

APPROVED MINUTES

SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (MPO)
Tuesday, October 23, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse
1500 Court Street, Redding, 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, Comnick, Hawes, Kight, McGeorge, Reno, and Wilson were present. Representatives of the RTPA, Shasta County staff, Caltrans, City of Redding, City of Anderson, City of Shasta Lake, Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs (CTSA) and RABA were present.

1. Call to Order:
Chair Comnick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Public Comment Period:
There were no requests to speak during the public comment period.

Consent Calendar

- 3-1 **Minutes of June 21, 2001, RTPA Meeting**
- 3-2 **Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Project Status Report**
- 3-3 **RTPA Meeting Schedule Through October 2002**
- 3-4 **Accept a Formal Transportation Development Act (TDA) Repayment from the City of Anderson**
- 3-5 **Amendment No. 1 to the 2001/02 Overall Work Program (OWP)**
- 3-6 **Consider Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual DBE Goal for the Regional Transportation Planning Agency**

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

Regular Calendar

4. Update on Trial Transit Services - Information Only
Executive Officer Kovacich stated that during the June 21 RTPA meeting, the Agency made a finding to implement new transit services in the Intermountain and Cottonwood areas, as

well as along the Airport Road corridor. The purpose of this item is to update the Agency on the status of these new and/or expanded services.

The services are expected to be up and running on November 5, press releases have been prepared and final edits to the informational brochure are being done.

Agency Member Reno asked staff if anything has been done regarding extended service hours. Executive Officer Kovacich replied that no further work has been done by staff to look into extending service hours.

5. Status of Transportation Concept Report for State Route 89 - Information:

Executive Officer Kovacich explained that Caltrans will be giving a brief informational presentation to the Agency regarding the Transportation Concept Report for State Route 89. He introduced Cathy Grah and Scott White from Caltrans who will be presenting the status of the report.

Mr. White reported that the Transportation Concept Report for State Route 89 is part of Caltrans' long term planning process. The report looks at capacity and operational issues for state highways over the next 20 years without focusing on financial constraints.

Ms. Grah spoke to the Agency regarding the public involvement portion of the plan. She has spoken with Trish Clarke, Glenn Hawes, as well as representatives from the Pit River Tribe, Forest Service and the local Chambers of Commerce regarding transportation needs along this corridor. On October 16, a public meeting was held in Burney. Four projects in the Intermountain area were proposed during the meeting. One of the suggestions at the meeting was to designate the highway as an "American Road."

In summary, Mr. White states that currently the traffic conditions are reasonably good. However, in the next ten to twenty years, it is expected there will be constrained conditions in the mountain areas. Currently, the traffic growth has been increasing one to four percent annually, depending on which county is being analyzed.

Kathy Grah announced the draft is expected to be ready for review in time for the December RTPA meeting. Caltrans will be asking for Agency comments and would the Agency to pass a resolution in support of the document.

6. Conduct Public Hearing and Accept Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Project Nomination List and Direct Staff to Prepare 2002 RTIP for December RTPA Meeting - Consider Action:

Executive Officer Kovacich reported this item is a result of a year and half long process between staff and the local agencies. The Agency had previously directed staff to prepare a recommendation on how to spend \$50 million over the next 20 years for transportation projects. On June 1, 2001, staff presented the Agency with a list of financially unconstrained transportation projects within the region. These projects were evaluated according to the criteria previously approved by the Agency and ranked by the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Working Group. Since then Staff and the TAC have whittled the list down to fit

within the \$50 million constraint. Staff recommends the Agency program the highest rated projects. Several other options have surfaced recently that the Agency may consider.

The City of Redding has sent a letter proposing an alternative to programming the \$12 million Parkview Bridge project. The City would like the flexibility to use the funds for a grade separation downtown or other downtown improvements.

The City of Anderson recently sent a letter to the Agency supporting the City of Redding's recommendation. Further, it proposes that the baseline allocations remain at the recommended level of \$500,000 and that the Agency approve the programming of \$1 million to Phase 1 of the Deschutes Road Interchange Improvement Project. The City suggests this could be done by reallocating \$1 million from the Cottonwood Hills project to the Deschutes Road interchange improvements.

Chair Comnick then opened the public hearing. The following people spoke to the Agency:

Mike Warren, City Manager, City of Redding

Mr. Warren thanked staff and the local agencies for the hard work in preparing the list of projects that are being submitted to the Agency. The City of Redding would like the Agency to consider its proposal to drop the Parkview Bridge project off the list and add a downtown grade separation project and/or other downtown improvements in its place. Mr. Warren offered a compromise to the City of Anderson's proposal. The City of Redding will offer to take \$500,000 from the Parkview Bridge, and Caltrans will offer to take \$500,000 from one of its projects to be divided equally between the County and the two remaining cities and be added to each of their base allocations. This proposal has been discussed with the Public Works Directors from Shasta County and the Cities of Anderson and Shasta Lake, and they have expressed an interest in this proposal. Mr. Warren felt that taking \$500,000 each from two projects would be less hurtful than taking \$1 million away from one project. This and would also achieve the goal of keeping good faith between the local agencies.

Jim Cain, City Manager, City of Shasta Lake

Mr. Cain endorsed Mr. Warren's recommendation.

Scott Morgan, City Manager, City of Anderson

Mr. Morgan stated many citizens are attending today's meeting in support of the Deschutes Road interchange project. The proposal made by Mr. Warren would help support that project. Therefore, the City of Anderson supports the recommendation.

Patrick Minturn, Director, Shasta County Department of Public Works

Mr. Minturn felt that the local agencies have worked well together to come up with a good list of projects being submitted to the Agency. He appreciates the offer from Caltrans and

the City of Redding and felt that it would give more flexibility to the County and the two other cities for transportation improvements. Mr. Minturn stated he also could support the staff recommendation.

Brian Crane, Deputy Director - Planning, Caltrans District 2

Mr. Crane reported that Caltrans supports the comments made by Mike Warren regarding this new proposal, recognizing the needs of the two smaller cities. As a sidebar, he noted that Lassen County has adopted the project selection criteria used by Shasta County.

Marie Carr-Fitzgerald, Redding, California

Ms. Carr-Fitzgerald supports the City of Redding proposal for another railroad overcrossing in downtown Redding. She handed out petitions and a letter from Mercy Hospital in support of this proposal.

Jeff Swanson, Redding, California

Mr. Swanson is a member of the "Viva Downtown Redding" revitalization group which puts on events such as Marketfest. He supports the City of Redding proposal for downtown improvements and a new grade separation project.

Dugan Barr, Redding, California

Mr. Barr supports the City of Redding proposal to delay the Parkview Bridge project in support of downtown improvements. He felt the local agencies should have the right to decide how to spend their own money.

Lou Gerard, Redding, California

Mr. Gerard supports the City of Redding/Caltrans proposal and felt it would be to everyone's advantage.

Jack Reiser, Shingletown, California

Mr. Reiser also supports the City of Redding/Caltrans proposal as he feels another grade separation in downtown Redding is needed.

Bill Yanni, Redding, California

Mr. Yanni is the Chairman of the Parkview Neighborhood Committee which was formed in 1999. The purpose of the group is to improve the quality of life in the Parkview Avenue area. The committee has concerns over the building of the new Parkview Bridge and supports the proposal made by Mike Warren.

Frances Jenkins, Redding, California

Ms. Jenkins also supports the City of Redding/Caltrans proposal.

John Reginato, City of Redding

As a citizen of Shasta County since 1949, Mr. Reginato feels an additional railroad crossing has been needed in Redding for a long time. He also supports the recommendation made by the City of Redding and Caltrans.

There being no other members of the public who wished to speak for or against the item, Chair Cornick closed the public hearing.

Board Member Kight applauded the staffs from the local agencies for finding solutions to transportation needs within Shasta County. He commented that the local agencies have come a long way since he became a member of the RTPA. Board Member McGeorge also congratulated staff and gave full support to the City of Redding alternative to the staff recommendation. Board Members Wilson and Reno also complimented the staff from the local agencies for their cooperation throughout the RTIP process. Chair Cornick stated that she also supports the City of Redding proposal and would like to see the Deschutes Road interchange project built.

Board Member Wilson made a motion direct staff to prepare the 2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program pursuant to the City of Redding and Caltrans joint proposal. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7. Adjourn:
There being no further business to discuss, Chair Cornick adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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