

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 3, 2021 –9:41 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
Patrick Crew (alternate for Richard Forster)
Steve McLean
John Plasse

Absent:

None

Also Present:

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC
Cindy Engel, GIS Coordinator/Recording Secretary, ACTC
Patricia Maggie Amaran, General Manager, Amador Transit
Marlon Regisford, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 10
Mona Ebrahimi, ACTC Legal Counsel, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard

AGENDA:

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

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, stated at the recent Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club meeting, that a member of the public noted concern of high speeds of traffic near Pine Grove Elementary School and asked what could be done. He also stated there is a construction fence covering a crosswalk button on SR 88 in Pine Grove at the intersection, and asked if that should be taken up with Caltrans. Mr. Reinoehl extended his appreciation for the conference call line/Zoom Conferencing for the ACTC meetings, as it has allowed him the continued access to participate in the meetings over the last year.

Commissioner Plasse replied the construction fence issue should be discussed with the construction company hired for the work being performed in that area, which may be resolved through the Bank of Stockton in Pine Grove.

Jim Scully, lone resident, provided a document to the board regarding the Western Lone Roadway Improvement Strategy (WIRIS) project. He reviewed details in the document and restated his opposition to the project.

Jon Colburn, Plymouth resident, stated he is happy to be attending the ACTC meetings again, and glad to see the progress that has taken place regarding the SR 16 item.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

SR 16 Development Plans- Jackson Township Specific Plan: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He introduced Ms. Ebrahimi.

Ms. Ebrahimi stated one of the conditions of the settlement agreement between ACTC and Sacramento County in resolving the Newbridge Project was for all future development projects that would impact the Jackson Corridor ACTC would receive advance notice to review and submit comments. She continued, ACTC did receive notice that the Jackson Township Master Plan is moving forward. Ms. Ebrahimi stated this project is proposing 1,391 acres, (larger than the Newbridge project) with a total of 6,143 units and includes a variety of uses. She then reviewed the history of this development with the board, which dated back to 2013. She stated the most relevant concern to this board are the impacts to interregional travel on SR 16. Ms. Ebrahimi asked for direction regarding submitting a comment letter to Sacramento County asking for parity with the Newbridge project settlement agreement. Specifically, to ensure the improvements to the Jackson corridor are prioritized over other types of traffic improvements, and to ensure right-of-way is preserved abutting Jackson highway in the same way the Newbridge project is now required.

Commissioner Plasse asked if Sacramento County notified ACTC or ACTC Legal Counsel. Ms. Ebrahimi stated Legal Counsel was notified directly.

Commissioner McLean asked if traffic signals are being installed along SR 16 at this time. Mr. Gedney replied traffic signals are expected to be installed as development occurs.

Ms. Ebrahimi noted she would like to obtain further information regarding one section of the EIR that addresses roadway functionality impacts with the purpose to implement level of service (LOS) improvement measures, but it not entirely clear what that means and that it is subject to potential change. She stated there is concern with the clarity, as ACTC should know what specifically is going to be presented or a list of options. Ms. Ebrahimi noted Sacramento County, under State law, is only required to perform the VMT, but they have agreed to perform both VMT and LOS assessment.

Commissioner Plasse asked if the LOS impact is constrained to intersections only. Ms. Ebrahimi replied it is based on intersections as presented in Sacramento County's General plan.

Mr. Colburn noted this development is much larger than the Newbridge development. He continued the Newbridge development had only two (2) major outlets and three (3) stop lights on the highway, and this one has six (6) and does not indicate how many stop lights would be included. He stated based on the 6,000 units in this one development which is 12% the total housing units discussed in the general plan. Mr. Colburn continued to highlight his concern regarding the amount of stop lights along SR 16 and asked the board to continue to be aggressive with this item.

Commissioner Plasse suggested investigating the plans for Kiefer Blvd., as it represents the parallel capacity that could pull much of the impacts off of SR 16 onto Kiefer. He asked if emphasis could be directed to requiring parallel capacity on Excelsior Rd., Kiefer Blvd., and Eagle’s Nest to help the travelers get to highway 50 to help avoid congestion on Jackson Highway.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Crew and unanimously carried to direct legal counsel to prepare a comment letter to the Jackson Township Specific Plan project with the goal of preserving the interregional functionality of the Jackson Highway.

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

Claims: Mr. Gedney noted on the revised claims list there is a bill in the amount of \$30,986.00 from the City of Jackson, which is a reimbursement from the original Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funding for the purchase of the Hybrid/electric vehicle.

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

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

ACTC Commissioner Reports: Commissioner McLean stated the City of Jackson did approve, by resolution, the construction of French Bar Bridge project as well as the bridge project for Pitt Street. He added the city did approve a Round-a-bout at the Sutter Street Extension proposed intersection with Hoffman Street, and the city did approve a signed regulation that would add a time limit to all non-commercial temporary signs.

Vice Chairman Atlan stated, regarding the Wildflower development, permits were received from Caltrans and the roadwork should be completed by August.

ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney stated maintenance to the ACTC facility will commence in the coming months and will include: painting of the outside of the building, slurry seal and striping of the parking lot, electrical upgrades to light fixtures (conversion to LED), also an RFP for conference room equipment upgrade has gone out for bids.

Caltrans Report with Marlon Regisford:

- California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated approximately \$900 million to improve transportation infrastructure throughout the State through the SB1 program- road repair and accountability act.
- Regarding the homelessness crisis, there is a \$12 million package under the “California Comeback Plan” that has been earmarked and Caltrans is looking for partners to continue communication efforts surrounding relocating homeless to more stable and permanent housing.
- The “Clean California Initiative” is a proposed \$1.5 billion investment to transform public spaces and clean spaces near highways, which will create 15,000 jobs.
- Regarding the State Rail Plan, it is being drafted and will be available later in the year for public review.
- A call for projects will take place in summer 2021 for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Funding program, projects will be awarded next spring.

- Through the Department of Parks and Recreation, a Regional Park Grant Program, is funded by Prop 68 to create new recreation opportunities in rural communities to support health and economic goals. This program is available until November 5, 2021 and can be found at the State Park website www.parks.ca.gov.
- Caltrans recently held the 31st Annual Memorial to honor 189 fallen highway workers. Caltrans emphasized the importance of safety and asks the public to report any unsafe conditions to be addressed accordingly.
- Regarding the highway bridge program and funding issue, this issue was taken to headquarters local assistance team for further review.
- Regarding the high reflective signs being too bright, Arvinder Bajwa- Traffic Operations Deputy, has looked into this issue and will follow- up for the specific locations.
- The concerns along SR 49 between Drytown and SR 49/SR 16 intersection have been noted and there is a bridge work closure in that area starting today.
- Regarding SR 88, pavement work is taking place, with a lane closure in that area on Wagon Wheel Drive and Shakeridge Road.

Chairman Oneto commented, regarding the high reflective signs, the issue does not pertain to specific areas but is an issue with those signs in general.

Commissioner Plasse noted as previously mentioned in the meeting by a member of the public, on SR 88 in Pine Grove there is construction fencing that has been installed around the push button for the crosswalk that has prevented pedestrians from being able to utilize that for crossing. He asked if there is a provision that Caltrans and construction companies are supposed to be aware of regarding this issue, and stated the hope is to notify the construction company directly about this. Mr. Regisford replied Caltrans does not support pedestrian facilities being blocked off during construction, and will look into it and notify the contractor if necessary.

Vice Chairman Atlan asked for an update regarding the paving project for Main St. Ione that was scheduled for summer 2021. Mr. Regisford responded he would take that back for review.

Chairman Oneto stated he spoke with some Caltrans employees and they commented they do not have a skip loader for maintenance on the roadways, and asked if Caltrans could consider looking into the purchase of one. Mr. Regisford replied he will take that back to maintenance deputy.

Future Agenda Items:

- Extreme Weather Needs Assessment Report Presentation
- Pine Grove Project Update for Construction in Spring 2022

Adjournment:

At 10:44 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 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.)