

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 4, 2022 –9:29 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
Richard Forster
John Plasse

Absent:

Brian Oneto

Also Present:

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC
Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit
Marlon Regisford, Deputy District Director of Planning, Caltrans District 10

AGENDA:

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

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

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Gary Reinoehl, Amador County resident stated he was on vacation for the last few weeks and noted while traveling through other states he encountered many round-a-bouts (traffic circles) with similar design. He stated he was comfortable navigating those round-a-bouts after utilizing the ones in California. Chairman Atlan asked if he meant the ones in California are worse. Mr. Reinoehl clarified that the designs for the round-a-bouts in California are more difficult, making it much easier to navigate ones in other states.

Commissioner Forster stated, regarding merging into turn lanes, there should be a curve, not a near 90-degree angle turn, as you enter the turn lane in order to accommodate the flow of through traffic.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items #1-6):

#1. Minutes: Commissioner Forster and Commissioner Plasse noted minor corrections to be submitted.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

#7. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan-Update Process: Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report and attachments.

Commissioner Bragstad noted tourism to Amador County causes impacts to the roadways as well as local development. Mr. Gedney agreed and suggested that a sales tax measure may assist in receiving revenue for roadway maintenance from tourist and local impacts.

Mr. Gedney noted a main concern heard from our community is the need for preservation of the roadways and might be considered as a key factor in the next RTP policy update. He stated the current project list for roadway improvements might need to be separated into local versus state highway projects, and asked if the focus for programming Regional Improvement Program (RIP) shares should shift to funding only local roadway improvements. Mr. Gedney suggested adding a state highway fee to the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) program that can provide a local contribution to future state highway system projects.

Chairman Atlan stated, with regard to development having a large impact on roadways, if the Amador County Unified School District does move forward with the consolidation of the schools, that will create a massive impact to the local roadways. The school district should also have to contribute to the roadways impact fees. Mr. Gedney agreed and stated that is exactly why the Wicklow Way extension is needed and suggested reaching out to the school district to discuss how those proposed changes will impact the roadways.

Commissioner Forster stated a sales tax measure would be a good idea to bring in more revenue for roads but noted there needs to be “champions” to lead it like the Chamber of Commerce or Amador County Council of Tourism. Commissioner Forster asked if the tree mortality or evacuation route work from the GIS Coordinator are included in the RTP. Mr. Gedney stated currently that work is not, but could be included in the 2024 update.

Mr. Gedney offered that staff would bring this item back to work directly with the board throughout this next update period to determine what should be included and updated in the 2024 RTP.

Doug Sim, Plymouth City Council asked if analysis has been performed on the truck traffic along Shenandoah Road. Commissioner Forster stated the county is aware of it and has communicated with Cal-OES with regard to contributions for road rehabilitation following this Caldor Fire clean-up effort however, they were not receptive to that. He noted discussion continues regarding future road rehabilitation on that roadway.

#8. Claims: Mr. Gedney noted there is a revised claims list for approval and noted the change to include Commissioners Forster and Plasse in attendance and the absence of Commissioner Oneto. Commissioner Bragstad asked what the large amounts were to Lone and Plymouth. Mr. Gedney replied those allocations are Local Transportation Fund allocations that they had recently claimed. The other cities/County already received their funds.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Forster, and unanimously carried to approve the revised claims list to include Commissioner Plasse, include the change from Commissioner Crew to Commissioner Forster, and the absence of Commissioner Oneto.

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

#9. ACTC Commissioner Reports: Chairman Atlan stated Foothill Blvd. In Lone has been signed off by Caltrans and is now open. He added the Public Utility Commission did not fine anyone with regard to the railroad. Chairman Atlan stated a letter should be written to the Amador County school board expressing the commission's concerns regarding traffic safety with the school consolidation that will take place. He asked to have this brought back as a future agenda item for further discussion as this will have major impacts and there is no plan for mitigation at this time.

Commissioner Plasse noted a suggestion may be asking for a proportional sharing of the school impact fees to aid in roadway impacts.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding possible traffic impacts of the school consolidation.

#10. ACTC Reports: Mr. Gedney stated as the new fiscal year begins ACTC has initiated working with the consultants for the annual Fiscal and Compliance audit and the Triennial Performance Audit. Staff will be working on the bicycle/pedestrian plan in preparation of the next ATP cycle. He also noted in October staff will find out if we have been successful with the Jackson Creek Walk application.

#11. Caltrans Report with Marlon Regisford:

- Tony Tavares, who was previously Director in district 7 and district 4 as well as Chief of Division Maintenance, is now the Statewide Director of Caltrans.
- The Clean California and local grant program efforts continue
- Other efforts continue as well that include the Fuel Services Reduction contract and Broadband Access especially in rural communities
- The Caltrans Complete Streets Action Plan has recently been added to the website and requires Caltrans, as least, consider complete streets as part of every project that is funded by the State Highway Operations and Protection Program.
- Federal funding opportunities that Caltrans is tracking include: the Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program and the Reconnecting Communities program.
- The new District 10 Ambassador program, which will designate a point of contact for each county in the district, will begin in the fall.

- SR 89 has had a road closure due to weather and mud slides and SR 4 is being evaluated for closures as well.
- Local traffic advisories include tree work on SR 88 in Pine Grove, and one way traffic control at Foster Meadow Road and Mormon Emigrant Trail due to drainage work.

Commissioner Plasse noted Plymouth City Council member spoke today under public comment regarding a Clean California project taking place in Plymouth and stated they are having difficulty getting progress updates, and asked updates be provided monthly to ACTC and the City of Plymouth. Mr. Regisford replied he will forward this request to Mr. Sherman, Clean California Coordinator, to get in contact with ACTC and/or city staff.

Chairman Atlan asked for an update regarding the drainage project on Main Street in Lone that was scheduled for May 2022 but then postponed. He also asked for an update with regard to the street lights that were scheduled to be completed at SR 104/Mule Creek State Prison in August, and have yet to begin. Mr. Regisford responded he will take these items back to get updates. Chairman Atlan asked to get the update for Main Street in Lone prior to the next meeting to accommodate upcoming event schedules.

#12. Future Agenda Items: None

#13. Adjournment:

At 10:46 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the regular meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 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.)