

AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 6, 2019 – 10:37 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
Richard Forster
Keith Sweet
John Plasse
Jon Colburn

Absent

Dominic Atlán, Vice Chairman

Also Present:

John Gedney, ACTC Executive Director
Felicia Bridges, ACTC Administrative Secretary
Patricia Maggie Amarant, AT General Manager
Michele Demetras, Office of Rural Planning, Caltrans District 10

AGENDA:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and carried to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Sweet, Plasse, Colburn
Noes: None
Absent: Atlán

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Forster noted some changes to the minutes and commented he would like further discussion in the Caltrans report regarding the section of SR 124/Willow Creek Road in Lone where there is disrepair and potholes that need to be ground out and repaved.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlán

REGULAR AGENDA:

Local Transportation Fund FY 2019/20 Allocation Instructions: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and carried to approve the Local Transportation Fund claim for the 2019/20 fiscal year in the amount of \$837,900 to Amador Transit.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlan

State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund FY 2019/20 Allocation Instruction: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He noted the amount of State Transit Assistance Funding to be restricted to the Capital Reserves of \$166,464 will change due to the corrections made to the Amador Transit budget.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, and carried to approve the State Transit Assistance funding allocation in the amount of \$439,132, by resolution, for use by Amador Transit, with the corrections as discussed.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlan

Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program Grant Award: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He reaffirmed these funds do not have to be programmed immediately, however, they do need to be programmed within three (3) years of the apportionment.

Chairman Oneto suggested that in future Call for Projects, we include a list showing the types of projects that can be funded through this program to enhance interest.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and carried to approve all four (4) applications, conditional upon a workshop with Amador Transit regarding the procurement of their buses.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlan

ACTC Meeting Schedule: Mr. Gedney stated there are two (2) meetings this year that fall on/around holidays and asked for direction to reschedule or cancel those meetings. He noted the need for a meeting each month is to pay monthly claims. However, if the board accepts the operating claims to be approved by the Finance Committee, these particular meetings in question can be cancelled. Mr. Gedney recommended cancelling the July 4th and January 2nd meetings and any claims outside regular operating claims can be addressed at the following meeting for approval.

Commissioner Sweet mentioned he will not be able to attend the October 10, 2019 meeting, as he will be at the Great Barrier Reef.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, and carried to approve the cancellation of the July 4, 2019 and January 2, 2020 meetings.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlan

Final FY 2019/20 Overall Work: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. Commissioner Sweet noted one change on page 30 under the first section of annotation the word "in" should be "is".

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and carried to approve the Final FY 2019/20 ACTC Overall Work Program and Administrative Budget with changes as suggested.

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlan

State Route 16 Relinquishment: Mr. Gedney reviewed the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting schedule for the remainder of calendar year 2019. He stated the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) recommendations are due December 15, 2019 and anticipates Caltrans will submit the Project Initiation Document for the SR 16 Relinquishment Proposal at that time. Mr. Gedney continued that ACTC is in a holding pattern while trying to establish a meeting with CTC staff and Caltrans regarding a compromise over the relinquishment of SR 16. He included that Commissioner Colburn continues efforts to identify impacts currently focused on Vintners/Tourism economic impacts in the north of the County.

Commissioner Colburn reviewed the traffic analysis. He also reviewed a handout regarding winery visitor impacts. Commissioner Colburn stated SR 16 corridor will be a mess due to travel times increasing from future installed stop lights, leading to a roughly 40% decline in the visitors to the Amador County wineries. Losing that much activity will be a substantial impact to the communities. He added, that he plans to attend the upcoming CTC meeting in Sacramento (June) and suggested attempts should be made to attend the San Jose and Modesto meetings as well.

Commissioner Sweet asked if there was a circulation plan in the Sacramento region that takes the SR 16 corridor into consideration. Mr. Gedney replied there was a detailed analysis that was performed under the guidance of Sacramento County, and it seems Caltrans is not considering that analysis and intends to transfer ownership of SR 16 over to Sacramento County without assessing impacts from the large-scale development plans.

Claims: Mr. Gedney reviewed the revised claims list and attached an adjusted OWP. The two (2) items from Kimley-Horn and Associates INC. were billed from prior fiscal year. One in the amount of \$4,870.00, was work performed under a task order where the City of Jackson was trying to combine some local sidewalk plans with a Caltrans Americans with Disabilities Act SHOPP project. However, due to personnel matters on their end, a bill was not submitted until recently. The second bill in the amount of \$755.32 was an oversight on his part. Mr. Gedney added, a meeting was held with the Finance Committee regarding these two (2) bills.

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

Ayes: Oneto, Forster, Plasse, Colburn, Sweet
Noes: None
Absent: Atlan

ACTC Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Colburn stated the Safe Routes to School project will be on Plymouth's upcoming agenda to award the adjusted bid to begin work on the project.

Commissioner Forster stated, in regard to the Buena Vista Rancheria/Harrah's Northern California Casino, continued efforts are being made to place more directional signage in the Jackson Valley area such as: stop signs and directional signage on SR 88. Issues with language on the signs has caused a delay. Commissioner Forster continued that a Buena Vista Advisory Committee meeting took place. After hearing how impacted the neighbors were, the Tribal Chair claimed the most impacted party by the Harrah's Casino has been the Buena Vista Rancheria/Tribal Center. Commissioner Forster stated changes have been made to the map on the Harrah's Casino website to limit traffic on the local roadways.

ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney stated interviews were conducted for the ACTC Administrative Secretary position. The position was offered to and accepted by Felicia Bridges. Also a new Transit/Transportation Intern, Erik Pearson, was hired last week. Mr. Gedney noted in regards to the Railroad crossings on SR 88 and 104, a meeting was held at Caltrans District 10 headquarters. Caltrans provided a cost estimate and a proposal to maintain the crossings. The railroad coalition declined the offer and stated they will continue maintenance on their own as they have been performing.

Caltrans Report by Michele Demetras:

- Caltrans owns State highways up to 2' of railroad crossings and is not responsible for any work necessary for those adjacent areas. The Public Utility Commission ensures that railroad crossings are up to code.
- It was reported that the previous traffic backup that was taking place in downtown Lone traveling to the Harrah's Casino in Buena Vista has diminished since the opening.
- Traffic Operations/ Traffic Safety departments of Caltrans are working to see if there is anything Caltrans can do regarding SR 104/124 in Lone near the elementary school.
- Regarding the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) system requested for Lone, a letter with more specific considerations requested is needed. Mr. Gedney noted; letters were sent to Caltrans regarding locations for Lone, Jackson, and Pine Grove for HAWK systems. An

update will be requested of Arvinder Bajwa (Caltrans Deputy District Director, Traffic Operations) regarding the status.

- A safety investigation is in progress regarding the SR 49 Bypass/Sutter Lone Road. Ms. Demetras stated she would follow-up with the lone yard to discuss maintenance regarding the transition (dip) over the bridge.
- Regarding a clarification on the fourth Tribe located in Amador County, there is the California Valley Miwok Tribe which is a federally recognized tribe. They were previously known as Sheep Rancheria Tribe, and are not highly active or vocal.
- Ms. Demetras noted that the temporary roundabout to be established at SR 88/Liberty Road includes only striping, until the permanent one is installed. San Joaquin County is the party overseeing that project. Chairman Oneto asked for information on the size of the permanent roundabout to be installed.
- Caltrans staff will follow up regarding what can be done with the trees that lean over the State highways.

Commissioner Plasse asked previously for an investigation at SR 104 roughly 1 mile past Specialty Granules Inc. where it appears to be a previous repair area that has significant bumps that aggravate livestock as transported on that highway (primary road for livestock producers) to the Galt auction yards. Ms. Demetras will take back for more information.

Commissioner Forster stated the repairs needed at SR 124/Willow Creek Road are more than potholes and grinding repair. Other locations where State highways meet local roads have the same issues. He also commented SR 124/Preston Avenue should be investigated due to high levels of traffic and long wait times. Ms. Demetras replied she would follow up with lone yard on the work needed/timeline at SR 124/Willow Creek Road and will check for an update on the SR 124/ Preston Avenue investigation.

Commissioner Colburn asked for clarification regarding SR 16/Carbondale Road and SR 16/Willow Creek Road turn pockets. Ms. Demetras replied it was determined by Caltrans the turn pockets are currently long enough and California Highway Patrol was consulted as well with no issues reported from them. Chairman Oneto asked for any further information/findings to be forwarded to the board.

Future Agenda Items:

- Railroad crossings
- Transit Workshop

Closed Session: At 12:00 p.m. Chairman Oneto called for a Closed Session. At 12:30 p.m. the Chairman resumed the regular meeting and reported direction was given to staff for (a). Personnel Matters and (b) Conference with Legal Counsel.

Adjournment:

At 12:31 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2019, 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:



Recording Secretary

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

