

AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 8, 2019 – 9:05 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
Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman
Richard Forster
Keith Sweet
John Plasse
Jon Colburn

Absent

None

Also Present:

John Gedney, ACTC Executive Director
Felicia Bridges, ACTC Administrative Secretary
Patricia Maggie Amarant, AT General Manager
Gregoria Ponce, Office Chief, Caltrans District 10

AGENDA: Chairman Oneto noted an addendum to the agenda, a closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel- Potential Litigation.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda with changes made.

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: lone residents, Dana Calhoun and Matt Dolezal, expressed concerns regarding the speed limit zones ranging from 45 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour along highways 124 and 104 entering the town of lone near the lone Elementary School. Ms. Calhoun asked for further communication to take place on this matter and how safety precautions can be placed surrounding the schools since there are minimal sidewalks. Mr. Gedney explained the multiple parties' responsibilities for the larger area of concern such as Caltrans and the City of lone. Vice Chairman Atlan explained the various attempts to make needed changes, including; grant applications for the Safe Routes to Schools and requests to Caltrans for safety investigations. The Commissioners agreed that continued communication on this item will take place.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Authorization of Funding Letter: Commissioner Forster asked if there is flexibility within the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant, due to the changes that will take place to the shuttle routes. Ms. Amarant replied the grant was written for the purpose of the changes to the routes (shuttle routes in particular). Commissioner Plasse asked what commitments were made by Amador Transit for the grant application. Ms. Amarant stated the funding is to assist with operating costs including service enhancements and/or ensuring the efficiency of the routes.

Amador Central Railroad Crossings: Commissioner Forster noted a local resident, Mike Blake, had contacted him again with concerns over the railroad crossings. Mr. Gedney responded that a meeting was held with Caltrans, ACTC, the Recreational Railroad Historical Society Coalition (RCHS), and Public Utilities Commission (PUC) staff where an offer was provided by Caltrans to perform the work on the railroads at a cost of \$58,000. RCHS did not accept the offer and stated they would continue the maintenance work themselves. Commissioner Forster asked in regard to the statement in Caltrans' proposal to improve the deteriorated asphalt pavement at each crossing and have an estimated useful life between 7-10 years, since the RCHS inherited the railroads within the last 7-10 years would that put the liability somewhere else? Ms. Ponce replied she would take that back for further investigation, however believes that by assuming the responsibility they assume the liability as well.

Vice Chairman Atlan suggested a deadline/timeline be required of the RCHS to show the work that will be performed and when.

Commissioner Plasse asked who oversees the RCHS and their ability to maintain the railroads, and if they do not, what will be the consequences. Ms. Ponce responded that communications with PUC has taken place but further communication with PUC and ACTC should identify what actions can be taken.

Chairman Oneto asked if the trestle will also be another topic of conversation due to the maintenance needed for that in the future.

The Commissioners were in agreement that further information is needed from the PUC regarding what actions will take place if the RCHS does not fulfill the maintenance needs of the crossings.

Draft ACTC Triennial Performance Audit for Fiscal Year 2015/16 Through Fiscal Year 2017/18: Commissioner Forster asked if recommendation # 1 provided on Page 1 of the draft Audit, stating *Implementation Incomplete*, has been completed. Mr. Gedney replied it has been an ongoing recommendation and was decided by ACTC to exclude the Sacramento Contract and fare revenue entirely when evaluating the farebox ratio.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as discussed.

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

REGULAR AGENDA: None

ACTC Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Forster congratulated Mr. McElhinney on his appointment.

Vice Chairman Atlan introduced a poll mounted graphic displayer to possibly be installed in the City of Lone to assist in speed control. He noted this would be an agenda item next month for further discussion, and proposes installing four (4) throughout the city. He asked for Caltrans to partner in the purchase with the City of Lone.

ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney reviewed his written report.

Caltrans Report by Dan McElhinney/Gregoria Ponce:

- Mr. McElhinney stated he would further investigate the City of Lone in general for safety throughout the whole corridor including speed zones and consult with California Highway Patrol
- Mr. McElhinney noted reimbursed work can be done by written agreement for the railroad crossings.

Commissioner Sweet asked what time frame for reimbursable work would be acceptable for the railroads. Mr. McElhinney replied the full amount of \$58,000 would be due within 45 days.

Commissioner Forster expressed appreciation for the intersection lighting at SR 88/Buena Vista Road in place prior to the opening of the Buena Vista Casino, however concerns remain for the SR 104/Jackson Valley Road/ SR 88 intersection. Commissioner Forster asked about the message boards' level of security, as there were two (2) that had inappropriate messages on them. Mr. McElhinney stated there have been a few reported incidents where people have hacked the message boards. He added it has happened statewide and is concerning as these signs are to provide communication to drivers about certain conditions on the roadways. Caltrans is working with the contractors to ensure a higher level of security for the signs take place.

Mr. Gedney extended appreciation on the consideration of the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) system in Pine Grove, and the continued partnership through the Executive Steering Committee meetings.

Commissioner Plasse asked about a location at mile marker 1.5-2 (1 mile west of Specialty Granules Inc.) on SR 104. A large dip in the road makes transport of livestock very difficult. He asked for follow up on where the investigation stands.

Claims:

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

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

Under discussion, Chairman Oneto asked about the two (2) City of Sutter Creek bills. Mr. Gedney stated it was due to the previous month's meeting being cancelled.

Future Agenda Items:

- Railroad crossings
- Poll mounted graphic display signs
- City of Ione: sidewalks/speed limits

Closed Session: At 10:10 a.m. Chairman Oneto called for a Closed Session. At 11:12 a.m. the Chairman resumed the regular meeting and reported update and direction was given to staff for Conference with Legal Counsel.

Adjournment:

At 11:13 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 2019, 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.)