

APPROVED MINUTES

SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (MPO)

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

City of Anderson Council Chambers,
1887 Howard Street, Anderson, 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; Board deliberations; and action taken, if any.)

Board Members Cornick, Hawes, Stegall, Dickerson, Baugh, and Palmer were present. Board Member Hartman was absent.

1. Call to Order

Chair Cornick called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Staff Introductions

3. Public Comment Period

A representative from Shasta Wheelman stated that they wanted to participate with the County in promoting better bicycling in the cities of Redding and Anderson. He noted that they were there to learn and to have input later on.

Jack Yerkes with the Shasta Wheelmen Injury Prevention Coalition and member of the City of Redding's committee on bikeways and bike paths spoke. Mr. Yerkes gave thanks for the roads being a lot better and noted that the three cities have nice bikeways. The Shasta Wheelmen are participating with the City of Redding on bikeways and bike trails.

Consent Calendar

4-1 Minutes of October 28, 2008, RTPA Meeting

4-2 Future RTPA Meeting Schedule Through December 2009 - Information Only

4-3 Authorize Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit Services

4-4 Revised Bylaws for the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

4-5 Appoint Member to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

4-6 Northern California Internet Trip Planning Services (ITIPS):

(1) Consultant Agreement

(2) Modoc Transportation Agency Fund Transfer Agreement

4-7 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment

4-8 Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) Transit System Safety Grant

4-9 Correspondence

By motion made, seconded and unanimously carried (Palmer/Baugh), the items on the Consent Calendar were approved.

Regular Calendar

5. ShastaFORWARD>> Regional Blueprint: Present Alternative Scenario Concepts to Local Agencies

Executive Director Dan Little explained that ShastaFORWARD>> has been through a lengthy public involvement process to establish community values, priorities, and a baseline scenario of growth. Workshops have been held and the concepts have been narrowed into seven different concepts. Mr. Little explained that the next task is to go to the planning commissions this month and in January go to the city councils and Board of Supervisors, presenting the seven concepts, getting feedback on it, working with the planning directors through the Technical Advisory Committee, and getting down to three scenarios. This would be done, not necessarily by deleting four concepts, but by consolidating elements from all seven concepts within three scenarios. Before the modeling is done, staff would come back to the RTPA board at the February meeting to get approval. Mr. Little noted that this is not a general plan or a sustainable communities plan; it is meant to generate discussion. Each scenario will be modeled and presented for public consideration and to build consensus on a preferred regional growth vision. Mr. Little concluded that the direction the RTPA staff is looking for today is any comments the Board may have about the alternative concepts and direction to keep going forward. Action is also needed to extend the agreement with Moore and Associates for the public involvement component, not the monetary amount.

Board member Dickerson noted that there are potential benefits this could bring to the area, if all participate in the effort. There is absolutely nothing in the process that binds or commits any agency to any particular action. This is an effort to try to determine, from the community, what they would like to see happen as we move forward and grow.

Board member Baugh noted that the information gathered is amazing. He continued to note that the County needs to step up to the plate and determine its level of involvement and whether it chooses to receive the information and be a part of it. The Board of Supervisors has agreed to hear this item in January 2009. Mr. Baugh stated that the part he objects to is the carrot and the stick approach. If you don't participate you will be ineligible for finances for transportation.

Executive Director Dan Little noted that to not participate alone does not make you ineligible for funds. It would be the RTPA's goal to prepare a plan compatible with how the county wants to develop even if the county does not participate. However, the RTPA is less able to meet the goal without county input.

Board member Dickerson noted that his understanding of it is that funding isn't prohibited from coming to the County; it just makes it more difficult to get.

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

6. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dan Little noted that last week the government was working on information that people were wanting on the Federal Stimulus Package that is expected to pass in January. That will be the first package, which is expected to get projects delivered and go to contract within 12 months. Speculation is that another package will come out after the initial package for projects that might take longer to deliver. Mr. Little noted that he believed that new Proposition 1B projects that are not under construction yet may be put on hold. This could include projects like the Cottonwood Hills Truck Climbing Lanes (I-5), street and roads maintenance, and transit for RABA.

Mr. Little continued to state that there is a State Local Partnership Program, which is a Proposition 1B bond program, for \$1 billion. The California Transportation Commission is adopting the guidelines, Thursday, December 11, 2008. Self Help Counties lobbied and are getting 95% of the money. Staff is following the program closely to see if local money can match bond money for projects.

Mr. Little noted that the High Speed Rail Initiative passed. This will be watched for a very long term goal of daytime rail service from Redding to connections in Sacramento and San Francisco.

Mr. Little noted that RTPA staff is coordinating with the City of Redding to prepare an overall bike improvement concept that involves all of the jurisdictions. The City will take this to Congressman Herger's office in hopes that there is a special program in the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Act that funds bikeway improvements.

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Cornnick adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

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