

AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 4, 2020 –10:02 a.m.

The Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) met in person and via Zoom Conferencing on the above date, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present on Roll Call:

Brian Oneto, Chairman
Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman-Zoom Conferencing
Keith Sweet- Zoom Conferencing
Richard Forster
John Plasse
Jon Colburn

Absent:

None

Also Present:

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC
Patricia Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit
Gregoria Ponce, Office Chief, Caltrans District 10- Zoom Conferencing

AGENDA:

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

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Commissioner Forster commented the Buena Vista Northern California Harrah’s Casino had a “soft” re-opening, and will reopen completely to the general public on June 8, 2020. He continued the Jackson Rancheria Casino has provided their plans for ensuring the safety guidelines are met for re-opening amid the Coronavirus Pandemic. Commissioner Forster stated that the State’s legislature is still operating during the pandemic. The Governor, in his January budget, moved the Division of Juvenile Justice to the Health and Human Services Department. However, that has been removed now and the plan is to move all the population (sex offenders not included) back to the County Probation Departments. Commissioner Forster commented the County cannot handle these individuals and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) is trying to fight this.

Commissioner Colburn stated there will be a large sales tax loss as businesses such as Walmart have closed up due to the concern of rioting in surrounding locations.

Commissioner Plasse commented the Jackson Rancheria Casino's gas station does not allow the County Sealer of Weights and Measures to verify the accuracy of the gas pumps. Commissioner Forster assured that will be looked into.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Plasse noted corrections to the minutes.

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

Ayes: Oneto, Atlan, Plasse, Sweet, Colburn, Forster

Noes: None

Absent: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Fund Allocation: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. Commissioner Atlan stated due to the bids going out during the COVID pandemic, he asked if this item could be tabled for another meeting to allow more time for the jurisdictions to provide a proposal.

Commissioner Plasse asked if the region had missed out on securing these funds in the past. Mr. Gedney stated in 2010 the Amador region was apportioned HIP funds and did not meet the programming date so that money went back to the pool.

Commissioner Forster asked why the 2019/20 allocation was so much less than the 2017/18 and 2018/19 allocations. Mr. Gedney responded he noticed that as well and would look into it.

Commissioner Forster asked if Ms. Ponce had any information regarding the allocation amounts. Ms. Ponce responded that HIP is federal funding and the contact is Parminder Singh in Local Assistance. She noted she would take the question back for more information.

Commissioners agreed to continue the 'Call for Projects' and bring the item back at the August meeting.

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP): Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He stated every jurisdiction has responded with project lists and information on how to expend the funds, and all jurisdictions are ensuring they can spend up to the RSTP Allocation Cap. Mr. Gedney noted the count for lone's population does currently include the prison, and discussions have taken place in the past regarding the population count for lone as whether the prison population should be added to the city's total population count.

Chairman Oneto commented the prison should not be included in the count.

Commissioner Forster responded an argument could be made that there is a large traffic impact on the roads to lone due to the prison, but the same argument could then be made for the County due to the impacts from both the casinos.

Vice Chairman Atlan recommended to follow staff direction at this time, but noted this has always been an issue and that we should discuss just how much of an impact there is from the prison.

Commissioners agreed to have this issue looked into and at this time to follow staff recommendation.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and unanimously carried to approve the Regional Surface Transportation Program Allocation Process and direct staff to work with local jurisdictions to apportion \$700,000 in FY 2020/21 RSTP funds by the approved formula.

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

Geographical Information System (GIS) Update: Ms. Engel reviewed her staff report. She noted work continues on updating the traffic model and when complete visuals will be brought to the board.

Commissioner Forster suggested ACTC consult Amador County's EOC Coordinator about applying for reimbursement regarding the work performed by Ms. Engel for the mapping related to the COVID-19 surge planning and testing facility placement.

Gary Reinoehl extended his appreciation to Ms. Engel for the work she is performing and her collaboration with the County and cities for their needs.

Ms. Ponce asked if there was a schedule set for review of the updated traffic model. Ms. Engel responded there is not at this time. The update of the model will extend into next fiscal year and when complete ACTC can make that available for review.

State Route 88/104 Intersection Improvement Project: Mr. Gedney reviewed the process that has been performed to date and added that the next phase is Project Approval and Environmental Document at a cost of approximately \$900,000. He continued the Project Initiation Document (PID) states the project is determined as "not significant" for Caltrans to take on as a State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project. Instead, Caltrans is asking for ACTC to add it to the next STIP or sooner by utilizing local funding sources. Mr. Gedney continued that Ms. Engel researched the Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) and the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) database, which the California Highway Patrol (CHP) uses. He stated the TIMS takes the data that the CHP produces and maps it. Mr. Gedney noted that in the PID, located on the ACTC website, no safety analysis was conducted during the process by Caltrans.

Commissioner Forster commented on a statement made by Mr. Gedney regarding the project not qualifying for Caltrans funding, however notes that in the minutes it reads '*the issue comes down to funding for the project not available*'. He asked Mr. Gedney for clarification on whether the project does not qualify or the State does not have the funding to put towards the project. Mr. Gedney replied that on page 13 of the PID report it states '*safety analysis not applicable*'. If a safety analysis is not

performed on a project it is hard for it to be included in the SHOPP, as it would not have justification to begin funding this project.

Commissioner Plasse asked if it would be eligible for other types of funding sources that are not dependent on warrants. Mr. Gedney responded that it will be dependent on warrants as it is on a state highway system.

Mr. Gedney and Ms. Engel reviewed safety data from the TIMS program for the area of SR 88/104 intersection, and noted this information is not in the PID report but stated ACTC could ask Caltrans if they plan to review the accident data for that location.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding the safety data from the TIMS program.

Ms. Ponce commented that a speed investigation has been initiated to address the request from Vice Chairman Atlan.

Chairman Oneto suggested to share this safety information with Caltrans and continue conversations regarding this project.

ACTC Meeting Schedule: Mr. Gedney reviewed the board meeting schedule for the year and recommended cancelling the July and January meetings if there are no pressing items to provide. Commissioner Colburn stated he preferred to hold a meeting due to any possible information to discuss pertaining to SR 16 relinquishment. Mr. Gedney responded there is a sub-committee to stay on top of this issue. Commissioners agreed to approve the schedule and if any meetings need to be cancelled staff may do so.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Colburn, and unanimously carried to approve the meeting schedule with staff discretion.

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

ACTC Commissioner Reports: None

ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney provided an update regarding the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) receipts. He noted the amount for May came in at \$75,000, which is usually between \$90,000- \$100,000. The May receipt met the Auditor's estimate for the prior year. Mr. Gedney stated all claimants for fiscal year 2019/20 will receive their LTF apportionment.

Caltrans Report by Gregoria Ponce:

- A new deadline date of September 19, 2020 has been issued for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) cycle 5- 'Call for Projects' by the California Transportation Commission (CTC)

- Caltrans continues to take statewide comments until June 15th regarding the SB-743 *Draft Transportation Impact Analysis* under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the transportation analysis framework document.
- Caltrans has prepared and released for comment the *California General Transit Feed Specification Guidelines*, as part of the California Integrated Travel Program, to ensure the data for transit operators in the State meet the needs of the travelers as well as the planners and operators. The guidelines are currently in draft format and will be updated in August 2020 based on feedback, due by July 21st.
- Caltrans will be holding a virtual 5311 stakeholders meeting on June 9th at 1:30 p.m. regarding the second phase of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and issuance of funding.

Approve Monthly Claims List: Commissioner Forster asked if the ECORP bill is an ongoing item. Mr. Gedney responded this is an on-going item through a grant for the Extreme Weather Needs Assessment and this is a bill that has been paid to be reimbursed under the grant.

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

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

Future Agenda Items:

- SR 88/104 Intersection Improvement Project- safety data refinement
- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

Adjournment:

At 12:05 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, via teleconferencing and/or 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.)