

**PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY**  
**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:** Carrie Huff, City of Auburn  
Megan Siren, City of Auburn  
Mark Miller, City of Colfax  
Steve Palmer, Interwest representing City of Lincoln  
Amber Conboy, Placer County  
Angel Green, Placer County Air Pollution Control District  
Scott Gandler, City of Roseville  
Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville  
Jeff Morneau, Caltrans District 3

Aaron Hoyt, PCTPA  
Luke McNeel-Caird, PCTPA  
David Melko, PCTPA  
Solvi Sabol, PCTPA

**FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget Amendment #3**

Luke McNeel-Caird explained a few key changes to the PCTPA work program including the realignment of staff, redistribution of Rural Planning Assistance funds based on actual expenditures, Airport Land Use Comprehensive Plan hours and expenditures, and direct costs associated with legal costs for specific work elements, necessitated an Amendment #3 to the current FY 2013/14 OWP. McNeel-Caird noted that the budget balances. The TAC had no issues with the FY 2013/14 OWP as presented.

**SR 65 Capacity & Operational Improvements Project Update**

Luke McNeel-Caird explained that the environmental process of the SR 65 widening project is underway. This project will look at alternatives from Galleria Blvd/Stanford Ranch Road to Lincoln Boulevard. McNeel-Caird provided a handout from Mark Thomas & Company, which reflects the proposed scenarios and stated that he will continue to provide the TAC with regular updates on the status of the project.

**Active Transportation Update**

Luke McNeel-Caird encouraged those jurisdictions who may have bicycle and/or pedestrian projects to apply for funding under the Active Transportation Program (ATP). He explained that the Statewide applications are due May 21 and that any applications not funded through the Statewide program will be automatically submitted to the MPO (SACOG/PCTPA/EDCTC) ATP call for projects for consideration. He stated local MPO applications, due in July (date TBD), can be submitted directly, however if possible and to increase your funding chances, urged jurisdiction to submit through the Statewide program.

Rhon Herndon asked for clarification on what types of projects qualify under the ATP. Luke McNeel-Caird stated anything that increase biking or walking. Additionally there is an education component, such as Safe Routes to School-type projects. Steve Palmer understood and McNeel-Caird clarified that preventative maintenance, e.g., sidewalk repair, was also eligible under this program.

Luke McNeel-Caird noted that while the guidelines are in preliminary draft form, certain criteria has been established which will help increase Placer County project success. Specifically, the 10 point scoring advantage for disadvantaged communities will apply only to the 25% of those funds set aside for these communities. When the local MPO draft guidelines are further along, McNeel-Caird stated that he will send out to the group. Additionally, he will alert the TAC when the statewide call for projects is open.

Amber Conboy, Placer County noted that APWA will be discussing this at their meeting Thursday and that Caltrans will be providing ATP training on April 3. Luke McNeel-Caird will send out information on both these events after the TAC meeting.

#### **Response to I-80 Carpool Lane Revision Request**

Luke McNeel-Caird explained that the Board asked PCTPA staff to inquire as to the possibility of terminating the HOV lane, eastbound on I-80 at Eureka Road on a temporary basis as a way to provide some short-term relief with the congestion and weaving that occurs in that area, until the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements are constructed. McNeel-Caird stated that we received a response from Caltrans who stated that after consulting with Fehr and Peers and FHWA it was determined that there was no operational advantage to opening up the lane up for mixed flow use. McNeel-Caird asked for guidance from the TAC in pursuing this effort. Rhon Herndon and Steve Palmer expressed their surprise that opening this up for mixed use would not provide some type of operational improvements. It was the consensus of the TAC that they appreciated the expertise of all parties involved in making the determination, but recommended staff seek additional detail so that they have a better understanding of the analysis. The TAC concurred to continue the item until a more informed recommendation could be made.

#### **Nevada Station Refinancing**

McNeel-Caird stated that this is a work in progress but there is nothing to report at this time.

#### **Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines**

Carrie Huff, City of Auburn, stated they are looking into pursuing a TIGER grant for multi-modal improvements at the Auburn Station and if any other jurisdiction was planning to pursue this grant. There were no other members of the TAC who believed they would be pursuing TIGER grant funds.

Luke McNeel-Caird explained that Placer County is looking to swap their non-federal, clean funds with RSTP funds and if anyone is interested, to contact him.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.