

PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2010

ATTENDANCE: Megan Siren, City of Auburn
Nick Ponticello, Ponticello Enterprises Consulting Engineers, City of Colfax
Asa Utterback, Ponticello Enterprises Consulting Engineers, City of Colfax
Steve Palmer, City of Lincoln
Bob Blaser, Placer County Public Works
Andrew Gaber, Placer County Public Works
Ken Grehm, Placer County Public Works
Larry Wing, City of Rocklin
Scott Gandler, City of Roseville
Rob Jensen, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Will Schilling, Caltrans

Celia McAdam, PCTPA
Scott Aaron, PCTPA
David Melko, PCTPA
Sue Sholtis, PCTPA
Bob Everitt, PCTPA

Draft Unmet Transit Needs Report for FY 2010/11

David Melko provided TAC members with a copy of the draft Unmet Transit Needs Report. Melko noted this year's unmet transit needs recommendation does not cite any new unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. There were only 83 comments received this year, compared to over 400 comments received last year.

Melko noted the unmet transit need found reasonable to meet since 2004/05 pertains to TART service along SR 267 remains. The SSTAC met on January 26 and agreed to a rewording of the original unmet transit needs finding. This reworded finding is carried forward in this year's report and recommendations.

TAC members had no comments on the draft report. The Unmet Transit Needs Report will be brought before the PCTPA board for approval at its February meeting.

Preliminary Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Apportionment for FY 2010/11

David Melko provided TAC members with the FY 2010/11 LTF Preliminary Apportionment and reported revenue continues to decline, but at a slower rate. He noted staff is projecting a negative balance of \$445,000 at the end of the fiscal year. This preliminary apportionment will go before the PCTPA Board for approval at its February meeting.

Celia McAdam noted that 2% of the LTF revenue is allocated for bike and ped funds which are included in a five-year plan. As part of that plan we keep some funds in a discretionary pot to ensure there are sufficient funds for the bike and ped claims and, as we are nearing the end of the five-year cycle, there is a balance of \$120,000 remaining in discretionary pot. Placer County and

Rocklin have not submitted claims and funds remain in the fair share portion and need to be claimed by June 30. If these fair share funds are not claimed they will flow into the discretionary pot.

Celia McAdam asked TAC members if they want to roll over the funds in the discretionary pot into the next five-year plan cycle or apply those funds to reduce the LTF negative carryover. After discussion, TAC members agreed that those funds roll over into the next five-year plan cycle for bike and ped funds. The next five-year plan will be prepared this August.

I-80/SR 65 Interchange Lead Agency Determination

Celia McAdam reported we have funding for preconstruction of the I-80/SR 65 Interchange project through savings on our Federal earmark. McAdam stated staff will be recommending that PCTPA be the lead agency for this project. Rob Jensen noted this is an engineering design type function and could be handled within the engineering department of the City of Roseville. Larry Wing stated the Rocklin City Council took a position that PCTPA should be lead agency. Ken Grehm felt whoever does the design should also do the construction.

After a lengthy discussion TAC agreed that PCTPA should be the lead agency for the environmental phase of this project. A designation of lead agency for the design phase of the project will occur at a later date.

McAdam announced that Caltrans' PSR process for widening of SR 65 is on again. A preliminary discussion will occur at SPRTA's March TAC meeting regarding this subject.

Transit Consolidation Update

Celia McAdam reported the Transit Consolidation Ad Hoc Policy Committee, consisting of elected officials from each jurisdiction, met last month to discuss transit consolidation. It was the group's consensus that efforts toward consolidation would be premature and their recommendation was to aggressively pursue coordination through the Transit Operators Working Group (TOWG). These efforts should focus on transfers and schedules, elimination of duplicate services, pursuing uniform fare media and creating a call center.

McAdam noted efforts towards creating the call center have stalled. This effort needs to move forward or \$50,000 of funding will expire. McAdam enlisted this group to push this effort to either move forward or disband. Mike Wixon stated Roseville Transit and Placer County Transit have committed to two-thirds of the funding for the call center.

McAdam will update the PCTPA Board on the transit consolidation effort at the February 24 Board meeting.

Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget – Preliminary Draft for FY 2010/11

Celia McAdam provided TAC members with the preliminary draft of the FY 2010/11 OWP and budget. McAdam highlighted the major differences in this version, including the I-80/65 Interchange Improvements work element, working with Placer County on the Placer Parkway project but at a far reduced level, elimination of the Transit Consolidation and Transportation Funding Strategy work elements, and the addition of a work element for Transit Schedule Coordination.

McAdam noted the budget balances and asked TAC members to contact her with any comments on this document. Changes can be included in future versions of the OWP. This item will be brought before the PCTPA Board at its February meeting for approval.

Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Round 2 Funding Status

Celia McAdam announced the CTC will be making a decision on funding CMIA Round 2 at its April meeting. PCTPA submitted an application asking for \$55M for the Lincoln Bypass Project, Phase 2. McAdam will notify TAC of the CTC's recommendation after their April meeting.

Jobs for Main Street 2010 (Federal Stimulus – Round 2)

Because of the timing involved, David Melko programmed a placeholder for Placer jurisdictions' share of funds from Federal Stimulus, Round 2, putting the money in the MTIP as a lump sum for road rehabilitation. Celia McAdam mentioned as the act moves forward, we would look into opportunities to exchanging these funds.

Bob Blaser asked McAdam to recommend to our advocates to push that ARRA funds be flexible money and suggested allowing the money to count as federal match. TAC agreed there needs to be more flexible rules for spending this money.

2035 RTP Project List – Review List of Projects

As part of the RTP update we are bringing our current RTP (2027) in conjunction with SACOG's MTIP and MTP. David Melko noted that as part of the RTP update, we need to designate projects.

Melko provided TAC members with a Programmed Project List and Planned Project List which will be included in the RTP, noting the Programmed Project List comes from the MTIP through Amendment 28, and the Planned Project List comes from SACOG's MTP 2035 project list. The TAC concurred with Melko's recommendation that the RTP use 2010 as a base year.

Melko will provide TAC members with an electronic version of these lists and asked that members provide comments by February 26.

This RTP needs to be adopted by September. These lists can be amended after that date.

2035 RTP Policy Element – Review Update to 2027 RTP Policies

David Melko provided TAC members with a draft of the Policy Element from the RTP update. The policy was reviewed with members. Melko noted the next RTP update may have to be more quantifiable, especially regarding air quality issues.

At the recommendation of Mike Wixon, the TAC concurred with removing the phrase "such as alternative fuels" from Goal 9, Objective C, Policy 2 to make the discussion more general. Will Schilling noted Goal 6 should be revamped to reference Complete Streets.

Melko asked that TAC provide comments regarding the policy element by February 26.

Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines

David Melko noted he was just notified applications for Transit Security Investment Justifications are due March 6, not February 19.

Melko stated Placer County, Roseville, Rocklin and Colfax should go ahead with programming projects for the 2012-2014 RSTP. He reminded the TAC that CMAQ call for projects are due April 13.

Steve Palmer announced the City of Lincoln needs to update their Roadway Functional Classification, and would need PCTPA's concurrence. Palmer provided documentation for TAC members' review. TAC concurred with the City of Lincoln's Functional Classification Change Request Form to update the Caltrans database on maintained roads and their functional classifications. PCTPA will issue a concurrence letter to the City of Lincoln regarding this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.