

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 7, 2021 –9:02 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
Richard Forster
John Plasse
Keith Sweet

Absent:

Susan Bragstad

Also Present:

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC
Patricia Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit
Marlon Regisford, Deputy Director for Planning and Environmental, Caltrans District 10
Gregoria Ponce, Office Chief, Caltrans District 10
Mona Ebrahimi, Legal Counsel, Kronick Moskowitz Tiedeman & Girard.

AGENDA: Mr. Gedney introduced Mr. Marlon Regisford as the new Deputy Director of Planning and Environmental, and asked to have item #10- Caltrans Report, moved to the top to accommodate the time of Mr. Regisford.

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

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

Caltrans Report by Marlon Regisford: Mr. Regisford extended his appreciation for allowing the time to provide an update. He gave a review of his background and stated he looks forward to working with ACTC.

Susan Bragstad arrived at 9:09 a.m.

- Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan is currently in the public outreach phase and a survey is available to determine the bicycle/pedestrian needs within Amador County. The survey can be found at survey.catplan.org and a final plan is scheduled for February 2021.

- The final draft of the Caltrans Climate Change Adaptation Priorities Report has been released on the Caltrans website for review and comments.
- The Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) Update has been underway. This plan focuses on freight issues and the investment in projects that meet the goals and objectives of the freight program. The final draft will be available in the spring.
- Litter cleanup efforts continue and Caltrans is now partnering with California Highway Patrol to enforce anti-litter laws.
- The State is looking for volunteers to participate in a pilot program for the Road Charge Research Program, which can be found at CARoadcharge.com, to record their mileage and how much they travel, providing guidance the 2017 Road Charge Pilot Program Proposal.
- The California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Call for Projects is now open and focuses on State, County, tribal, and local governments to maintain transportation facilities. Applications are being solicited through the California Programming Decisions Committee with \$90 million available for funding for FY 2026-2028.
- Highway Infrastructure Program funding apportionment is expiring soon and ACTC has \$98,000 in unused funding.
- Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program is now open for applications and a Call for Projects will close on February 12th with \$34 million available in funding.
- The Caltrans staff is working with ACTC to finalize the Extreme Weather Needs Assessment Grant.
- Signage at SR 49/ SR 16 intersection and through Drytown, is being evaluated by the traffic safety team.

Commissioner Plasse asked, regarding a turning lane project for SR 88/Inspiration Drive East, if a safety investigation or a pavement evaluation process is the necessary process. Mr. Gedney commented there was discussion with Mr. Dennis Agar to determine if this project could fit into ongoing pavement projects in the 2026 SHOPP, however it was confirmed not to be eligible to combine this project. The project could progress under both, a safety investigation and pavement project, ensuring safety warrants are met to allow a turn pocket. Mr. Regisford stated Caltrans strives to improve locations collaboratively rather than project by project. He noted he will review that item.

Commissioner Forster updated Mr. Regisford on his concerns at the intersection of Shakeley Ln./SR124/SR 104 intersection, due to multiple near miss collisions and asked for Caltrans to do a video inspection of that location to better understand the concern. Mr. Forster also reviewed the intersection of SR 104/SR 88 and suggested the area needs to be signalized even though Caltrans has responded that minor improvements will be installed. He stated this area is more concerning than the roundabout project at the SR 88/Liberty Rd. location. Ms. Ponce stated regarding the Shakeley Ln./SR 124/SR 104 intersection, a traffic signal has been recommended by Caltrans to improve that traffic intersection. At this time Caltrans is working on a conceptual report and then will begin to review funding options.

Commissioner Atlan agreed with Commissioner Forster's comments and added a reduced speed limit along that roadway of SR 88 would be beneficial.

Mr. Regisford commented he will take these items back for review and evaluate what the operations department is currently doing for these concerning areas.

Chairman Oneto stated there have been multiple accidents along SR 49 through Drytown near the SR16/SR49 intersection and appears to be caused from narrow shoulders. Mr. Regisford replied he is aware of areas like this in these rural communities, and they can be an important safety issue. He noted he will take this back to determine what improvements can be made.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Bragstad and carried to approve the election of Brian Oneto as Chairman and Dominic Atlan as Vice Chairman for calendar year 2021.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse and unanimously carried to approve Chairman Oneto and Commissioner Bragstad have authority to sign bank checks for the agency calendar year 2021.

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Jim Scully, lone resident, stated he sent a packet of documents to ACTC to be distributed among the board members, including a reprint from the Ledger Dispatch labeled "PUC says lone derailed on Wildflower development" pertaining to a crossing being opened to the public without permission. He quoted a comment made by the PUC, "We have serious concerns this single passageway into a housing development could quickly become a bottleneck for both railcars and those entering and exiting the housing development in the event of a wildfire or other emergency." He then highlighted another section, "For violating section 1202 by opening the crossing to the public in October 2017 without permission, lone has exposed itself to Pub. Utilities Code 2111 monetary penalties in a low to high range of \$365,000 to \$36,500,000 (730 days x \$500 or \$50,000 per day), using a span from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. Penalties for its violation of Rule 1.1 are not included in this calculation." Mr. Scully commented he finds it fascinating that they do not know what the fine is, when lone did the same thing in "Village 10" north of Mule Creek and the Silva Ranch. He noted a section on Page 1, Agenda Item, Subject- Resolution No. 2020-36, states "discussions of the Western lone Roadway Improvement Strategy Plan took place and Golf Links Drive and the bridge may not be part of the bypass." Then on page 2 it reads "the bridge project will become eligible for funding with Local Traffic Impact Fees, instead of Regional Traffic Impact Fee funding." Mr. Scully stated without the bridge there is no way to access the new development, and this is basic infrastructure for

the developer. He noted he finds it interesting that lone is using Local Traffic Impact Fee funds in the amount of \$1.2 million to purchase the bridge for the developer to continue building houses. Mr. Scully stated lone still owes ACTC over \$500,000 in unpaid fees. He asked why does lone have funding to pay

for a bridge but does not have the funding to pay unpaid fees to ACTC. He explained the picture included in the packet of the planned bridge and the 54 future homes, and noted there is no other way to get to this development. Mr. Scully then quoted section H- Construction of Interim Bypass Segment through Project to Five Mile Drive, First Amendment to Development Agreement (included in packet), *"In the event the Developer receives all regulatory permits and approvals for the construction of the Project, including but not limited to the Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit, and not before receipt of the certificate of occupancy for 300th dwelling unit, Developer shall, at its sole cost, construct a two-lane interim bypass segment through the project from Shakeley Lane to Castle Oaks Drive to Five mile Drive. The interim bypass will be constructed to a standard consistent with City maintained interior streets in the jurisdiction of City."* He stated not only did they move it from a residents' property this year, ten years ago they completely ignored the whole thing, and it appears the City of Lone is trying to force the Alternative Study of Five Mile Drive as the new bypass. Mr. suggested reviewing the mileage on the bypass since there is no authority to tell travelers to leave a State Highway and take a county road. He suggested improving the roadways already in place downtown lone.

Mr. Gedney stated Mr. Scully did provide these items discussed in a packet for distribution to the board, however since this is not an agenda item, he asked Mr. Scully to discuss it under "Public Matters". He questioned whether this information is for the ACTC or the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Oversight Committee, but would include this in the meeting minutes. Chairman Oneto asked to have the packet forwarded to the board for review.

Mr. Gedney stated he wanted to clarify the fees owed to ACTC from the City of Lone in last month's meeting that the amount provided was an approximation that was \$700,000 total owed, not \$700,000 plus \$500,000 in additional fees. More recently, \$151,000 in RTMF funds have been received from the City of Lone.

Jon Colburn stated his city termed out in December 2020, however that decision is based on the Mayor's selection, and is subject to change. He also asked to have Mr. Regisford updated on the SR 16 item.

Commissioner Plasse asked if projects along SR88 including vegetation control or the intersection project at Inspiration East could be applied for under the FLAP grant.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Plasse asked for clarification pertaining to the funding for the County regarding the Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, as reading back to the November 2020 minutes the item had been tabled. However, in the December 2020 minutes Chairman Oneto asked *"why the County would not receive any of the remaining funds"*, and Mr. Gedney responded *"the*

decision was based on previous action whereby the County received all the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding allocation for the Pine Grove Project."

Mr. Gedney stated the discussion took place over two months and clarified the County did receive additional funding in the amount of \$94,180. He continued the commission did approve, in the October 2020 meeting, the apportionment of all the HIP funding to the County in the amount of \$278,000. The

additional funding, through the distribution formula for the FY 19/20 STP, was approved to be allocated to the County at the December 2020 meeting in the amount of \$94,180.

Commissioner Plasse stated that the comment in the minutes then is incorrect, that a previous action was the reason. Commissioner Forster commented that it was the statement made by Mr. Gedney, but it should be clarified in this meetings' minutes.

Clarification of HIP/STP funding approval and allocation:

- October 2020 meeting- board approved the total allocation of HIP funding to the County in the amount of \$278,446 for completion of the Pine Grove Improvement Project.
- November 2020 meeting- board discussed STP funding scenarios, but tabled the item until the next meeting.
- December 2020 meeting- board approved scenario F, leaving a remainder of \$63,214 to be distributed among the five (5) cities by population/road mile formula as shown in the table below.

<u>Scenario F included:</u>	<u>Remainder STP for five cities</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Amador County- \$372,625 (HIP-\$278,446+STP \$94,179)	\$0	\$372,625 (HIP/STP)
Amador City- \$4,877 (STP)	\$1,820	\$6,697
Ione- \$92,663 (STP)	\$23,539	\$116,202
Jackson- \$170,414 (CMAQ-\$108,892+STP-\$61,522)	\$19,467	\$189,881 (CMAQ/STP)
Plymouth- \$17,557 (STP)	\$5,487	\$23,044
Sutter Creek- \$42,917 (STP)	\$12,900	\$55,817
Amador Transit- \$211,130 (CMAQ)	\$0	\$211,130 (CMAQ)

Commissioner Plasse stated that regarding item 4-Resolution Approving the Allocation of Surface Transportation Program Funds, City of Jackson does not show receiving any allocation of funds or show receiving any Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds whereas Amador Transit does. Mr. Gedney replied that is an error and he will correct the resolution and bring it back next month for approval.

Commissioner Bragstad noted she was elected by Amador City Council to act as interim representative to the ACTC, and should be appointed to continue serving as a commissioner at the next city council meeting. She added a potential alternate for her is Russ Robinson.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with item #4- Resolution Approving the Allocation of Surface Transportation Program Funds removed from this agenda for consideration at the next meeting and clarifications by Commissioner Plasse to be reflected in this meeting's minutes.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Approve Monthly Claims List: Commissioner Forster requested information on the bill from GHD Inc. in the amount of \$19,449.50. Mr. Gedney responded it is to purchase a 1-year subscription to the Street Light Data for cell phone traffic count collection service to assist in updating the traffic model. He stated the total cost of the service was \$17,000 for the 1-year and an additional amount for consultant services. He stated he would provide more information at a future meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and unanimously carried to approve the Revised Claims List.

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

ACTC Commissioner Reports: Vice Chairman Atlan stated the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) funds owed by the City of Lone for FY 19/20 have been paid. He continues that following last month's meeting, he spoke with the City of Lone and due to a new City Manager and new software the payment was late. He suggested that at the end of the fiscal year, ACTC should sent out a reminder letter to all the cities.

ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Sweet for his years in service to the ACTC, and presented a plaque in recognition of all his work over the years. His service was an example of the value of collaboration and compromise.

Commissioners extended their appreciation and well wishes to Commissioner Sweet for his service.

Caltrans Report with Ms. Gregoria Ponce:

- Regarding a possible left turn lane located at SR 88/Inspiration Drive East, this item was submitted for review to the traffic team in December and a traffic study has been initiated.

Closed Session: At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Oneto called for a Closed Session as noticed: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation. At 11:14 a.m. the Chairman resumed the regular meeting of ACTC and reported direction was given.

Future Agenda Items:

- Resolution for Surface Transportation Program Fund
- California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

Adjournment:

At 11:22 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021, via Zoom Conferencing.



Brian Oneto, Chairman
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

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