

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 4, 2021 –9:01 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
Susan Bragstad
Richard Forster
Steve McClean
John Plasse

Absent:

None

Also Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA:

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

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Commissioner Bragstad commented regarding last month's minutes, noting that there was a discussion regarding widening of the shoulders on SR 49 in Drytown and she asked why not begin with a speed reduction first. Chairman Oneto responded there are traffic regulations and speed surveys that have to be followed, and he does not believe that area qualifies for a reduced speed at this time.

Commissioner Forster suggested having ACTC legal counsel review the lost JTS Development funding owed in the amount of approximately \$500,000 to see if it could be recovered. Vice Chairman Atlan

recommended ACTC legal counsel contact the City of Lone's legal counsel to discuss it further, as City of Lone has previously tried to collect the funds.

Commissioner Plasse stated he would prefer to hold ACTC meetings in person again with the proper protocols in place regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Forster noted the Board of Supervisors chambers could be utilized for the ACTC meetings if needed. Chairman Oneto agreed that in person meetings should be acceptable at this time.

Ms. Ebrahimi stated there are still restrictions in place statewide regarding indoor gatherings, she noted she will work with Mr. Gedney to ensure the proper protocols are in place.

Commissioner Forster welcomed Commissioner McClean to the board.

Commissioner Forster asked Ms. Ebrahimi for clarification regarding the new rules for elected officials and their communication among each other on social media, including emoji's, does that apply to both elected officials and appointed officials. Ms. Ebrahimi responded it does apply to both elected and appointed officials because it is applicable to all Brown Act bodies.

Closed Session: At 9:10 a.m. Chairman Oneto called for a Closed Session as noticed: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation. At 9:59 a.m. the Chairman resumed the regular meeting of ACTC and reported an update and direction was given.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Forster noted two corrections on the January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

2021 Committee Appointments: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Bragstad, seconded by Commissioner Plasse and unanimously carried to approve the 2020 Committee Appointments to carry over as the 2021 Committee Appointments.

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

FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Recommendation: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report.

Commissioner Forster stated, regarding the resolution, an additional statement should be included to describe the waiver that will be considered for transit agencies unable to meet the 10% farebox ratio due to the COVID-19 crisis. He also suggested additional language should be included in the report to explain the farebox ratio, particularly under the “Amador Transit Service Performance” section. Mr. Gedney responded that those changes will be included.

Commissioner Bragstad asked if there are any requests for Dial-A-Ride services to Amador City. Ms. Amarant replied there have not been any requests made for Dial-A-Ride services to Amador City.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Bragstad and unanimously carried to approve the 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Report, by resolution, that given changes to the report made as discussed, there are no Unmet Transit Needs that are “Reasonable to Meet” for FY 2021/22.

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

FY 2020/21 Overall Work Program: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He reviewed each element included in the Overall Work Program (OWP).

Commissioner Plasse suggested since Commissioner McClean is new to the board, he might arrange a meeting with Mr. Gedney to provide a better understanding of ACTC’S responsibilities and review the bylaws and glossary in the back of the binder.

Commissioners directed staff to distribute the draft FY 2021/22 ACTC Overall Work Program work elements to Caltrans and local jurisdictions for review and comment.

Approve Monthly Claims List: Mr. Gedney noted a revised claims list was distributed to the board.

Commissioner Forster commented he hopes to be reimbursed for attorney’s fees, noting this month’s bill was approximately \$25,000.

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

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

ACTC Commissioner Reports: Vice Chairman Atlan commented he understands Caltrans has already gone out for bid to perform paving on Main Street in Lone, and will follow up under the Caltrans report.

Commissioner Plasse reminded the board his term to sit on the board of ACTC will be expiring in March 2021, and noted this item is on the upcoming Board of Supervisors agenda to consider his reappointment as the Citizen-at-large for ACTC . Chairman Oneto responded he has appreciated Commissioner Plasse’s time spent and knowledge provided to the board and would be happy to have him serve another term.

ACTC Report: None

Caltrans Report with Mr. Dennis Agar/Ms. Gregoria Ponce:

- Caltrans has established a Litter and Encampment Taskforce and are available to work with local jurisdictions as needed.
- The draft 2021 State Highway Assistance Management Plan has been released for review.
- The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has established an interactive GIS map to display all projects that are either programmed or planned over the next ten (10) years, and can be found at <http://projectbook.dot.ca.gov>.
- The Caltrans Strategic Plan is being prepared for release and consists of the new mission, vision, and goals of Caltrans, and will be provided when available.
- Mauricio Servanto is the new permanent Deputy District Director of Maintenance, he started one week ago, and hopefully will be available to speak at an upcoming ACTC meeting.
- Caltrans continues outreach and asks local agencies to share information regarding “*slow for the cone zone*” as employee fatalities continue to occur in the construction work zones.

Commissioner Plasse asked if the interactive GIS map would be available to the public to make suggestions for the projects or does the public still need to utilize the RTPA for project suggestions. Mr. Agar replied the public would still have to utilize the RTPA or local agencies. By “interactive” he meant the public will have access to view all projects and review the provided details of those projects on the map.

Commissioner Forster commented he is glad Caltrans has a Litter and Encampment Taskforce. He stated due to the changes in State laws, illegal dumping has become a large problem in Amador County as treated wood waste is now illegal to dispose of at all transfer stations or landfills. He added the County is trying to get an emergency law passed and have the Governor sign it, and any help Caltrans could provide would be appreciated. Mr. Agar replied Caltrans cannot take any legislative or political positions however, they can provide technical expertise to the Governor’s office regarding how to dispose of treated wood waste.

Commissioner Atlan stated the City of Lone would like to evaluate the installation of stop signs, instead of stop lights, at the intersection of Shakeley Lane/SR 124/ SR 104. He noted the City of Lone has identified more locations for additional pedestrian crossings and asked if a meeting with a Caltrans representative could be established to review those locations in person. Vice Chairman Atlan asked if there is anything that can be done in regards to the Wildflower Development, and the permitting issues

that are taking place with the new roadway entrance called "Foothill Extension" on SR 104. Mr. Agar responded he would like to set up a meeting to review these issues through Mr. Gedney.

Future Agenda Items:

- JTS Development
- Local Project Delivery Activities

Adjournment:

At 10:44 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 117 Valley View Way Sutter Creek, CA 95685 and Zoom Conferencing.



Brian Oneto, Chairman
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

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