

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2001

Present: Commissioners': Turner, Roush, Russell, Stevens, Warner and Willard. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, and Jerry Brownfield, Deputy Director of Tehama County Public Works.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:33 A.M.
2. Approval of March 20, 2001 Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Warner, second by Commissioner Stevens (as to form Commissioner Willard) to approve the March 20, 2001 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
3. Public Comment: Chairman Turner reminded those present of the next Commission meeting on May 22, at 3:00 P.M.

Bill Brashers, Project Manager for Laidlaw, informed the members of the entry of their TRAX bus in the Red Bluff Rodeo Parade which won 3rd place. Also, RABA in Redding is sponsoring a Bus Rodeo and Laidlaw will also be participating. All are invited for the contest and luncheon.

4. Flores Access Road Project Delivery Team (PDT) - Update: Jerry Brownfield, Project Manager and Deputy Director of Public Works, distributed an action item list with regard to the Flores Project. The PDT is currently working on the draft CEQA document. This document was open for review for the public on April 10. All comments were presented to the Commission for review. These comments contained issues: 1). Noise; in the future, when levels reach a certain level a berm and sound wall will be installed; 2). Lights from vehicles; lights entering residents would be halted by planting trees and shrubs; 3). Wells; redrilling satisfactorily. 4). Floodplain at Coyote Creek; Would there be impact to the floodplain? 5) Proberta Water District; A pipeline from Proberta Water District runs under the freeway and their concern would be protection of this pipe. An environmental impact report was requested by the District instead of the negative declaration. 6). Traffic Volume; Traffic north of Wal-Mart into Red Bluff and would this project help. An interchange was discussed. 7). Alternatives not considered in the report.

Jerry Brownfield added that the comments received from the public would be added and issues would be answered in that document which is due in May. The NEPA portion of the project is still ongoing, but could be finished in September. Information is still being received regarding ferry shrimp and the U.S. Corps of Engineers will tour the area next week to verify the wetlands.

Commissioner Turner questioned if the consensus of the public meeting was against the Flores Avenue access road and endorsed the interchange. Jerry Brownfield confirmed they were all opposed to the access road.

5. FTA Section 5310 Grant Application (Resolution 8-2001): Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager,

discussed briefly the 5310 Grant Application from North Valley Services. This 20% match application is requesting a replacement vehicle for North Valley Services and is consistent with our Regional Transportation Plan.

Although the Public Hearing was not on the Agenda, the notice was posted legally in local newspapers as required. Chairman Turner opened the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened at 8:52 a.m.

Bill Brashers, Project Manager for Laidlaw, supported the grant and asked passage of the Resolution.

Commissioner Stevens asked the disposition of the replacement vehicle and does it increase their fleet size. Staff responded by saying the bus will be used for a lesser mileage route and disposed of later.

PUBLIC HEARING: Closed 8:55 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens and second by Commissioner Warner to adopt Resolution 8-2001 to recommend North Valley Services' application for FTA Section 5310 Funds. Carried by those present 6-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens and second by Commissioner Warner to authorize the staff to submit all necessary documentation to the State. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

6. Unmet Transit Needs Process: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager, discussed the public meetings scheduled for local City Councils in Tehama County to discuss the unmet needs in transit. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) has requested scheduling these meetings as in the past, and wants to continue working with the cities.

Staff reviewed the process of unmet transit needs.

1. TDA created the local transportation fund with funding going to transit first.
2. After all needs that are reasonable to meet are met and funded, there are opportunities for rural communities to use the dollars for streets and roads.
3. Final results of the unmet needs process, the TCTC will make one of three findings:
 - There are no unmet transit needs
 - There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet
 - There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.

Staff noted that Laidlaw will provide transportation at no cost for those wanting to attend the meetings.

7. 2002 STIP Meeting with Caltrans on April 19, 2001: Due to a conflict of scheduling, Gary Plunkett,

Executive Director was unable to attend. Staff reported the 2002 STIP meeting was well attended. The proposed STIP estimate of \$13 million is available for Tehama County and incorporated cities. CTC receives a draft of the fund estimate in July and is scheduled to adopt the estimate in August. The STIP is scheduled to be adopted in April 2002 and Caltrans will receive 25% of the STIP funds. It should be noted that the TAC will meet after this meeting to discuss the RTP update.

Commissioner Willard hoped the consensus of the Commission was that Staff could discuss with the representative of RCRC the experiences Tehama County has had, relative to changes, in both estimates and cost projects and anything relevant.

Chairman Turner confirmed the consensus of the Commissioners’.

Commissioner Willard suggested a brief informational or action item, if needed, by staff at the next meeting.

Commissioner Warner added that considering the power crises in the State, the \$13 million is not confirmed.

Commissioner Willard asked for the formula for distributing the funds. This information will be given at a future meeting.

- 8. Correspondence: Accepted as presented.
- 9. Warrant Register: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Roush to approve the Claims. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Red Bluff Daily News (Public Hearing	\$14.70
Red Bluff Community Center (March VT & TRAX ads)	\$20.00
Independent Living (March)	\$306.00
Amador County Transportation (RTF Dues)	\$1,000.00
City of Tehama (LTF 2/15-4/12)	\$1,478.61
Mets Imprest Account Reimb (2/14-3/15/01)	\$1,842.60
Quincy Engr (STIP Pymt # 6)	\$6,222.50
City of Corning (LTF 2/15-4/12)	\$21,046.20
Laidlaw Transit (VT 3/1-3/31/01)	\$22,496.85
Laidlaw Transit (TRAX 3/1-3/31/01)	\$30,987.27
City of Red Bluff (LTF 2/15-4/12)	\$44,992.00
County of Tehama (LTF 2/15-4/12)	<u>\$124,510.52</u>
Total	\$254,917.25

10. Claims: Motion by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Roush to approve the Claims. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Pacific Bell (800 Number)	\$7.29
Barbara O’Keeffe (parade entry)	\$15.00
Tim Bollman (travel Reimbursement)	\$100.43
Mark Wall (ADA Implementation)	<u>\$1,083.35</u>
Total	\$ 1,206.07

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.