

APPROVED MINUTES

SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (MPO)

Tuesday, July 27, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

John Beaudet Community Senior Center,

1525 Median Avenue, City of Shasta Lake, California.

(Note: These minutes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, but rather as a record of meeting time, place and attendance; the order and general nature of discussion; Agency deliberations; and action taken, if any.)

Agency Members Clarke, Connick, Hawes, Goekler, Cibula, and Kight were present. Agency Member Wilson was absent.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Kight called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Public Comment Period:

There was no one who wished to speak during the Public Comment Period.

Consent Calendar

3-1 Minutes of April 27, 2004, RTPA Meeting

3-2 Future RTPA Meeting Schedule Through April 2005 - Information Only

3-3 TDA True-Up for 2002/03

Item 3-3 was moved to the Regular Calendar as a member of the public wished to address the Agency on that item.

By motion made, seconded and carried, the items on the Consent Calendar were approved.

Regular Calendar

3-3 Consider Request by Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee to Perform Transit Survey as Part of the 2005/2006 Unmet Needs Process

Executive Officer Kovacich explained the Transportation Development Act (TDA) regulations and how the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) is part of those regulations. He explained how SSTAC has been persistent in wanting to conduct a survey. SSTAC has

agreed to do most of the work as the RTPA staff has limited time to help. The results of the survey would be presented as part of the 2005/2006 Unmet Needs Process in February of 2005.

Citizen Hart Rumbolz spoke in favor of the SSTAC survey. Mr. Rumbolz rode the RABA bus line for two months recently. He noted that transportation systems must be frequent, fast, convenient, safe, affordable, on time, etc. He concluded that 1. The frequency is once an hour. Most people who ride the bus want more frequency, more busses per hour. 2. As for fast, Mr. Rumbolz recommended express busses be put in to go from point A to point B only. One or two busses a day could just go on the freeway to get across town fast. 3. Mr. Rumbolz noted that it is convenient in some respects, but not fast or frequent enough; the stops are good but convenience is lacking. Mr. Rumbolz continued to say that a public transportation system needs to be for the whole public, not for a special few like it is now. Basically it is just for the handicapped, poor, those who cannot afford a second car, etc.

Board member Cibula asked how soon they would get information back from the survey. Dan Kovacich answered that it would be no later than February 2005 and preliminary data may be available by December.

By motion made and seconded (Cibula/Goekler) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

4. Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update for Shasta County

Staff member Thomas Hays summarized the recommendation to adopt the 2004 RTP. The 2004 RTP update was completed following the direction of the Agency at the December 9, 2003 RTPA meeting. The report is produced to comply with the law and is considered the regional short and long-range transportation plan, being very inclusive of transportation projects.

Board member Trish Clark stated that the document was very well done and very well organized.

No members of the public commented.

By motion made and seconded (Hawes/Comnick) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

5. Adopt the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Executive Officer Dan Kovacich announced that Dan Little passed the AICP exam recently and is now a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Staff member Dan Little explained the purpose of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. It is a three-year program showing all Federal transportation money spent in Shasta County. There is a summary in the document of the types of Federal funds that are dealt with in Shasta County, and Appendix A has the project listings. Dan explained that the State wants to see fiscal constraints. Some small bridge replacement projects cannot be listed now, so amendments will be brought back to the Agency to get some of the smaller projects into the program.

No members of the public commented.

By motion made and seconded (Hawes/Clarke) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

6. 2004 RTIP Update and Authorize Environmental Review and Preliminary Engineering for the Old Oregon Trail Bike Lanes

Staff member Dan Little explained that in February the Agency adopted the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which shows how discretionary funds are spent. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) on August 5, 2004 will be adopting the recommendations as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Dan explained the Dana to Downtown Project will be moved to the fourth year, 2007/2008. There has been a freeze for the last year and a half on funding allocations to projects, and will probably continue to be so until after the November elections. Dan continued to explain that Transportation Enhancement Funds were used to program bike lanes on Old Oregon Trail from Highway 44 to Shasta College and other East-West lanes on Old Alturas and College View Drive. Dan stated that it is recommended that the Agency authorize the environmental studies for the Old Oregon Trail bike lane project. This project will take some time and involve extensive, small pieces of shoulder, right of way acquisitions.

Executive Officer Dan Kovacich noted that strategy is being used to maintain flexibility with the funding, in case there is a need to move money to Dana to Downtown. If Dana to Downtown ends up fully funded through other sources, then the bike lanes would move forward. Dan concluded that there would be future decision points brought back before the Agency.

By motion made and seconded (Hawes/Cibula) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

7. Authorize Distribution of Traffic Model Request for Qualifications

Executive Officer Dan Kovacich explained that Board approval was requested to go out for a Request for Proposal to engage a consultant to upgrade the Traffic Model. The upgrade would include incorporating the 2000 Census, some of the land use changes, and put the Model in a better position to demonstrate air quality conformity if and when Shasta County is ever designated a non-attainment.

By motion made and seconded (Clarke/Comnick & Hawes) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

8. Receive a Presentation From Caltrans on Their Intergovernmental Review Process

Brian Crane, Director of Caltrans District 2, gave a presentation on land use and transportation in relation to the State highway system from the Caltrans perspective.

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Kight adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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