

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 7, 2021 –11:51 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
Susan Bragstad
Richard Forster
Steve McLean

Absent:

John Plasse

Also Present:

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC
Cindy Engel, GIS Coordinator, ACTC
Mark Hopkins, Senior Project Manager, Amador County

AGENDA:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan and carried to approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, noted he chose to attend the meeting in-person due to the poor quality of the conference call line. He stated the audio continued to cut out and he was unable to hear the entire Amador Transit meeting. He added as a member of the public trying to participate remotely there is no meaningful way to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-6):

Item #1-Minutes of September 2, 2021: Commissioner Forster noted a minor correction. Chairman Oneto stated, regarding Commissioner Forster's comments in the minutes about item #3- Caltrans Correspondence Letter, he agrees that Caltrans is not spending funding wisely. Commissioner Forster stated there is a meeting scheduled on October 22, 2021 with Caltrans regarding that concern.

Item #2-Expenditures Budget vs. Actual: Chairman Oneto commented on line item #53002-Garbage-ACTC. It's 71% of the budget already and noted the increase of rates was not included in the budget.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

#7. FY 2022/23 Transportation Development Act Unmet Transit Needs Process: Mr. Gedney reviewed the staff report.

Commissioners agreed not to make any changes to the Unmet Transit Needs Definition or Reasonable to Meet Criteria.

#8. SR 88/Pine Grove Improvements Funding Plan: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He stated the project is currently at 95% design in the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase, and currently acquiring needed Right-of-Way with one (1) parcel outstanding. The schedule shows the Project Ready-to-List date has moved from November 8, 2021 to January 14, 2022 to accommodate additional review by Caltrans staff. Mr. Gedney stated the goal is to have this project programmed for construction in the STIP by July 1, 2022. He then introduced Mr. Mark Hopkins, Senior Project Manager-Amador County.

Mr. Hopkins provided a copy of the *State of California Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreement with Amador County-Exhibit A*. He stated the changes that have been made are only in order to phase the project. The current phase will stretch from Ridge Road to directly past the Pine Grove Elementary school. Any future phases will include Mount Zion Rd. and Tabeaud Rd. only as development goes in.

Commissioner McLean asked how the ingress/egress will be to the elementary school after the completion of the project. Mr. Hopkins replied, as displayed on page L-5 of the agreement, the ingress will remain the same, however the egress is going to remove the driveway adjacent to the intersection on SR 88 and curve it around to Pine Grove/Volcano Rd. past Crestview.

Commissioner Forster asked if the driveway on Pine Grove/Volcano Road ("D" Line-page L-5) to the school will be both ingress and egress. Mr. Hopkins replied it will be egress only (one-way out). Commissioner Forster noted his concern in regard to the amount of traffic and speed of traffic traveling from SR 88 down Pine Grove/Volcano Rd. Mr. Hopkins stated because it is a school, the only major traffic will be narrowed down to pick-up/drop-off times. Commissioner Forster suggested adding a flashing light on Pine Grove/Volcano Rd. to the plan in case it is needed. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Gedney agreed that the project details have already been reviewed and approved by Caltrans staff (pending a final review), but that the conditions could be monitored over time.

Chairman Oneto stated on page L-3 of the agreement it reads "*new sidewalks/bike paths, driveways, ADA curb ramps will be maintained by county*" and asked why the document states the responsibility will fall on the county and asked if the word "maintenance" refers to "repairs". Mr. Hopkins responded this agreement was made between the County and Caltrans, brought before the Amador County Board of Supervisors and signed by the County CAO. He stated the maintenance is classified as repair, however once the need for repairs arises, both the county and Caltrans will have responsibility to address them.

Chairman Oneto commented the shoulder along SR 88 near the grocery store has been used in the past frequently by travelers to pull over to put on snow chains and now it appears this project would remove that shoulder. Mr. Hopkins replied (as shown on page L-3) that section of roadway is Caltrans Right-of-Way. He added it will not be removed but become more defined and still allow for 8' shoulder.

Chairman Oneto and Commissioner Forster stated their disagreement with the County maintaining the sidewalks, driveways, etc. along a Caltrans State Highway system. Commissioner Forster asked Mr. Hopkins to have the maintenance agreement revisited and noted this would also be discussed with Caltrans at the meeting dated for October 22, 2021.

Mr. Hopkins stated the project is moving towards construction now with an estimated cost of approximately \$7.6 million. Mr. Gedney stated this project's initial cost estimate was \$40 million and with efficiencies, revisions, and the phasing plan, this project is now at a cost of approximately \$7.6 million.

Mr. Gedney stated regarding the maintenance agreement, since it is not a design component, can be handled between the County and Caltrans at a later date. Mr. Gedney stated adoption of a funding plan should take place prior to December 15, 2021 so it can get programmed in the STIP allowing fund allocation in FY 2022/23.

Commissioner Bragstad left at 12:37 p.m.

Mr. Gedney stated the escalated construction cost is \$7.6 million plus the Construction Support Cost \$1.1 million would bring the total to approximately \$8.7 million needed to fully fund the project. He then reviewed a handout (ACTC Funding) that displays the various funding sources and eligibility. He asked for conceptual approval to finalize a funding plan to bring back at the November meeting.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, stated in regard to the SR 88 Pine Grove Improvement Project, there was a proposed parking lot previously included in this project that would make a great vehicle snow chain area. He also stated he is glad the current crosswalk located near Pine Grove/Volcano Rd. will be upgraded within the project and extended his appreciation for continued efforts of ACTC trying to get this project completed.

Commissioner Forster asked what the total funding amount of the federal earmark is. Mr. Gedney responded the requested amount from the federal earmark in the Infrastructure bill was \$5m but may be reduced to \$3.5m, if approved. Commissioner Forster noted his concern if ACTC does receive the earmark, that Caltrans may decide not to include its portion as previously stated they would.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Vice Chairman Atlan and carried to approve conceptual approval to finalize the funding plan documents and bring back to the board at the November meeting for final approval to submit to Caltrans.

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

#9. Approve Monthly Claims list: Mr. Gedney noted there is a revised claims list for approval.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Atlan, seconded by Commissioner McLean and carried to approve the revised claims list.

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

Vice Chairman Atlan stated he needed to leave the meeting. Mr. Gedney commented, under Executive Director Report, he has received multiple California Public Records Act (PRA) requests recently. He stated he provided

responsive documents and followed up with a request to narrow the information desired to be pertinent to the subject matter.

#10. ACTC Commissioner Reports: In regard to the upcoming meeting with Caltrans, Commissioner Forster asked that the meeting maintains Brown Act requirements and ensure we provide Caltrans notice of additional parties that may attend.

Chairman Oneto asked if any additional items should be included in the infrastructure bill request. Commissioner Forster replied it is probably too late to add any more requests.

#11. ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney reviewed his handouts and stated, regarding the Extreme Weather Needs Assessment- next phase, he has begun preparing an application for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program. He continued that based on previous discussion from the board, the focus of this grant application would be to perform public outreach to gain community perspective. He noted Ms. Engel is also interested in applying for a grant.

Ms. Engel reviewed the handout provided and stated the grant opportunity is through the California Fire Safe Council and designed for Wildfire Evacuation Route Planning and Implementation. This grant program can accommodate additional planning as well as maintenance of routes. Ms. Engel stated to be able to apply for this grant through ACTC the Board of Supervisors (BOS) would have to provide a letter designating an agency to act on the county's behalf.

Commissioner Forster recommended that this should be put on the BOS agenda and discussed at an upcoming BOS meeting where the board could provide a Letter of Authorization appointing Ms. Engel to work on this grant application. Mr. Gedney stated he would contact Mr. Iley to have this item added to the agenda. Commissioner Forster asked if Amador County Fire Safe Council has the ability to apply for this grant. He asked Mr. Engel to find out, because there should not be duplicated efforts among local agencies.

#12. Caltrans Report with Marlon Regisford, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 10:

- Mr. Regisford stated due to weather, Caltrans will be closing Ebbetts Pass, Sonora Pass, and Monitor Pass. Caltrans will monitor the situation and prepare to reopen the passes on Saturday.
- In regard to the Clean California program, a workshop took place and there will be a 'Call for Projects' in December with a deadline in February 2022. Commissioner Forster asked if the facilities for litter abatement cleanup have to be adjacent to public facilities. Mr. Regisford responded no they do not have to be adjacent to Caltrans facilities.
- The Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program is accepting applications with a deadline of October 27, 2021.
- In regard to Senate Bill (SB) 1 Competitive Programs, information has been released for workshops which include: workshops for local partnership program, trade corridor enhancement program, and solutions for congested corridor program. The workshop information can be found on the California Transportation Commission website <https://catc.ca.gov/>.
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) semi-annual reports are due by October 18, 2021.
- Mr. Regisford noted a Local Traffic Advisory due to roadwork on SR 88 that includes long-term drainage work that should be completed at the end of October.

Chairman Oneto asked for an update regarding the required length of roadway that should be paved by Caltrans when performing roadway projects. Commissioner Forster noted he is waiting for a response in regard to the research Caltrans was going to perform to explain the requirements. Mr. Regisford replied this request has been

explicitly mentioned to the maintenance, construction, and project management teams and a response should be forthcoming.

#13. Future Agenda Items:

- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

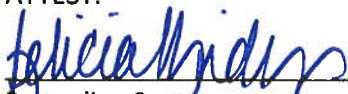
#14. Adjournment:

At 1:23 p.m. the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 4, 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.)