

**AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
April 6, 2023 – 9:35 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:**

Patrick Crew, Chairman  
Steve McLean, Vice Chairman  
Susan Bragstad  
Richard Forster  
John Plasse

**Absent:**

Robin Peters- conflicting mediation meeting with Amador Regional Sanitation Authority (ARSA)

**Also Present:**

John Gedney, Executive Director, ACTC  
Felicia Bridges, Administrative Secretary, ACTC  
Maggie Amarant, General Manager, Amador Transit  
Gregoria Ponce, Office Chief of Rural Planning, Caltrans District 10 (conference call line)

**AGENDA:** Mr. Gedney asked to accommodate the time of Legal Counsel by moving Closed Session to 10:00 a.m.

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

Ayes: Crew, McLean, Bragstad, Forster, Plasse  
Noes: None  
Absent: Peters

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-8):**

**#1 Minutes of March 2, 2023 ACTC Regular Meeting:** Commissioner Forster noted on page 4-#3 FY 2022/23 ACTC Overall Work Program Mid-Year Budget Amendment, in the motion it reads '*seconded by Commissioner Oneto*' however he did not attend that meeting. He asked to have that corrected.

**#3 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Auditor's Estimate:** Commissioner Plasse asked how this year's estimate compares to last year. Mr. Gedney replied it is moderately higher and the receipts are coming in beyond last year's expectation.

**#4. SR 49/Argonaut Lane-Safety Investigation Request:** Vice Chairman McLean stated he thinks the letter is great and noted it is very timely to ask for this.

**#7. Regional Surface Transportation Program: Exchange Agreement:** Commissioner Forster asked if the City of Lone was not listed on the last page due to not having any projects at that time. Mr. Gedney responded these

were funds that were distributed out under the discretionary formula, and the City of Lone did not submit their claim on time to display in that fiscal year.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Plasse, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted change on the minutes.

Ayes: Crew, McLean, Bragstad, Forster, Plasse  
Noes: None  
Absent: Peters

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**#9. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Fund Allocation:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report and attachments. He noted there is approximately \$850,000 available in the RSTP Trust Fund account. He stated if staff recommendation is approved today, staff would send the claimants the proper forms to verify they are spending those funds on the eligible activities.

Commissioner Bragstad asked if the distribution amount for the City of Lone, shown on page 2 of the staff report, includes the prison population. Mr. Gedney replied no, this amount is based on the formula that was approved last year to remove the prison population from the distribution formula.

Commissioner Forster noted the County would like to use this funding for Shenandoah Road. Mr. Gedney stated that would be an eligible project as this funding would have to be spent on roads classified above a local road or rural minor collector.

Commissioner Plasse asked if ACTC as the regional agency is required to ensure that these funds are used on eligible purposes. Mr. Gedney replied yes, and noted the current oversight role includes distributing the funds, distributing the claimant form and project eligibility listing, and having the claimant sign that claim agreeing to the terms. Commissioner Plasse stated he has always been in favor of passing these funds through the various jurisdictions but with the caveat that those funds are used for the stated purposes and not rolled into a general fund account or something that is not earmarked to cover other expenses. Chairman Crew asked if ACTC could request a year-end accounting from the jurisdictions on what the funds were spent on before receiving the next year's allocation.

Mr. Gedney stated staff could develop an audit form in which ACTC would ask the claimants to respond annually noting the monies that were released and ask them to account for how those got spent. Commissioners agreed to include that form and noted it should include the statement '*you are required to report back to continue receiving funding through this program.*'

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Plasse, seconded by Commissioner Forster, and carried to approve the staff recommendation for the allocation of \$800,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds to Amador County and the incorporated cities by approved formula and those agencies are required to submit an audit form and commit to using such funds only for the stated eligible purposes which will be overseen by ACTC staff.

Ayes: Crew, McLean, Bragstad, Forster, Plasse  
Noes: None  
Absent: Peters

**#11. Claims:** Ms. Bridges noted there is a revised claims list for review.

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

Ayes: Crew, McLean, Bragstad, Forster, Plasse  
Noes: None  
Absent: Peters

Commissioners took a break at 9:53 a.m. Commissioners returned from break at 10:01 a.m.

**Closed Session:** At 10:02 a.m. Chairman Crew called for a Closed Session as noticed: Conference with Legal Counsel-Regarding initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9. At 10:26 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the closed session of ACTC and reported an update was provided and no reportable action was taken.

**#10. Transportation Funding Discussion:** Mr. Gedney reviewed his staff report and attachments. He provided a brief background of the StreetSaver program and noted the City of Lone and the County are not included in the budgets provided in the staff report because in 2015 the City of Lone and the County worked separately for their PCI work. Mr. Gedney stated he did recently reach out to the Lone City Manager to offer to pay for the subscription services, and will reach out to the County to gain access to their information.

Commissioner Plasse stated regarding the Local Partnership Formulaic Program, he was informed that Amador County Recreation Agency (ACRA) would be eligible to be a taxing authority as they are considered a Joint-Powers Authority (JPA), and asked if they would be eligible to receive this funding. Mr. Gedney replied yes, ACTC and AT are JPAs and are eligible for the purposes outlined in the program, ours being transportation related purposes. Commissioner Plasse stated if the funding is made available to all taxing authorities, can they use these funds for improving their access roads to the Amador Canal or other related access roads like to parks. Mr. Gedney replied he believes the program has limited it, based on the language in the resolution provided, to not include water/recreation authorities, but more specifically for RTPAs, cities, and counties.

Mr. Gedney stated Supervisor Axe requested a discussion regarding this funding source and wanted to see if it would be more beneficial for the cities and County to work for this collaboratively countywide instead of individually. Commissioner Plasse stated he does not think that would be more beneficial to move forward individually as that may drive business out of the cities that implement this tax to the cities that do not. Mr. Gedney stated based on the economic forecast, if this tax was implemented now and went out 20 years the approximate amount received would be \$90 million. Commissioner Bragstad asked if this would take a vote of the people. Mr. Gedney replied yes, it would require a two-thirds vote. Commissioner Forster stated he would like to run a measure and try to get it passed but would need a champion to head this. He noted the last time we attempted this sales tax, we thought we had the Business Council as the champion. However, they did not follow through and we narrowly missed passing that.

Commissioner Plasse commented people are tired of taxes and want to see the money that is already going to agencies spent appropriately.

Commissioner Bragstad noted she will be bringing this back to Amador City for review. Mr. Gedney commented that during the 2019 effort, Commissioner Peters had researched consultant support to review the potential of leading this effort.

Commissioner Forster stated this would be best placed on the Presidential election to allow enough time to plan, and as there is no Business Council, we could approach the Chamber of Commerce to champion this at the next Board of Supervisors meetings.

Mr. Gedney stated he could review/update and forward the documents pertinent from the last attempt to Mr. Iley at the County. Chairman Crew asked if within these documents is there anything about a more efficient use of the limited resources we currently have, because we have to put that fire out first. Mr. Gedney replied yes that is where the opposition comes from, and there could be tighter accounting, like an annual audit committee to review and report on funding received.

Chairman Crew asked to leave this item as a placeholder on Future Agenda items.

**#12. ACTC Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Forster asked if the meeting with Sacramento County and Caltrans regarding the SR 16 Relinquishment was still taking place on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gedney replied yes, this meeting will be between ACTC staff, representatives of Sacramento County staff, and Caltrans at their request. Commissioner Plasse asked if this is a follow-up to a communication where they emphasized that they were still fully committed to continuing with the relinquishment request. Mr. Gedney stated that was the impression he received. Commissioner McLean stated he tried to schedule a meeting with Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil and the ACTC board prior to that meeting but could not accommodate the timing. However, at the last meeting he had with the senator, he highlighted the knowledge pool of the ACTC board regarding the continued issues with SR 16. He stated she does support the efforts of ACTC regarding the SR 16 issue and noted that ACTC could provide her name in support at this upcoming meeting. He noted he will continue to attempt scheduling a meeting with her and the ACTC board.

**#13. ACTC Reports:** Mr. Gedney stated he was contacted by a representative of the Victory Village regarding a waiver of developer fees for a small development they are proposing that would include five (5) units of detached homes/mini homes on Kennedy Flat Road in Martell. He noted they will present their request to the County as well as the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Oversight Committee, which will be held in May or June.

Mr. Gedney stated, the Pine Grove project looks to be moving forward, the consultant is preparing the request for authorization to proceed to the construction phase. He stated they are allowing the County to submit a conditional request for construction while continuing to address some comments that came in at the last minute. Mr. Gedney stated that it is important for this project to move to the construction phase so that the next RTMF meeting can begin discussions to identify the next highest priority project for the region.

**#14. Caltrans Report with Gregoria Ponce:**

- Caltrans has released approximately \$1.1 billion to continue rebuilding transportation infrastructure which is part of the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in addition to Senate Bill 1.
- California Department of Transportation released the state's draft California State Rail Plan, a strategic plan for delivering a coordinated, statewide travel system. The Rail Plan is an important element in the comprehensive planning and analysis of statewide transportation investment strategies detailed in the California Transportation Plan 2050 (CTP 2050). Additionally, Caltrans will hold a virtual public workshop on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to discuss the draft Plan and provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to provide feedback. The Draft Rail Plan will be available for a 60-day comment period.

Please submit comments by May 10, 2023. Comments on the document and appendices may be submitted to: RailPlan@dot.ca.gov.

- The California Department of Parks and Recreation released a Call for Applications. \$30 million in funds will be used for the acquisition or development of land to create new outdoor recreation opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2023 and eligible applicants include: Local Government Entities, Tribal Governments, and Special District Governments.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation's new Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program funding makes up to \$700 million from fiscal years 2022 and 2023 funding available to strategically deploy E.V. charging and other alternative vehicle-fueling infrastructure projects in publicly accessible locations in urban and rural communities, as well as along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). The amount available in funding is \$2.5 billion and the application deadline is May 30, 2023.
- Regarding the FY 2023/24 Draft ACTC Overall Work Program (OWP) , Caltrans has provided comments and look forward to working with ACTC staff towards the final. The final OWP is due to the district by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.
- Caltrans looks forward to working with ACTC regarding the development of the RTP 2024 plan, and look forward to reviewing the draft document as that comes forward.

Commissioner Forster stated drivers traveling down SR 124 to the SR 124/104/Shakeley Lane intersection in lone are being pulled over by police due to making an illegal right turn at the intersection because they are traveling over the white line to create a right turn lane. He also noted drivers use the Shell gas station parking lot to cut across onto Preston Avenue, and asked if Caltrans could investigate the option to install a turn lane to accommodate that traffic. Ms. Ponce stated she would take this item back to the traffic operations team for review.

**#15. Future Agenda Items:**

- FY 2023/24 Annual Unmet Transit Needs Report
- Transportation Funding Discussion-continued
- RSTP Fund Allocation- draft audit form for board review
- OWP with corrections as recommended

**#16. Adjournment:** At 11:03 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the regular meeting until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 117 Valley View Way Sutter Creek, CA 95685.



Patrick Crew, Chairman  
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

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