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**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**November 7, 2019 –9:53 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  
Jon Colburn  
Patrick Crew (alternate for Richard Forster)

**Absent**

Keith Sweet (sick)  
John Plasse

**Also Present:**

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC  
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC  
Patricia Maggie Amarant, AT General Manager  
Gregoria Ponce, Office Chief, Caltrans District 10  
Mona Ebrahimi, Attorney, Kronick Moskowitz Tiedeman & Girard.

**AGENDA:**

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried to approve the Agenda.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gedney noted, for the public, a response was received from Caltrans regarding the speed and safety investigation in lone. In the response they stated an investigation will take place.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Colburn, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan and carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**FY 2019/20 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment Fund Reconciliation:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He explained the specific changes recommended to the OWP would include moving WE #3-1b. \$40,000 to support additional work incurred including:

- WE #1.1c. Legal Counsel, increased from \$15,000 to \$29,750
- WE #2.3b. Ama-Sac Interregional Planning State Route 16 issues from \$3,000 to \$6,000
- Additional adjustments replacing RSTP with LTF
- Reconciliation of Rural Planning Assistance Fund carryover (c/o) of Intern and Extreme Weather grants.

Chairman Oneto asked if the contract with Robert Naylor would be ending. Mr. Gedney responded it has been reduced from a contract to an on-call service.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried to approve the resolution adopting the amended 2019/20 Overall Work Program including amendments pursuant to the Caltrans reconciliation letter, redistribution of Local Transportation Funds c/o to eliminate Regional Surface Transportation Program, and budget amendments to increase expected expenditures in WE #1-1 and WE #2.3.

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

**FY 2020/21 Transportation Development Act Unmet Transit Needs Process:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Colburn, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan, and carried to approve 'Unmet Transit Needs' and 'Reasonable to Meet' definitions for the fiscal year 2020/21 Transportation Development Act allocation process, and schedule the Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing to be held at the 12/5/19 ACTC meeting.

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

**2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP):** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He introduced Jered Reinking (Public Works Director) and Matt Brogan (Mark Thomas Consultant) and he gave a brief review of the Pine Grove Corridor project and timeline, and asked for the recommendation regarding this item to be pulled. Mr. Gedney noted potential funding options that the Pine Grove Corridor project could be eligible for through the State Highway Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) as the project includes Active Transportation Program (ATP) components such as sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements. He stated Mr. Reinking will provide that specific component to the District by November 22, 2019. Mr. Gedney noted in addition, Mr. McElhinney,

Caltrans District 10 Director, stated he is willing to look into potential funding assistance out of the SHOPP for improvements beyond the ATP elements.

However, the District cannot identify those potential funds at this time due to the need to initiate a Project Initiation Document (PID) review of current SHOPP projects on their ten (10) year list, before they can have an estimate of what can be contributed out of the SHOPP to help construction. Mr. Gedney stated the project in moving along and the County is doing a great job getting through PS&E, right-of-way, and getting it ready for construction.

Mr. Reinking and Mr. Brogan gave a PowerPoint presentation of an overview of the Pine Grove Corridor project.

**Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP):** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He asked for direction in how to handle the funding. Considerations could include: a formal 'Call for Projects', program resources toward the Pine Grove Corridor project, or railroad improvements at the crossings that have been noted in the past.

Vice Chairman Atlan noted that lone is currently having railroad crossing issues and asked if lighting for those would fit the criteria, and asked how to apply for the funds. Mr. Gedney replied the lighting would be eligible and stated in the past, programming has been done on an adhoc basis or a formal 'Call for Projects'.

Mr. Gedney reminded Commissioners of the cost estimate provided by Caltrans to perform the repair work on the four (4) railroad crossings in the County as a possibility to distribute the funding. Chairman Oneto highlighted the number of railroads and the constant maintenance needed for them. He stated it does not seem like the right place to put the funding. Mr. Gedney suggested a formal 'Call for Projects' to all eligible agencies.

Commissioners agreed to prepare a formal 'Call for Projects'.

**Caltrans State Route 16 Relinquishment Proposal:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He introduced Mona Ebrahimi, Attorney, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedeman & Girard as taking the place of Ms. Stern. Mr. Gedney explained ACTC's position remains that Caltrans perform a comprehensive traffic analysis to disclose impacts related to the Caltrans Relinquishment action. Mr. Gedney stated one of their 'purpose and need' statements is that Caltrans will save maintenance costs. He continued that Caltrans has already transferred the section of US 50 to Watt Avenue over to Sacramento County in an 'as is' condition but due to the work needed for the culverts, they issued Sacramento County a check for \$400,000. Mr. Gedney stated a check may be issued in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000 for culverts to be repaired for the section of SR 16 from Watt Avenue to Grant, thereby not saving any money in the long run.

Commissioner Colburn discussed the recent California Transportation Commission (CTC) meetings that he attended. Commissioner Colburn presented a revised PowerPoint slide show.

Jane O’Riordan, Owner of Terre Rouge Easton Wines, stated the impacts will be felt due to the long commute times to Amador County businesses creating loss of qualified employees that may travel from Sacramento to Amador County for work. She asked about the impacts it will have on Latrobe Road.

Chairman Oneto responded that issue has been brought up to Caltrans, and will cause higher traffic volume to that road.

Jack Gorman, Amador Vintner’s Association, stated this relinquishment will cause a ripple effect through Amador County from revenue loss, lay-offs, and less production. He handed out a letter he received from the CTC in response to his and discussed it with commissioners. Mr. Gorman noted he will continue efforts regarding this matter.

Mr. Gedney reviewed minutes from February 7, 2013 ACTC meeting, included in the staff report. He noted that while Caltrans does not have any plans to improvement SR 16 due to limited funding, they do have the Inter-Governmental Review (IGR) Process, and explained that they review development proposals through the environmental document. Caltrans then suggests mitigation measures for the impacts on the highway for adjacent improvements directly on the highway and indirect improvements as well. Mr. Gedney referenced a comment in the February minutes and stated if there is a direct impact like the four (4) developments to be constructed adjacent to SR 16 they will require encroachment permits from the State. Through the IGR process the State can withhold the encroachment permit until impacts are mitigated. Mr. Gedney asked for clarification from Ms. Ponce regarding whether that is true. Ms. Ponce responded that under IGR the department does have discretionary authority with regards to encroachment permits, on addressing impacts to the State highway System. Mr. Gedney continued discussions and noted this is an informational item only.

**ACTC Commissioner Reports:** Vice Chairman Atlan noted he is keeping the City of Lone updated on the speed and safety request made to Caltrans District 10.

Chairman Oneto commented he was glad to see a reflector was placed on the water-filled barrel barricade that is located on the Sutter Creek Bypass.

**ACTC Report:** Mr. Gedney acknowledged Commissioner Colburn’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He stated the Self-Help Tax Measure committee has been meeting regularly to consider ways to fund the pavement roadway system in Amador County. He also added the Street Saver program has good resources and is hopeful to get more training for it.

**Caltrans Report by Gregoria Ponce:**

- Ms. Ponce noted the Division of Aeronautics is updating the California Aviation’s System Plan, and doing so to be more aligned with current Caltrans, California Transportation Commission (CTC), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs, goals and requirements. She added she will provide a copy to the board for review and comment when the draft is done.
- Caltrans Division of Rail announced on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 the Federal fiscal year (FY) 2019 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) discretionary bus program ‘Call for Projects’ and the information was forwarded to Amador Transit and ACTC. An estimated \$7 million will be

available for distribution throughout the state and the amount represents apportionments from FY 2018/19. Applications are due by November 20, 2019.

- Ms. Ponce stated a grant workshop webinar through the Strategic Partnerships and Sustainable Communities Grant program. She noted three (3) grants were received by ACTC, and stated release of grant announcements will take place in Spring of 2020.
- Ms. Ponce responded to a request for stop signs to be installed in Lone at the intersection of SR 124/Shakeley Lane/Preston Avenue. The Traffic Operations Division is looking into it.
- Ms. Ponce noted improvements are scheduled to take place in Lone at the intersection of SR 124/Shakeley Lane/Preston Avenue as previously discussed at the last ACTC meeting.

Commissioner Crew stated during the recent Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), the intersection lights located in Sutter Hill and Martell were blinking (indicating use as a stop sign) except for the intersection at Industry Blvd./SR 49 (near McDonalds) which was operating normally. He witnessed a driver treat that intersection as the others and acted as it were a stop sign. Commissioner Crew asked if there is something to be done in regards to that. Ms. Ponce stated she would take it back to maintenance for review.

Vice Chairman Atlan noted the pavement at the intersection of SR 88/Buena Vista Road has loose debris that seems dangerous for motorists. He also stated Lone was on the rotation for Main St. to be resurfaced and drains uncovered with a possible date of 2020 and asked for clarification on the time frame.

Chairman Oneto noted the Sutter Creek Bypass (from Valley View Way intersection to Sutter-Lone Road) appears to have smaller distracting dots along the center line and fog lines of the road, and asked what they were. He mentioned concern regarding leaning trees at the Hwy 88/Climax Road intersection. Chairman Oneto also stated complaints have been made regarding the rumble strips used during construction being too rough on vehicles and asked if there are less violent ones. Ms. Ponce replied she would take the concerns back.

**Claims:**

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

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

**Closed Session:** At 11:35 a.m. Vice Chairman Atlan called for a Closed Session as noticed for: Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation. At 12:36 p.m. the Vice Chairman resumed the regular meeting of ACTC and reported direction was given to staff.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Regional Transportation Improvement Program
- State Route 16
- Highway Infrastructure Program
- Regional Transportation Plan

**Adjournment:**

At 12:38 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 5, 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.)