

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 3, 2022 –9:08 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:

Dominic Atlan, Chairman
Steve McLean, Vice Chairman
Susan Bragstad
Patrick Crew (alternate for Richard Forster)
Brian Oneto
John Plasse

Absent:

None

Also Present:

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

AGENDA: Chairman Atlan asked to move item #12-Caltrans Report up to item #7a of the Regular Agenda to accommodate the time of Caltrans staff.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Bragstad and unanimously carried to approve the revised agenda, moving item #12-Caltrans Report up to item #7a of the Regular Agenda.

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-5):

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

#7a (#12) Caltrans Report with Dennis Agar:

- Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, there were 431 positive tests within Caltrans staff on January 9th and more recently the cases have declined with a total of 78 positive test results. He stated Caltrans is working diligently to ensure all services are working and roadways remain clear for the traveling public.

- Caltrans continues efforts to hire staff for positions that include engineering, maintenance, and environmental. He noted the intention to perform a mass hiring event next month.
- With regard to the Clean California Grant Program, the deadline for application submittal was February 1, 2022. The overall number of local grant applications received Statewide totaled 326 and within District 10 there was a total of 20 among all eight (8) counties. He noted there was a free dump day held in Tuolumne County that was successful. However, the facility had to be shut down and the public had to be diverted to a disposal site due to the amount of participation to utilize the dump day services. Changes for future dump days are being reviewed to better accommodate the turnout.
- Mr. Agar noted he will have staff forward the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) link where the latest information is available regarding the Federal funding coming to the State.
- Toks Omishakin, Caltrans Director, sent out a Complete Streets Policy in December 2021 in regard to ensuring all transportation projects will consider/include complete streets facilities such as walking, biking, taking transit or passenger rail in the infrastructure improvement projects for the future. It was noted these are only for new projects currently.
- Caltrans recently hosted a virtual Safety Summit with goals to come up with new strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries in the work zones for both workers and the traveling public.

Caltrans Report with Gregoria Ponce:

- Caltrans is processing the ACTC Overall Work Program quarterly report and is being sent to headquarters for approval and payment.
- The Caltrans District 10 Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Committee kick-off meeting is coming up this month.
- Caltrans released the second version of the Transportation Asset Management Plan and Caltrans is requesting comments.
- Through the California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans has released funding for the Active Transportation Program.
- A 'Call for Projects' was released for State sponsored non-State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project initiation document nominations.

Commissioner Oneto asked, regarding the new roundabout at the Liberty Road/ SR 88 intersection, if there are any additional plans to make it larger or if the project is complete. Mr. Agar replied that what is currently installed is the final design and noted the project is almost complete. He asked what the concerns with the roundabout include. Commissioner Oneto stated it is difficult for large trucks to get through, and added that SR 88 is used frequently by large trucks and trailers with heavy loads may get high-centered trying to navigate through the roundabout. Mr. Agar replied the approved truck size has been considered and designed to accommodate, but stated he will take the concern back for review by the design team.

Chairman Atlan agreed with Commissioner Oneto in regard to the roundabout, but noted his primary concern is directed more at the approach. He stated the 55MPH speed limit that abruptly slows to 25MPH should be stepped down gradually upon entering since the roundabout has a 45-degree right turn. He also noted lighting is a concern and the roundabout itself is too small in diameter. Mr. Agar noted Caltrans staff will review the concerns.

Chairman Atlan stated the City of Lone is trying to finalize the Foothill Boulevard entrance for the Wildflower Development, and asked if Caltrans could expedite their review/approval process, as development cannot continue without that completed.

#7b. FY 2022/23 Draft Overall Work Program: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report. He noted some changes for this year would include: limited work is scheduled to be performed for the Regional Transportation

Improvement Program (RTIP) as this is a bi-annual report unless an amendment is made to the recently submitted RTIP regarding new projects. More planning work to the 2024 RTP update will take place, and the travel demand model work will resume as the extreme weather needs assessment work has been completed for now.

Commissioner Bragstad commented she does not agree with the displayed population count for Amador City going down by 40%. She added the 2020 Census shows Amador City's population at 200 and the ACTC OWP displays 153. Mr. Gedney stated the information used for the OWP has routinely come from the Department of Finance website. Commissioner Plasse asked if the Census could be used instead as that update was recently performed and more accurate. Mr. Gedney stated he could review the population concerns further and bring it back.

Commissioner Plasse asked if the total amount of RPA funding is dedicated to work element 2.1-Regional Coordination. Mr. Gedney replied yes, and noted this was changed last year as an effort to ease reporting and reimbursement of the RPA funding. He stated all activities within work element 2.1 are eligible for RPA reimbursement and ACTC staff is working in coordination with Caltrans staff.

Commissioner Plasse noted a possible error on page 28 of the OWP regarding the total amount in RSTP funding displaying \$650,000. Mr. Gedney replied yes that is an error and will be corrected to read \$65,000.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, asked regarding page 19-Local Project Delivery, if the list of various programs and projects includes bicycle and pedestrian programs. Mr. Gedney replied yes, through the Active Transportation Program (ATP). Commissioner Plasse noted under the Purpose bullet- 'Alternative' Transportation Program should be changed to 'Active'.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Crew and unanimously carried to approve the draft Overall Work Program and distribute it out to local jurisdictions for comment.

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

#8. Project Funding Distribution Discussion: Mr. Gedney stated this discussion has taken place over several meetings now regarding how to distribute some of the flexible funds. He referenced the funding source totals in Consent Item #3-Overall Work Program 2nd Quarter Financials. Mr. Gedney stated, in regard to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSAA) of 2021 funding in the amount of \$200,000 that was brought forward last month, County Public Works has submitted a request to Caltrans District 10 for that funding to fund a county-wide road maintenance program.

Mr. Gedney stated included in the packet today are data tables only. He noted at the January TAC meeting the concern was expressed again to not include the prison population in the distribution formula. Commissioner Bragstad commented it does not seem fair as they do not utilize the roads. Commissioner Oneto stated he could see including some of the population as there are some impacts to lone but to include the entire population does not seem fair. Chairman Atlan stated this has always been an issue and there should be something written up so this does not have to be addressed each year. He continued that he tried researching the SB-1 formula of distribution and could not find it. He asked how the State gives the money back to the counties. He noted if Amador County is receiving SB-1 funding based on population and they include the prison population then that should be included in the formula, however if the counties only funding received from sales from fuel then there should be less consideration of including the prison population. Mr. Gedney reviewed page 2-funding

distribution options. Chairman Atlan stated a distribution formula should be developed and made binding that is fair for all jurisdictions.

Ms. Amarant asked if the prison would be willing to provide data regarding their visitor log to retrieve an annual estimate of travelers into the facility. Chairman Atlan also suggested getting data of vendors, ambulances, etc. into the prison also.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding the funding sources and how to fairly distribute those funds based on (to some degree) what those cities have put in.

Mr. Gedney stated having a set formula would serve well for a scheduled disbursement of funding each July to the jurisdictions of those flexible funds. Commissioner Plasse asked what mechanism is in place to verify the jurisdictions are spending those funds appropriately. Mr. Gedney replied the excess LTF funding distributed is flexible after ACTC has gone through its Unmet Needs process. He did note there is a claim form the jurisdictions do have to fill out to verify all funding is being spent appropriately.

Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident, stated he appreciates the discussion and noted the State is reviewing the possibility of taxing by miles traveled instead of taxing at the pump and that may change how the calculations are performed.

Robin Peters, City of Sutter Creek, stated mostly as it relates to the prison population but for the bigger picture the origin of funds for SB-1 versus LTF/STIP funds come from different places and as discussed today in some detail, how the SB-1 funds is distributed is irrelevant as sources of funds are different and the distribution almost certainly then has to be different. He continued as it relates to the prison population, the commission has discussed the visitation, vendors, etc. traveling into the prison as causing impacts to city roads. He noted those travelers are utilizing the state highways predominately not city roads. He suggested to eliminate the prison population from the metric and distribute the funds that way. He stated the prison population is inappropriate to include in the calculation and requested it be removed.

Commissioner Bragstad commented it would be interesting to see how other counties handle situations with regard to prison populations.

Chairman Atlan stated if Amador County is receiving funding because of the prison, it would be unfair not to include that in the formula. He added that information will be reviewed further before a decision is made.

Mr. Gedney asked if the board could approve the programming of the \$200,000 in CRSSAA funding to be distributed to the County. Chairman Atlan replied that item would need to be brought back as an item for approval on the next agenda.

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

Commissioner Oneto asked what the bill from Atlas Building Solutions in the amount of \$900.00 is for. Mr. Gedney replied it is for repair work on the ACTC buildings gutters. Ms. Bridges noted the work included is for cleaning, sealing, repair of sagging areas, and installation of a downspout.

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

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

#10. ACTC Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Oneto stated regarding the truck traffic on Shenandoah Road, it is work being performed by Cal-OES to clean up debris from the Caldor Fire. He noted the County received a damage claim form and are continuing discussions to try to get repairs performed to that road following the completion of the debris clean up.

Commissioner Plasse stated with regard to the continuing supply chain shortages that are under reported, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) regulations that are being placed on private truckers and the Uber law (Proposition 22) that disallowed subcontracted truckers to be utilized for shipment out of the ports are now coming full circle and some of these trucks that are under the CARB regulations including Caltrans vehicles, are not able to clear the check engine light and DEF filter sensors which puts them in limp mode and has shut down approximately 80% of snow plow vehicles because of this issue. He stated it has also happened with ACES Waste Services INC. fleet, and it has gotten so bad that CARB is now granting exemptions and authorizations to allow those codes to be 're-flashed' or a 'work around' is found until the sensors can be shipped in. He stated Caltrans has been investing in every green house gas reduction and is now suffering the consequences. Commissioner Oneto agreed and noted he has also spoken with multiple people that have expressed the same concerns.

Chairman Atlan stated the Foothill Boulevard/ SR 104 connection is almost complete including the concerns that were discussed last meeting were addressed.

#11. ACTC Reports: Mr. Gedney stated the California Transportation Commission staff reached out months ago with regard to any pedestrian/bicycle projects. After contacting the jurisdictions and receiving feedback, it was decided to assist the City of Jackson with its application for the 'Creek Walk' Project as well as assist with the scheduled Virtual Site Visit with California Transportation Commission staff (with assistance from on-call consultant GHD). He noted the CTC was pleased with the general idea but asked us to think larger and make better surrounding connections for walking and biking. Mr. Gedney stated they are looking into those ideas more in-depth.

#13. Future Agenda Items:

- Project Funding Discussion- Distribution Proposal of funding to cities/county of flexible funds
- Amador Transit FY 2020/21 Draft Compliance and Fiscal Audit
- CRSSAA funding

Closed Session: At 10:27 a.m. Chairman Atlan called for a Closed Session as noticed: Conference with Labor Negotiators-Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. At 12:01 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the special meeting of ACTC and reported direction was given to staff to further and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

#14. Adjournment:

At 12:02 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 117 Valley View Way Sutter Creek, CA 95685.



Dominic Atlan, Chairman
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

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