

# TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2002

Present: Rex Roush; Larry Stevens; George Russell; Ross Turner; Ron Warner; Charles Willard. Also present: Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager; Keven Rosser and Tim Bollmann, Transportation Planners; Gerry Brownfield, Deputy Director of Public Works; Gary Plunkett, Executive Director; and Bill Brashears, Manager of Laidlaw.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Roush.
2. Minute Approval: None presented.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Announcements: Accepted as presented.
5. Flores Access Road Project Delivery Team Update:
  - Last meeting January 10, 2002.
  - Consultant's concluded historical study of barn and house there is nothing in the study area that meets the criteria of historical.
  - Floodplain study in progress. Extended completion of February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Wetlands delineation - Corps visit has not happened.
  - Fairy Shrimp analysis, identified, but not named. Extended to March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Draft New Connection Report extended another month due to Omni Means response to Caltrans. Once reviewed by Caltrans it will be sent to FHWA. Extended to March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Biological assessment - waiting for shrimp study completion.
  - Update of funding complete and presented to PDT.

With regard to funding, the total project funding will be \$6.4 million. Last estimate of total project cost was \$6.07 million and based on the \$1.214 million for environmental, design, construction and engineering. Costs were exceeded due to studies being repeated and/or required. George Robson will examine gap in funding and options for CDBG block grants.

Commissioner Willard also suggested RCRC for possible funding information. Also, an update was requested for Adobe Road at the next meeting.

Commissioner Russell suggested verbage "subject to change" be added to the project time line calendar for Board member use. Commissioner Russell also thanked Staff for their continued work on this project.

6. State Route 89 Transportation Concept Report: Kathy Grah, Transportation Planner of District 2, returned to the Commission for approval of Resolution 1-2002 concurring with the Transportation

Concept Report for State Route 89 presented to Staff for review.

Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Warner (waive reading) for approval of Resolution 1-2002. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

7. 2002 Meeting Schedule: Motion to accept as presented the meeting dates scheduled for TCTC for the year 2002 by Commissioner Russell and second by Commissioner Willard. Carried 6-0.
8. Allocation Instructions: Barbara O’Keeffe requested approval on this housekeeping item stating it will keep us in compliance with the California Public Utilities Code and the Transportation Development Act.

Motion by Commission Turner and second by Commissioner Willard to accept and waive reading of Resolution No. 2-2002, No. 3-2002, No. 4-2002 and No. 5-2002. Motion carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

9. Resolution Supporting Proposition 42: Barbara O’Keeffe discussed Prop 42 which requires the gasoline sales tax be spent for transportation purposes.

Commissioner Willard stated that as a Board of Supervisor member, we see where discretionary money is channeled through a constitutional amendment and your flexibility is taken away. In supporting this measure, that is what we are doing to the State. I have trouble supporting this mandated use of the money for roads. We do need the money, but apportioning sales tax to one item is objectionable. Secondary, do we get a better portion of the money coming from General Fund allocation or taking the portion from this. Roads are a priority, but we are voting on two things. One a source of income, but the other is a conceptional level saying “yes” we are going to mandate where you spend your money. I oppose this measure.

Commissioner Russell concurred and stated that if we allocate, we loose the very process of representative government. No matter what the need elsewhere, that money is allocated.

Commissioner Turner concurred.

Motion by Commissioner Warner and second by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution No. 6-2002 in support of Proposition 42. Motion 3-3. Resolution 6-2002did not pass.

10. Intelligent Transportation System Workshop (ITS) Update: Tim Bollmann, Transportation Planner informed the Commissioners of the communication devices developed to meet FHWA architecture and standard for TEA 21. The workshop covers the local agencies roles and responsibilities in developing and maintaining an ITS architecture.
11. Federal Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) Funds: The consensus of the Commissioners was to approve the TAC recommendation that the Commission exchange the Federal TEA Funds for State Funds at the February 5, 2002 meeting.

12. Kevin Rosser informed the Commission of the receipt of the CSU contract for the GIS project announced at the last Commission meeting. Equipment has been purchased and a meeting is scheduled for implementation of the project for the next six months. Planning and zoning will need to be included at the next fiscal year for OWP funds. Most of the OWP funds have been expended.

Commissioner Willard suggested the Planning Department be included in these meetings to keep them informed.

13. Rural Transit System Program Grant Program: Barbara O’Keeffe notified the Commission that the number one ranking grant was the Bus and Ride application for the City of Red Bluff. Letters of support were sent to Caltrans in an effort to receive approval.
14. Second Annual TRAX Lighted Christmas Tour: Bill Brashears discussed with the Commission the activities performed by Laidlaw employees, residents and staff for the Tour.

Bill Brashears thanked the Commission for the one-year milestone as Manager of Laidlaw and requested that at the February meeting an overview of Laidlaw be given. The Commission consensus was agreeable.

Commissioner Russell requested an update on the handicap useage of the system.

15. Warrants: Motion by Commissioner Willard and second by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Warrants as presented in the amount of \$89,624.38. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
16. Claims: Motion by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Willard to approve the Claims as presented. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
17. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.