

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 4, 2021 –9:37 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
Susan Bragstad
Patrick Crew (alternate for Richard Forster)
John Plasse

Absent:

Dominic Atlan, Vice Chairman
Steve McLean

Also Present:

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC
Gregoria Ponce, Chief-Office of Rural Planning, Caltrans District 10 (conference call line)

AGENDA:

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

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, stated the audio quality this month is much better. He asked to have an additional statement he made at the last meeting included in the October minutes to reflect as follows: *"Being a member of the public, trying to participate remotely, there was no meaningful way to comment."*

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-6):

Item #6: Mr. Gedney reported that staff submitted an application to prepare an *Amador County Evacuation Route Vegetation Management Plan* to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and should hear a response early next year. He continued that the scope of work would include public outreach to develop vegetation clearing policies and projects. Ms. Ponce confirmed grant awards will be announced in spring 2022

Commissioner Plasse asked if the public outreach would involve asking property owners for permission to perform vegetation management on their right-of-way. He noted something similar to this was previously performed through the Tree Mortality Program.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, commented he is in support of moving forward with a program that does vegetation management along the roads since very little has been performed in the last few years. He

added if there is a way to move forward with this work through a grant or other means then that effort should be made.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

#7. SR 88/Pine Grove Improvements Project Construction Funding Plan: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He reviewed the funding sources included in the programming plan and the resolutions to approve the allocations of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funding for the construction phase of the project, which includes rescinding resolution #21-01 regarding the allocation of STP funds.

Commissioner Plasse asked if the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding is included. Mr. Gedney stated in the 2020 STIP the ACTC held \$5 million in reserve. This year, the 2022 Fund Estimate added \$1.5 million in available programming capacity. The recommendation is to use \$5.3 million of these Regional Improvement Program shares to show full construction funding for the project. Commissioner Plasse stated his concern is spending flexible funds like Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) funds that can go to local road improvements instead of using all of the STIP funding on this project. Mr. Gedney replied the goal is to program the more restrictive funds to this project, however due to Assembly Bill 1600 RTMF funds do have a 5-year requirement regarding spending funds on projects. Commissioner Plasse asked if utilizing the CMAQ funding for this project forces the County to accept a round-a-bout instead of an intersection. Mr. Gedney replied no.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident stated he appreciates the conversation about the use of more restrictive funds for this project freeing up more flexible funds for other local projects. He noted he does want to see this project move forward but also the ability to have flexibility with the other funds to perform roadway projects.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Bragstad, seconded by Commissioner Crew and carried to approve the staff recommendation of resolution # 21-12 and resolution # 21-13.

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

#8. ACTC CalPERS 'Classic' Unfunded Accrued Liability: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report and attachments. He commented one option would be to pay the entire ACTC unfunded liability off using funding from the Administrative Savings Account.

Commissioner Plasse asked if it is appropriate to spend transportation funds on the administrative costs of the agency. Mr. Gedney responded paying down this administrative cost could save a large amount in interest payments which could be allocated to roadway projects.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding the options available however due to absent board members, commissioners agreed to table this item for a future meeting.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, stated he would personally choose to spend the money upfront to save money in the long run and noted it appears there would be more benefit in a long-term cost savings for local roadway maintenance.

Jon Colburn, Amador County resident, stated the inflation rate in construction and the percentage in the loss of roadway degradation annually should be considered in this decision. Mr. Gedney noted the Street Saver program does have the degradation curve analysis to aid in that calculation. Mr. Colburn noted discussion about a sales tax measure could be another option.

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

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

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

#10. ACTC Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Plasse commented he had a positive experience in influencing some of the County roadcrew employees. He noted after receiving some specific direction they displayed one of the best patch jobs seen in some time.

#11. ACTC Report: Mr. Gedney stated he and Commissioner Forster met with Caltrans staff on October 22nd and noted it went very well. The issue that has been brought up multiple times by the board regarding the paving projects and the right-of-way to local roadways was discussed and the answer was there is no specific footage but rather it is based on engineering studies and the tapering of the roadway.

Commissioner Plasse stated he has previously discussed with Mr. Regisford the topic of Caltrans providing the paving of the SR 88 Pine Grove Improvement Project since they have performed paving on majority of that highway and asked if this item was discussed at that meeting further. Mr. Gedney stated there has not been an answer regarding that but does not want to hold the project up any longer. He did note that regarding another section of SR 88 that has been discussed previously was Inspiration Drive East and Caltrans does look to work closely with ACTC in combining pavement projects and the Asset Integrator would like to provide a presentation on how that may work in the future.

#12. Caltrans Report with Gregoria Ponce:

- The Clean California Local Grant Program is holding an application workshop on November 18th for technical assistance to interested applicants.
- The Clean California Program has launched an 'Adopt a Highway' pilot program to provide an avenue for individuals, organizations, or businesses to help maintain sections of roadside within California's State Highway System.
- California Transportation Commission (CTC) in coordination with Caltrans, will be holding an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 virtual site visits. Availabilities will be Tuesdays and Fridays beginning November 2021 through February 2022 for interested agencies to discuss upcoming projects for the 2023 ATP.

Chairman Oneto stated a member of the public expressed concern regarding hazardous trees (Bull Pines) that were burned in a fire along SR 16 approximately 2 miles from the county line. He asked if the Caltrans Maintenance Crew could review this concern. He noted another area of concern on SR 16 is at Greilich Road,

and asked if a turn pocket could be installed there or in the interim cautionary signage for that intersection. Ms. Ponce stated she will take those items back for review.

Chairman Oneto asked for clarification regarding work to be performed at the Mokelumne River Bridge, as he has been informed that Caltrans will be widening of the bridge. Mr. Gedney replied the project currently established to take place is a guardrail replacement at that location with accommodations for better pedestrian access.

Jon Colburn, Amador County resident, asked if reaching out to the Assemblyman may help get direction regarding the paving project in the Pine Grove Improvement Project. Mr. Gedney asked Ms. Ponce if she could follow-up regarding an answer about the addition of paving incorporated in the SR 88/Pine Grove Improvement Project.

#13. Future Agenda Items:

- CalPERS Unfunded Liability
- FY 2020/21 Fiscal and Compliance Audits
- 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Annual Report

Jon Colburn stated he is working on a roadway approach near Shenandoah Road, and he was surprised to find out the County standards for paving is 2 inches of asphalt and 5 inches of base work. He added there will be truck traffic through there and this will cause maintenance issues in the near future.

#14. Adjournment:

At 11.14 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 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.)