

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
May 6, 2021 –9:25 a.m.**

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

**Present on Roll Call:**

Brian Oneto, Chairman  
Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman-conference call  
Susan Bragstad  
Richard Forster  
Steve McLean

**Absent:**

John Plasse

**Also Present:**

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC  
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC  
Patricia Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit  
Dennis Agar, Director, Caltrans District 10

**AGENDA:**

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Bragstad and carried to approve the agenda.

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

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Forster noted minor corrections to the minutes. He also asked, regarding Consent Agenda item #6-SR 16 Litigation Settlement Agreement Update, if Sacramento County is required to do anything more than an annual update unless they initiate a project. Mr. Gedney responded that our intention was to require Sacramento County to consult with ACTC regarding future development projects and discussion of potential mitigation efforts. Commissioner Forster commented the agreement should be reviewed again to clarify what they are required to do. He asked to include the settlement agreement at the next ACTC meeting.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner McLean and carried to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to the minutes.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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**Congressionally Directed Spending Request:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He stated he submitted the request as it was due May 5, 2021.

Commissioner Forster asked if Senator Feinstein’s office was notified by Caltrans. Mr. Marlon Regisford, Deputy District Director, commented Caltrans headquarters did reach out to notify representatives that the support letters would be distributed.

Commissioners extended appreciation to Caltrans staff for their assistance with the letter.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Bragstad and carried to approve the Executive Director’s decision to proceed with the letter requesting congressionally directed spending in the amount of \$5 million to match locally committed funds to fully fund the Construction phase of the SR 88/Pine Grove Improvement Project.

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

**Final FY 2021/22 ACTC Overall Work Program and Budget:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He extended his appreciation to Caltrans staff for assistance to ensure ACTC’s compliance utilizing the Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funding appropriately for planning purposes only. Mr. Gedney noted all RPA funding will be allocated to Work Element 2.1- Regional Coordination in fiscal year 2021/22.

Commissioner Forster emphasized, regarding Work Element 2.6-Amador/Sac Interregional Transportation Planning, this item should be continuously monitored to ensure that Sacramento County lives up the agreement in place with ACTC. He suggested in the future, a work element for continued monitoring be included. Commissioner Forster asked if distributing a letter of appreciation with updated information of this issue to Assemblymen Cooley, Senator Bell (and all other parties that were included in the process) should be prepared and brought back to the board for review.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Bragstad and carried to approve, by resolution, the Final FY 2021/22 Overall Work Program and Budget.

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

**Claims:** Mr. Gedney noted there is a revised list. Commissioner Forster asked if the reimbursement from Sacramento County covered most of the legal fees regarding the SR 16 item. Mr. Gedney replied it covered the specific legal fees related to the litigation only.

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

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

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**ACTC Commissioner Reports:** Vice Chairman Atlan stated the City of Lone installed the pole mounted radar speed signs and the residents have expressed their appreciation to the ACTC for the purchase.

**ACTC Report:** Mr. Gedney stated the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Oversight Committee meeting will be held on June 21, 2021.

**Caltrans Report with Mr. Dennis Agar/Marlon Regisford:**

- The Caltrans 2020-2024 Strategic Plan has been released with the emphasis on providing a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people with equity and respects the environment.
- Through the American Jobs Plan Congress has a proposal for \$571 billion for infrastructure to include \$115 billion for roadways/bridges and \$174 billion for electrification of vehicles nationwide.
- Caltrans Safety Awareness Week is coming to a close and an Annual Caltrans Workers Memorial was held to honor the fallen employees totaling 189 employees since 1921.
- Regarding homeless encampments, Caltrans continues to work with cities and counties to address homelessness and litter throughout California.
- A quarterly letter is being prepared for the board to provide insight on all projects, maintenance activities, transportation project activities, and safety operation investigations.
- Preparations for wildfire season are taking place including the update of the fire prevention plan and increasing staff to help address fire strips in the foothill counties.
- Caltrans has construction work that is taking place on SR 88 that includes paving and debris clearing causing road closures between Wagon Wheel Drive and Shakeridge Road.
- On SR 88/49 near Broadway there is gutter and sidewalk work during the daytime.
- Caltrans road crews are working on ensuring travelers are able to get through the Ebbetts Pass and Sonora Pass for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Commissioner Forster stated regarding the two (2) bridge projects that include; French Bar Bridge and Carbondale, that were obligated but not appropriated, it seems wrong that Stanislaus County went over budget for their bridge projects leaving funding that was thought to be for Amador County now going to be utilized to fill that gap. He commented it is dissatisfying to see that those projects that are now construction ready will have to wait.

Commissioner Forster stated regarding fire preparedness funding, at a meeting held with the University of California Cooperative Extension, there was discussion of hiring 2-3 advisors to work with Caltrans and other agencies to work on fire science issues. He commented the budget is very tight and if they wanted the county to fund those positions, we would not do that, due to the fact it would be redundant as there are many other agencies already in place to work on the local fire issues. He stated he hopes Caltrans takes that in to consideration when working with the University of California Cooperative Extension. District Director Agar replied that the concern has been noted.

Vice Chairman Atlan stated Main Street Lone was scheduled to be repaved during the summer of 2021 and asked for an update of that project and asked about a traffic light study that was going to be undertaken regarding the intersection of SR 124/104/Shakeley Lane. Mr. Agar responded he will take these items back for review and noted they should be included in the upcoming quarterly update letter to the commission.

Chairman Oneto commented, regarding the High Visibility signs that were installed, they cause a glare to travelers and they may want to reconsider those. He also stated another accident took place on SR 49 in Drytown causing damage to a historic building. Chairman Oneto asked Caltrans to review and consider when they are paving a roadway if they could pave the approaches that are Caltrans right-of-way. He asked if Caltrans had included SR 88 from Jackson through Pine Grove to be looked at in the review of evacuation route and fuel

reduction, and commented he previously mentioned that area is a critical route in the county that was not included in the review. Chairman Oneto asked what was meant by equity on road projects. Mr. Agar responded that it means reviewing the projects to ensure there is equitable distribution of transportation resources, and making sure the department addresses everyone's needs across the state, including within disadvantaged communities.

Commissioner Bragstad asked if reducing the speed limit along SR 49 through Drytown could assist with the number of accidents that are taking place there. Chairman Oneto replied that Caltrans has to perform an evaluation prior to changing the speed limit. Chairman Oneto asked if SR 49 along Drytown could be widened to possibly reduce the accidents.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- SR 16 Relinquishment Agreement and Update Letter
- Extreme Weather Needs Assessment Presentation

Commissioner Forster asked if the meetings could include Zoom Conferencing in the future. Mr. Gedney replied the audio and video equipment is not working properly and ACTC is receiving bids for upgrading the equipment.

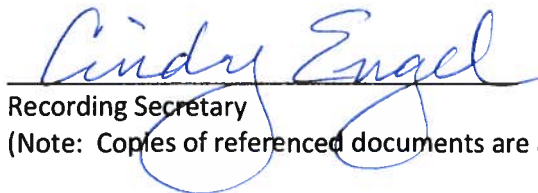
**Adjournment:**

At 10:19 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 117 Valley View Way Sutter Creek, CA 95685.



Brian Oneto, Chairman  
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



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