

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
August 6, 2020 –9:49 a.m.**

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

**Present on Roll Call:**

Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman  
Keith Sweet  
Richard Forster  
John Plasse  
Jon Colburn

**Absent:**

Brian Oneto, Chairman

**Also Present:**

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC  
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC  
Patricia Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit  
Kevin Schroder, Interim Office Chief, Caltrans District 10

**AGENDA:** Vice Chairman Atlan noted an amendment to item #9- State Route 16 Relinquishment Proposal and noted this item be moved to #13-B.

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

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

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Commissioner Colburn requested to maintain the monthly board meetings for the rest of the year without any cancellations.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Forster noted a correction to item #2-Expenditures Budget vs. Actual. He also expressed well wishes to Caltrans District 10 Director, Dan McElhinney, on his retirement and noted his disappointment over the loss of him as the District 10 Director.

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

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Fund Allocation:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. Commissioner Plasse asked if the lone project proposal meets the criteria for the funding. Mr. Gedney stated it appears to meet the broad eligibility.

Vice Chairman Atlan asked what the deadline is for this funding. Mr. Gedney replied the deadline to have projects programmed is September 2021.

Vice Chairman Atlan recommended approving lone's project (pending the eligibility) and the County's project. However, should lone not be eligible, the funds would be put back for another Call for Projects.

Commissioner Forster stated his concern with that recommendation is that lone would be holding the majority of the funding, while the County has a larger project to fund. He suggested approving lone's project at \$100,000 and the most urgently needed work be prioritized.

Commissioner Plasse asked, regarding discretionary funds being awarded to local jurisdictions, the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee account shows no contribution from lone, Sutter Creek, or Amador City. Mr. Gedney responded that lone did not provide any funds in FY 18/19 until later in FY 19/20 in the amount of \$262,000. Commissioner Plasse noted that striping costs should come from local funds instead of highway infrastructure funds.

Mr. Gedney stated he could further review this item with the Cities/County/Program Administrators regarding the eligibility requirements, and bring this back to the board.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County citizen, stated he is currently the President of the Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club and took this item to the board members for input where it was noted the entire board was supportive of the funding to the County project.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Colburn and carried to table this item until the September ACTC board meeting.

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

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**Amador County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan:** Mr. Gedney reviewed the staff report.

**FY 2019/20 Excess Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Allocation:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. Commissioners discussed the effects that may impact this funding source in the future due to COVID-19 and agreed to hold the excess funds in the reserve account.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Forster and carried to approve holding the excess LTF allocation of \$21,075.58 as a reserve carry-over in the Administrative Savings Account.

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

**State Route 88/104 Intersection Improvement Project:** Mr. Gedney introduced Cindy Engel, GIS Coordinator, she reviewed her staff report and attachments included.

Commissioner Forster commented the information provided should be sent to Caltrans as the collision data regarding SR 88/104 intersection and SR 104/SR 124/Preston Ave. are both extremely high percentages.

Vice Chairman Atlan stated the information provided by Ms. Engel is great and should be passed on to Caltrans to get the project moving forward.

Commissioner Plasse noted this appears to be compelling information to aid in the motivation for applying for State Highway Operation & Protection Program (SHOPP) funding. Mr. Gedney stated he agreed with Commissioners and would like to send this information to Caltrans for review. He continued that it is imperative to complete a safety analysis to move the project forward with the hopes that Caltrans could assist in that process.

Kevin Schroder, Caltrans District 10, suggested that if ACTC plans to write a letter to Caltrans regarding the collision data, to include each individual concern for the intersections in detail.

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Chairman Atlan, seconded by Commissioner Forster, and carried to approve directing staff to send a letter with the collision data reviewed to Caltrans District 10.

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

**Caltrans State Route 16 Relinquishment Proposal:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He introduced John Merchant and noted he is the former Director of Rancho Murieta Association as well as currently serving as a member on the Cosumnes Community Planning Advisory Council. Mr. Gedney stated an addendum was sent out to the ACTC distribution list providing the call-in information for the virtual meeting to be held by Sacramento County on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gedney then introduced Mona Ebrahimi, Jack Gorman, Rex Osborne, Robert Naylor, John DiStasio, Jim Wise, Scott Harvey, and Jon Colburn as members of a sub-committee regarding this item. He continued this committee has been discussing common interests to be impacted by the development along the State Route 16 Corridor and will be in attendance for the upcoming August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioners continued conversations regarding the upcoming meeting with members of the sub-committee.

Mr. Gedney stated he would like to have this meeting information circulated relatively quickly to allow more public participation. Commissioner Plasse noted, as they were previously supportive, contacting the Chamber of Commerce, Amador County Recreation Agency, and Amador Council of Tourism may increase the number of people.

Commissioner Sweet agreed to contact various agencies and media.

Vice Chairman Atlan extended his appreciation to the members of the sub-committee for their participation.

**Geographical Information System (GIS) Update:** Ms. Engel reviewed her staff report.

Commissioner Forster asked if work is being conducted with County Public Works Department, because the area of Buena Vista on the mapping does not seem to be documented particularly in the Curran Road area. Ms. Engel responded yes, work was completed on those roads in February and early March. She stated work continues but she can take down any areas of concern that may not be included on the mapping.

Commissioner Plasse asked about the area east of highway 49 from Ridge Road South to the Mokelumne River. Ms. Engel answered that region has not been completed yet due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Plasse asked if the mapping is meant to address concerns of the resiliency of the roadways, and noted it should also address some of the past practices of various public works departments. He referenced the practice of "ditch pulling" so water does not run across the actual pavement surface in heavy rain events, which tends to soften the base under the already alligatored asphalt and cause additional alligatoring and potholing of the surfaces. Commissioner Plasse added it is due to the ditches not being pulled as to no longer carry the water, causing it to run across the road that in some cases where ditches were causing a washout of the edge of the pavement. The practice in the past has been to fill in those ditches with 10-15 pound boulders and in doing so, only serves to mortar in the boulders and make the ditch too difficult to pull. He commented that if this effort can

lead to the possible acquisition of grants to address the resiliency of the roads, he hopes some of that funding can go towards the underlying causes of the degradation of the roadways.

Ms. Engel stated the idea is to look at the underlying characteristics that lead to these types of issues, and assist Public Works with more in-depth inventories to prioritize maintenance.

**ACTC Commissioner Reports:** None

**ACTC Report:** None

**Caltrans Report by Kevin Schroder:**

- Kevin Schroder introduced himself as the Interim Senior Planner for Rural Planning in place of Gregoria Ponce who is currently filing the position as Acting Deputy Director of Planning and Local Assistance and Environmental, as Ken Baxter retired at the end of the month. In Addition, Dan McElhinney will be retiring and Dennis Agar will fill in as the Acting Interim Director.
- Caltrans adopted an action plan to increase walking/biking statewide, meaning 40% of the 2020 SHOPP has a component of complete streets. California Transportation Commission (CTC) made an addition \$100 million for other complete street features to be added to the SHOPP.
- Inter-Regional Transportation Strategic Guide (ITSP) is resuming.
- The California Freight Mobility Plan and the 2050 California Transportation Plan have been completed.
- Caltrans workshops will start back up again soon, however no set dates are established at this time.
- Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program is moving forward with a deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, with CTC adoption is set up for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$440 million in available funds.
- A Call for Funds for the second round of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is due in August.

**Approve Monthly Claims List:**

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

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

**Future Agenda Items:**

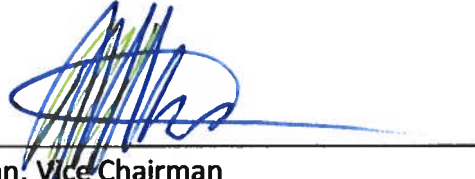
- State Route 16 Relinquishment Proposal
- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

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**Adjournment:**

At 11:55 a.m. the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020, via teleconferencing and/or at the Amador County Transportation Commission Offices, 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, California.



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Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman  
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



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Recording Secretary

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