grant application could be used in Amador Transit's fleet and if they would meet the 10% farebox ratio. Mr. Gedney replied the trolleys would be part of Amador Transit's fleet and that most of the buses used during a special event receive donations which help meet the farebox ratio. There have also been discussions with the Amador Council of Tourism about potential support through their agency.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, and unanimously carried to approve a letter of support for the Amador County TIGER grant application to help construct the Pine Grove Improvement project and to also approve submittal of a TIGER grant application on behalf of Amador Transit for acquisition of trolley buses along with an \$80,000 match commitment with the caveat that the \$80,000 match for the trolley buses come from Amador Transit's capital replacement reserves.

ACTC Commissioner Reports: None

ACTC Reports: Mr. Gedney reported that ACTC staff and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council have discussed how to distribute transit vouchers purchased with funds received through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant. He also noted that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) have been received for the Systemic Safety Analysis Report and the committee will be having a second meeting. He also noted that it was decided to re-issue the RFP because of questions regarding federal and State requirements and to adopt the requirements for federal contracts.

Caltrans Report by Carl Baker:

- There is a deadline of October 20 for the planning grants. The grant guide came out after the last ACTC meeting and there was no time to bring the request earlier.
- Some of the guidance under Senate Bill 1 is still not final and outreach is ongoing.
- He has met with Mayor Atlan regarding some City of Lone concerns.

Vice Chairman Colburn asked about the status of Senate Bill 1 road rehab maintenance reporting requirements and Ms. Platt replied that she has been working closely with the cities to meet the deadline. She added that staff is monitoring the guidelines for other grant opportunities as they arise.

Claims:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and unanimously carried to approve the revised claims.


Adjournment:

At 12:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2017, at the Amador County Transportation Commission Offices, 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, California.



Brian Oneto, Chairman
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

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