

**PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2010**

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency met on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

ATTENDANCE: Tom Cosgrove
Gina Garbolino
Jim Holmes
Kathy Lund
Ron McIntyre
Keith Nesbitt
Suzanne Roberts
Miguel Ucovich
Celia McAdam
Shirley LeBlanc
David Melko
Sue Sholtis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Garbolino and second by Cosgrove, the minutes of the December 3, 2009 PCTPA Board meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Barnbaum announced the following upcoming events: PCTPA Open House tonight, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Roseville Chamber of Commerce; High Speed Rail Commission meeting tonight from 3:00-7:00 p.m.; Alternative Transportation Division public hearing at the Roseville Council Chambers on February 3 at 7:00 p.m.; CCJPB meeting in Suisun City on February 17 at 10:00 a.m. and the State of the RT breakfast on March 19 at 7:30 a.m.

Miguel Ucovich arrived 9:08 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Lund and second by Holmes, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as submitted.

NEVADA STATION OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2010 AND 2011

Celia McAdam asked the Board to approve the Nevada Station Building budget for 2010 and 2011 and certify that the bond payments are included as part of the budget. McAdam provided background regarding the Nevada Station building and noted this budget is on a calendar basis and adopted biannually. McAdam noted a negative cash flow in 2009 and foresees the same in 2010, necessitating utilizing reserves but contributing back to the reserves in 2011. A new leasing agent has been recently engaged and working towards filling vacancies in the building.

Upon motion by Holmes and second by McIntyre, the Board unanimously approved the Nevada Station Building budget for 2010 and 2011 and certified that the budget includes required bond payments.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 2010

Celia McAdam summarized the draft State Legislative Program for 2010 for Board members. McAdam reviewed the radical proposals in the Governor's budget that affect transportation. McAdam asked that the Board adopt the State Legislative Program for 2010.

Keith Nesbitt asked what public outreach is planned to properly educate the public about the State's proposal to eliminate the state portion sales tax on gas. McAdam noted there are many groups that will be targeting that message and conveying that this is about local control and the State taking these funds.

Tom Cosgrove expressed his concern that the League of California Cities, Bay Area Council and California Forward did not put together a more comprehensive, cohesive plan and these various initiatives moving forward will actually hurt one another.

Gina Garbolino stated it is time for our Legislators to take control and stop governing by initiatives.

Miguel Ucovich noted the League of California Cities did meet with Bay Area Council and California Forward in an attempt to come up with one initiative but was unsuccessful in this effort. The League of Cities' focus is to protect the local money and their proposed initiative will most directly affect our county and local cities and Ucovich hopes this agency will support this. A lively discussion ensued regarding the various ballot initiatives and regional collaboration.

Holmes made a motion to continue this item to the February Board meeting. Ucovich seconded the motion. McIntyre amended the motion to adopt the State Legislative Program for 2010 as outlined with the exception of the League of California Cities' initiative, with a second by Holmes. The Board unanimously adopted the State Legislative Program for 2010 with the exception of supporting the proposed Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act initiative for the November 2010 ballot.

Upon motion by Ucovich and second by Cosgrove, the Board unanimously approved that the League of California Cities' initiative item be considered at the February Board meeting. The Board requested staff contact the League of California Cities, California Forward and Bay Area Council and ask that representatives or information be provided for that meeting.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 2010

Celia McAdam provided information regarding the Federal Legislative Program for 2010 and asked the Board to adopt this program and authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to represent those positions at the Cap-to-Cap trip in April.

Upon motion by McIntyre and second by Holmes, the Board unanimously adopted the Federal Legislative Program for 2010 and directed staff and federal advocates to represent these positions, including participation in the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's Cap-to-Cap federal advocacy trip in April.

CORRIDOR MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (CMIA) STRATEGY UPDATE

Celia McAdam informed the Board that the rules have changed with the CMIA program. Our savings from the I-80 Bottleneck and Lincoln Bypass projects will not be able to be retained for additional projects in the same corridor. In December the California Transportation Commission (CTC) voted to take back all the savings and placed those savings into a competitive pot.

McAdam summarized the changes to our strategy for use of CMIA savings for projects in Placer County.

Tom Cosgrove acknowledged the support from Caltrans on the Lincoln Bypass project and likewise supports District 3's project priorities. Cosgrove noted the original Bypass project was designed for four lanes all the way to Sheridan and was scaled back due to anticipated project costs. Cosgrove's approach is that this project is currently in its scaled-back form and wants to scale the project back up to its original scope. Cosgrove supports staff's recommendation.

Upon motion by Cosgrove and second by Ucovich, the Board unanimously approved the revised strategy for use of CMIA savings for projects in Placer County as shown in Attachments 1 and 2, including redistribution of federal earmark savings for I-80 Bottleneck projects and prioritization of CMIA Round 2 funding application for Lincoln Bypass Phase 2 and provide letters of support for other regional projects as requested. Additionally, Cosgrove thanked the PCTPA Board for their support on the Highway 65 Bypass Project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Celia McAdam reported Gina Garbolino and Kirk Uhler will be hosting an open house tonight at the Roseville Chamber of Commerce at 5:30 p.m. Assemblyman Gaines and Jim Earp are slated to speak about the state budget and transportation.

January's CTC reception that PCTPA was scheduled to co-sponsor has been rescheduled to May. Details to follow.

CTC has asked PCTPA and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission to help them with a Transportation Town Hall event to be held in the Tahoe Area in May. Details to follow.

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Consolidated Transit effort met and a full report will be presented at our February Board meeting. The PAC felt that a consolidation effort was premature and wanted the Transit Operators Working Group (TOWG) to focus on further coordination issues.

Staff will also report on the I-80/65 Interchange issue at our February meeting. Caltrans prepared a Project Initiation Document and one alternative involved closing Taylor Road. McAdam noted that whatever alternative is selected there has to be an agreement between the locals, Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration that it meets their requirements, which is addressed in the public, environmental process. This has resulted in public interest and this issue will be more fully addressed at our next meeting.

Kathy Lund stated the Rocklin City Council took a position adamantly opposing the closure of Taylor Road and will be sending a letter to Caltrans and PCTPA expressing their opposition.

Keith Nesbitt indicated Board Members will be receiving information regarding the Auburn Streetscape Project Ribbon Cutting on February 24.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Celia McAdam
Executive Director

Suzanne Roberts, Chair