

**PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2010**

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency met on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

ATTENDANCE:	Tom Cosgrove	Celia McAdam
	Gina Garbolino	Scott Aaron
	Ron McIntyre	David Melko
	Keith Nesbitt	Sue Sholtis
	Suzanne Roberts	Stan Tidman
	Miguel Ucovich	
	Kirk Uhler	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Garbolino and second by Uhler, the minutes of the February 24, 2010 PCTPA Board meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Uhler and second by McIntyre, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as submitted.

PRESENTATION: I-80 BOTTLENECK PHASES 2 AND 3 STATUS REPORT – PETE SPECTOR, CALTRANS RESIDENT ENGINEER

Celia McAdam introduced Pete Spector, Caltrans Resident Engineer for the I-80 Bottleneck project. Spector summarized the activities, issues, and challenges on Phases 2 and 3 of the Bottleneck project. Teichert Construction has the contract for Phase 2, which is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2010. Flatiron is the firm working on Phase 3, slated for completion in the summer of 2011.

PRESENTATION: LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT – CHARLES ANDERSON, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

Celia McAdam introduced Charles Anderson from the League of California Cities. McAdam noted at our January Board meeting the Board deferred action on taking a position on the League of Cities' initiative due to several competing initiatives and asked that representatives from these efforts provide presentations to the Board. Since that time several initiatives have fallen by the wayside.

Charles Anderson stated the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act initiative will be on our November 2010 ballot. This is the only initiative dealing with transportation and will protect local transit from potential Highway User's Tax Account (HUTA)

raiding. The Public Transportation Account will be protected, providing secured funding for local transit projects. There are ongoing efforts to gather signatures through volunteer efforts to obtain 1.1 million signatures by mid April.

The Board directed staff to bring this item back to take a position on this initiative at a future board meeting.

Gina Garbolino departed the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

ADJOURN AS PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY

CONVENE AS PLACER COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

POTENTIAL TRUCKEE-TAHOE AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

Stan Tidman noted that staff previously reported on Nevada County Transportation Commission's (NCTC) interest in becoming the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Nevada County. While the majority of the Truckee-Tahoe Airport is in Nevada County, a portion of the runway is in Placer County; as a result, a new ALUC for the Truckee-Tahoe Airport with membership from both Nevada and Placer Counties will be established. NCTC will staff the new Truckee-Tahoe ALUC. Tidman noted that Dan Landon, Executive Director of NCTC, was present to address any inquiries.

Tidman asked the Commission to concur with the recommendation that NCTC staff a new Truckee-Tahoe Airport Land Use Commission and to communicate with the Placer County Board of Supervisors of NCTC's intent to become the Nevada County ALUC as well as the need for Placer representation on a new Truckee-Tahoe Airport ALUC.

In response to Ron McIntyre's inquiry about the Town of Truckee having a position on this issue, Dan Landon reported this effort is being done under state statute and there is not a position the town needs to take. Nevertheless, a representative from the Town of Truckee will most likely sit on this ALUC.

Landon further clarified the Placer County Board of Supervisors would select a representative as well as the City Selection Committee to sit on the board. While there is not an incorporated city in the area, it would still be most likely be a representative from Eastern Placer County, such as Martis Valley or Tahoe City that would sit on the committee. The Airport Managers in each county also each select a representative, which makes a total of six members. These six members then select a seventh at-large member.

Upon motion by Nesbitt and second by Cosgrove, the Board unanimously concurred with staff recommendation that the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) staff a Truckee-Tahoe Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) and formally communicate NCTC's intent to become the Nevada County Airport Land Use Commission (NCALUC) to the Placer County Board of Supervisors and the potential need for Placer representation on a new Truckee-Tahoe Airport ALUC.

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DRAFT POLICY ELEMENT FOR THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

David Melko asked the Board to review and provide comment on the proposed draft Policy Element for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. Melko provided background on the development of RTPs, noting they are updated every four years. Our Board needs to adopt the RTP by September 2010.

Melko noted our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the draft Policy Element and provided minor comments and concurred with proposed changes. Melko stated the goal of this Policy Element is to update the 2027 Policy Element and bring it into consistency with SACOG's 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Melko summarized the updates to the Policy Element.

Keith Nesbitt asked about a component to support efforts to extend light rail into Placer County. Melko responded that our adopted Long Range Transit Plan recommended it would not be cost effective to extend light rail into Placer County. The best way to deal with transit integration would be a rubber tire equivalent, which would be a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System. The BRT Study was approved by this Board which was submitted to SACOG as part of the MTP development process.

Nesbitt further suggested including wording discouraging incremental encroachment within the airport flight zone. Melko will incorporate the issue in discussions with the TAC. He also noted the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan addresses specific land use issues.

Nesbitt suggested establishing quiet zones at railroad crossings. Suzanne Roberts concurred with Nesbitt's suggestion. Celia McAdam said we could incorporate this into the Policy Element.

Miguel Ucovich asked if adding the additional line through the Roseville Station is included. Melko noted under Goal 3, Passenger Rail, the policy supports the Capitol Corridor's Business Plan to increase intercity passenger rail service along the Capitol Corridor route including increased service frequency to Placer County.

The draft RTP will come back to the Board later this summer for Board consideration and action.

DRAFT PROJECT LIST FOR THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

David Melko asked the Board to review and comment on the draft Project List for the 2035 RTP. Melko provided background on long range planning and development of transportation projects. Melko provided history on the formation of the project list. The project list incorporates comments by our Technical Advisory Committee. Melko stated this list includes two bridge projects not in Placer County that will be deleted from the final Project List. The goal is to make this list consistent with the MTP.

Ron McIntyre stated on Page 48 that SR28 should be added to the TART Operations project description. Celia McAdam clarified that segment is outside of PCTPA's jurisdiction, and would be part of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) RTP, but we can include this as an information note.

Tom Cosgrove noted that the link between the Nelson Road Intersection of the new Highway 65 and Nicholas Road project will need to be included. Lincoln will need to work with Placer County on this project. Melko will follow up on this issue with Lincoln's Public Works staff.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Celia McAdam reported the gas tax swap was signed by the Governor on Monday night. This eliminates the sales tax on gasoline and imposes an excise/gas tax on fuel which will go towards transportation. Annual adjustments will be made so the dollar amount of the excise tax will equal what would have been realized under Proposition 42. This includes a sales tax on diesel fuel but exempts railroads. She noted that, in these economic times, this is the best deal we could hope for in terms of transportation.

We have submitted Lincoln Bypass Phase 2 for funding under the second round of the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, Proposition 1B. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will make a decision regarding our submittal at their May meeting.

PCTPA, El Dorado County Transportation Commission and SACOG are cosponsoring a CTC reception on May 19. Invitations are forthcoming. McAdam encouraged Board Members to attend.

PCTPA staff is working with Caltrans Public Information staff to inform the public about ongoing informational workshops about Caltrans' projects to raise overcrossings in Placer County. The first workshop was held in Colfax on March 17 and upcoming workshops include one in Newcastle tonight and the final workshop which will be held on March 30 in Loomis.

McAdam introduced our new Caltrans Regional Planning Liaison Aaron Cabaccang.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Celia McAdam
Executive Director

Suzanne Roberts, Chair