

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
December 3, 2020 –9:05 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:**

Brian Oneto, Chairman  
Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman  
Keith Sweet  
Jon Colburn

**Absent:**

Richard Forster  
John Plasse

**Also Present:**

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC  
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC  
Cindy Engel, GIS Coordinator, ACTC  
Patricia Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit  
Dennis Agar, Director, Caltrans District 10  
Gregoria Ponce, Office Chief, Caltrans District 10  
Mona Ebrahimi, Legal Counsel, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedeman & Girard.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA:** Mr. Gedney asked to have the item #11- Caltrans Report, moved to the top to accommodate the time of Mr. Agar, then recess for the Amador Transit meeting.

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Chairman Atlan, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and carried to approve the Agenda with changes made.

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

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Jim Scully, lone resident, asked for clarification on the process of distributing documents to the board members due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Gedney responded any documents for the commissioners may be sent to Ms. Bridges and/or Mr. Gedney via email.

**Commissioners recessed the ACTC meeting at 9:11 a.m.**

**Commissioners resumed the ACTC meeting at 9:25 a.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Ayes: Oneto, Atlan, Sweet, Colburn

Noes: None

Absent: Forster, Plasse

**FY 2019/20 Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Annual Report:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report and the Annual Report highlighting Attachment A showing no revenue received from Amador City or Sutter Creek for this fiscal year due to no building permits issued. He continued that this has been the second year that the annual report has displayed zero revenue received from the City of Lone. Following the report distribution last year, the City Manager of Lone did then deliver approximately \$262,000 in fees. Building permit issuance for Lone this year totaled approximately 54.

Vice Chairman Atlan agreed there have been changes within the city and if a letter could be sent to Ms. Lori McGraw, the new City Manager of Lone, the funds would be sent to ACTC. Mr. Gedney stated ACTC will follow up regarding this year's fees.

Regarding the Western Lone Roadway Improvement System (WIRIS) Alternative Study, the ACTC/RTMF will not fund continued project development until it is considered by the Lone City Council.

Vice Chairman Atlan asked if that information could be sent to the Lone City Manager as an update.

Chairman Oneto asked when surplus RTMF funds would need to be allocated. Mr. Gedney responded they do have a constraint, however there is no pressing need at this time to allocate these funds to a project.

Mr. Jim Scully, Lone resident, commented the WIRIS is no longer an active project as the City funded a bridge over Mule Creek in the WIRIS location, but are waiting to build it. He also asked, regarding the 54 permits that the City of Lone received, how much money is owed to ACTC. Mr. Gedney stated, including previously deferred and uncollected fees, the amount owed to ACTC is approximately \$700,000. Mr. Scully noted efforts should be made to retain the funds owed to ACTC/RTMF from Lone and they should not be allowed to build until paid in full.

Chairman Oneto responded that Vice Chairman Atlan has expressed he would look into the issue and ACTC will provide them some time due to the changes in administration.

Commissioners discussed a representative to sit on the RTMF Committee for FY 2020/21.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan and carried to approve the appointment of Chairman Oneto to serve on the RTMF Oversight Committee for FY 2020/21.

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

**Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding Allocation:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

Chairman Oneto asked why the County would not receive any of the remaining funds. Mr. Gedney responded that decision was based on previous action whereby the County received all of the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding allocation for the Pine Grove Improvement Project.

Commissioners agreed to scenario F and the remaining \$63,214 be distributed based on the population/road mile formula.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan and carried to approve scenario F with the remainder of \$63,214 divided by population/road mile formula among the five (5) cities.

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

**Extreme Weather Needs Assessment Update:** Mr. Gedney introduced Ms. Engel. She reviewed her staff report and presentation.

Chairman Oneto commented, regarding the *Caltrans Priority Fuel Load Reduction Sections Identified by Wildfire Vulnerability Analysis (2020-2030) Amador County, CA* map, a main highway of concern that should be included in this analysis is SR 88 from Jackson to Pine Grove. Ms. Engel responded she agreed that SR 88 is an area of concern. She noted after her research the consideration Caltrans used to develop the analysis appears to include traffic volume, population, and vegetation. Chairman Oneto stated Caltrans should be asked to include SR 88 in the analysis of Amador County.

Commissioner Sweet extended his appreciation to Ms. Engel for the report and agreed with Chairman Oneto regarding SR 88.

**Commissioner Forster arrived at 10:10 a.m.**

**UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairman Oneto opened the public hearing.

Mr. Gedney introduced Ms. Karyn Gregorius, Chair of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), to present the SSTAC transit needs recommendation chart. She acknowledged that transit ridership is extremely low at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, causing a change in this year's recommendations. Ms. Gregorius asked the board to consider any transit route cuts be temporary as ridership will improve as the pandemic diminishes. She stated there is only one recommendation for

the short-term and all other previous short-term recommendations have been moved to the long-term list. The one recommendation is an expansion of Dial-A-Ride services in the outlying areas of Amador County as needed.

Chairman Oneto agreed that the possibility of decreasing some fixed routes and increasing Dial-A-Ride services for the short-term may be feasible.

Commissioner Forster noted the services may be needed but they also have to be feasible and/or justified.

Mr. Gedney stated the recommendations will be taken back for review and analysis by ACTC staff, and then brought before the board in February.

Chairman Oneto called for a motion to close the public hearing at 10:21 a.m.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Colburn, seconded by Commissioner Forster and carried to close the Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing.

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

**Recognition of Appreciation for Jon Colburn:** Mr. Gedney stated due to the rotation schedule for the cities as members of the ACTC, Plymouth will rotate off and Amador City will take over at the beginning of the calendar year. He expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Colburn and all his efforts while serving on the board since 2015. He continued that Commissioner Colburn has illuminated the interest again regarding SR 16 and the issues surrounding the protection of interregional travel to Amador County. Mr. Gedney presented a plaque for Commissioner Colburn for his service to the ACTC from 2015-2020.

Commissioner Colburn extended his gratitude and commented he will continue his efforts regarding SR 16 by serving as Ambassador to the ACTC for the City of Plymouth.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the work performed by Commissioner Colburn and extended well wishes.

Commissioner Sweet noted he will be replaced in January by a member of the Jackson City Council. Mr. Gedney stated he was unaware the transition would take place this month, and invited Commissioner Sweet to the February board meeting to receive a recognition of appreciation.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation and extended well wishes for Commissioner Colburn and Commissioner Sweet.

**ACTC Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Colburn commented interest and efforts with public outreach continue regarding SR 16.

**ACTC Report:** None

**Caltrans Report with Ms. Gregoria Ponce:** Ms. Ponce noted a letter was sent to the Commissioners today providing an update on the activities underway in Amador County.

- In regards to SR 88/Inspiration Drive East, a traffic safety investigation has been initiated to determine any improvements that can be made to address the turn lane matter.
- An investigation has been initiated on SR 124 at Mule Creek Prison entrance for lighting and safety at the request of Vice Chairman Atlan.
- Vegetation control management continues to expand through the maintenance department.
- Efforts with local agencies to evaluate evacuation routes will grow
- Evaluation of funding opportunities is taking place for full signalization at SR 88/104 intersection, with an investigation regarding future traffic flow due to the recently completed SR 88/Buena Vista intersection and the roundabout that is scheduled for the SR 88/Liberty Road intersection.
- Regarding the guardrail upgrades, the concrete acts as a deterrent for weeds as well as aids with erosion, as wildfires have destroyed many guardrails in the past.
- In regards to the use of slurry seal at the SR 49/16 intersection, maintenance typically uses an aggregate base as a cost-effective measure to repair the shoulder drop off along the right of way, with some areas more susceptible to errant drivers, Caltrans is looking for a solution for this.
- Caltrans is requesting more information and possible timeline for the presentation to be provided to ACTC in regards to SR 88 corridor.

Commissioner Colburn commented he is glad to hear investigation is under way at SR 49/16 intersection, however the shoulder along SR 49 in Drytown towards the SR 49/16 intersection needs paving due to two fatalities taking place recently that could have been avoided had paving been in place. Ms. Ponce responded she would update the traffic team of the incidents. Chairman Oneto agreed with Commissioner Colburn that the entire roadway from Drytown to the intersection of SR 49/16 needs shoulder work due to multiple car accidents and possible signage showing “narrow road” may aid in the safety along that section of roadway.

Ms. Ponce stated she would forward any updates to Ms. Engel regarding the priority fuel loads reduction of vegetation control specifically to SR 88 from Jackson to Pine Grove. Chairman Oneto noted the section from Jackson to Pine Grove along SR 88 is one of the most crucial areas of needed vegetation control in Amador County, and emphasized its importance to be included in Caltrans vegetation control.

Commissioner Forster stated he appreciated the update of activities within Amador County. He continued that he is not satisfied with the minor safety improvements installed at SR 88/104 intersection, and more accidents will continue to occur at that location. Commissioner Forster asked in regards to the intersection of SR124/104/Shakeley Lane in Lone, what was included when performing the visual field inspection, and suggested installing a camera at the intersection to evaluate what happens throughout the entire day. Ms. Ponce replied she would take the suggestion back for review, and have the Traffic Operations Team send the details of how they perform that inspection.

Commissioner Atlan agreed with Commissioner Forster regarding further safety measures needed at the SR 88/104 intersection. He noted repaving of Main St. in Lone was scheduled for 2021, and asked for confirmation of that timeline. Ms. Ponce replied she will take that back and follow-up with confirmation.

Mr. Gedney stated, in regards to the installation of a turn pocket on SR 88/Inspiration Dr. East through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), it was determined it would not work as a project in the FY 2026 SHOPP, however it may be coordinated with a future round of the program. He asked if Caltrans could present the pavement evaluation process to the commission on how/when that location may qualify. Ms. Ponce responded she would take that request back for review.

**Approve Monthly Claims List:** Mr. Gedney noted a revised claims list was distributed to the commissioners for approval.

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

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

**Closed Session:** At 11:10 a.m. Chairman Oneto called for a Closed Session as noticed: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation. At 12:33 p.m. the Chairman resumed the regular meeting of ACTC and reported no reportable action was taken.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Adjournment:**

At 12:34 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 7, 2021, via Zoom Conferencing.



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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.)