

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Executive Minutes – June 21, 2010

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Present Member/Alternate</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Allen Ishida	Walter Stammer, Jr.	<u>A</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 1
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Jack Allwardt	Ted Macaulay	<u>M</u>	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Mike Santana	<u>M</u>	City of Farmersville
Pamela Kimball	Steve Velasquez	<u>M</u>	City of Lindsay
Felipe Martinez	Pete Martinez	<u>M</u>	City of Porterville
Richard Ortega	Phil Vandegrift	<u>M</u>	City of Tulare
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X. Transportation Authority Consent Calendar

Request approval of the Authority Consent Calendar (Item X-A through X-B)

- A. Action: Minutes of May 17, 2010 Authority Meeting
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Measure R Citizens' Oversight Committee Appointments
- C. Information: Santa Fe Trail Connection Update

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Link, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved the Authority Consent Calendar Item X-A through X-B.

XI. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Local Preference Requirement for Measure R

Mr. Smalley provided information on the item requesting adoption for a Local Preference Requirement for Measure R. All RFP and RFQ using local measure funds will include a statement of intent that partnership with local firms is necessary. Reporting requirements will also be included.

Mr. Smalley introduced Mike Knopf from ACEC of California who represents the consultant community. Mr. Knopf summarized support from local firms for Measure R and many benefits to using local firms. He thanked those involved for supporting local firms and this policy.

Member Cox stated that he supports this policy and supports taking this further to include additional scoring points for local firms.

Mr. Smalley added that work is being done to come back with additional updates to include scoring

Member Vander Poel stated that he agrees with Member Cox that this should even go a step further to reward local firms.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Ortega, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved Local Preference Requirement for Measure R.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Loan Agreement between the Tulare County Tax Collector-Treasurer (Treasurer) and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA)

Mr. Lara provided information on the action item requesting adoption of a resolution to approve a Loan Agreement between the Tulare County Tax Collector-Treasurer (Treasurer) and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA). The Treasures' Office provided the most competitive lending rates including no obligation fees or compounding interest. The goal is to move projects forward during the states budget crisis while saving money on construction costs.

- C. Upon motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved a Loan Agreement between the Tulare County Tax Collector-Treasurer (Treasurer) and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA)
- D. Information: Draft 2010 Measure R Strategic Work Plan

Mr. Lara provided information on the draft 2010 Measure R Strategic Work Plan and asked for recommendations on projects for the next five years. Mr. Smalley discussed challenges with regional projects and stated that staff will be seeking direction from the Board and City Mangers on how to feasibly deliver all projects. Staff is looking to partner on solutions. If any member agencies would like to meet please contact staff.

Member Cox indicated that he would like to look ahead five or ten year

Mr. Smalley indicated that staff may need to meet with consultant and bring back recommendations in the next month or two.

D. Information: Measure R Update

Mr. Lara provided a Measure R update. Staff should have the total allocation amount for the end of the year soon. It appears that amounts are close to the projected amount.

Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

None

B. Information: Items from the Board

None

C. Information: Requests from Board Members for future agenda items

None

Adjourn

Adjourn as the Tulare County Transportation Authority at 3:30 p.m. The next TCAG/Transportation Authority Board meeting will be held **July 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** at Board of Supervisors, County Civic Center, 2800 W. Burrel, Visalia, CA 93291

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 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Bill McKinley	Vacant	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Bob Zimmerman	Bob Stocker	<u>M/A</u>	Member-at-Large
Tom Sparks	Gil Jaramillo	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Malcolm Dougherty	Sharri Bender-Ehlert	<u>A</u>	Caltrans

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I. Call to Order & Welcome

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Ennis at 1:00 p.m. on June 21, 2010.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Transportation Consent Calendar (Item III-A)

- A. Information: Draft 2010/11 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and Draft 2010/11 State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Apportionments.

IV. Transportation Action/Discussion Items

- A. Presentation: TCAG's 2009/2010 Make a Difference in Air Quality Contest Winners

Chair Ennis presented awards to the 2009/2010 Make Difference in Air Quality contest winners and made honorable mentions to the many sponsors who helped make this contest a success.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Consultant Selection: Federal Governmental Relations Firm

Ms. Wright provided information on staffs recommendation to select Alcaalde and Fay for the Federal Governmental Relations Firm contract. Alcalde & Fay is the current contract holder. They have done a good job and are ranked high.

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Vander Poel, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved to contract with Alcalde & Fay as the Federal Governmental Relations Firm.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Consultant Selection: State Governmental Relations Firm

Ms. Wright provided information on the consultant selection for State Governmental Relations Firm. Three firms applied. Based on established scoring criteria staff recommends Stretgic Local Government Services.

Upon motion by Member Vander Poel and seconded by Member Worthley, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved to contract with Strategic Local Government Services for the State Governmental Relations Firm.

- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2009/2010 Unmet Transit Needs Findings

Ms. Chavez provided details from the 2009/2010 Unmet Transit Needs findings. As part of the Transportation Development Act of 2004 (TDA) requirements, local unmet transit needs must be identified yearly. TCAG held three public hearings and made several outreach efforts to solicit comments from the community. Comments were received through comment cards, letters, phone calls, and email. This information was provided to Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Ms. Chavez detailed Transit Providers responses to each request.

Upon motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the 2009/2010 Unmet Transit Needs Findings.

- E. Information: 2010 Triennial Performance Audit and Recommendations for TCAG and the Local Transit Agencies

Ms. Chavez provided information on the 2010 Triennial Performance Audit (TPA) and recommendations for TCAG and the Local Transit Agencies. PMC conducted an audit and provided a

summary of recommendations for FY 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09. TCAG staff will be performing a careful review that all requests are addressed.

Member Mendoza requested that information be brought back to the Board.

Mr. Smalley indicated that staff will report back on the progress in three months.

F. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and 2008/2010 STIP Update

Mr. Giuliani provided a status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) allocations and 2008/2010 STIP update including a detailed list of Tulare County projects scheduled for a busy June CTC meeting.

Mr. Smalley discussed Tulare County projects and complimented the City of Tulare staff and the County of Tulare staff for working well together.

Mr. Smalley discussed State Route 99 and the potential cost savings for candidate projects. Tulare County projects in design and right-of-way are rated number one at this time. TCAG is the only agency that has put money into SR99; therefore TCAG has demonstrated that it is a priority. Caltrans is determining cost ration benefits.

A Director's meeting for the Council of Governments (COG) is scheduled tomorrow, June 22nd. Mr. Smalley asked permission from the Board to meet with Assemblywoman Connie Conway and Caltrans Chief Deputy Dougherty. Several positive comments were made by Board members in support of a meeting.

G. Information: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Giuliani provided a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. The public comment period ended on June 14th. Staff is working on addressing the comments and the associated documents. The RTP is scheduled to go before the Board for adoption at the next Board meeting.

H. Information: Rail Update

Mr. Waters provided a rail update. The Rail Advisory Committee met June 9th. They discussed the Fresno State University completed its Business plan. Please let Jason Waters know if you are interested in a copy. The Rail Advisory Committee also discussed how to make outreach efforts more effective. Also, Gary Hunter, the rail consultant has started work on an east side rail business plan. Staff and committee members will be working closely with him.

Mr. Sparks indicated that a letter was received from Union Pacific to Rail America that will need to be discussed at a later time. There is a new rail MOU from Rail American with a new price and new conditions. The Rail Advisory Committee is looking into forming a committee to examine finances for rail projects.

I. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Ms. Bender-Ehlert provided a Caltrans monthly report. Ms. Bender-Ehlert introduced Christine Cox who will be assisting. Regarding bond projects, the CTC voted to use CMI funds on the Plaza Drive interchange. Regarding the widening of SR198 from Tulare County into Kings County, earth work is going on and paving should begin in July on the west-bound lane first. Paving in the eastbound lanes should begin in the fall. Regarding SR99 widening from Kingsburg to Goshen CTC is voting on the potential to extend beyond. It should advertise in June and construction should begin in the fall. There is a second round of Tiger II for 600 million dollars nationally. More than likely no one state will receive more than 150 million. Caltrans is reviewing potential projects to submit.

V. REQUEST TO REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Member Mendoza and seconded by Member Cox, the Board unanimously reaffirmed all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee.

VI. Association Consent Calendar

Request Approval of the Association Consent Calendar (Items VI-A through VI-G)

- A. Minutes of May 17, 2010, Board Meeting
- B. Summary of May 13, 2010, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- C. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review 2010-07 – McDermont Library Learning Center
- D. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review 2010-08 – Cutler Orosi Joint Unified School District
- E. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review 2010-09 – Cutler Orosi Joint Unified School District
- F. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review 2010-10 – Self-Help Enterprises
- G. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review 2010-11 – Ponderosa Community Services District (PCSD)
- H. Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2009/2010 Third Quarter Report

Upon motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar items VI-A through VI-G.

VII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Election of TCAG Chair and Vice-Chair for two (2) year terms (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012)

Mr. Smalley provided information on the action item seeking Board approval for the election of a TCAG Chair and Vice-Chair for two (2) year terms (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012). Not as a rule, but typically, due to schedules the Chair has been occupied by a member of the Board of Supervisors and the Vice Chair has been occupied by a City representative.

Upon motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member Allwardt, the Association unanimously approved the appointment of Pete Vander Poel as the TCAG Chair

Upon motion by Member McKinley and seconded by Member Worthley, the Association unanimously approved the reappointment of Pam Kimball as the TCAG Vice Chair.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of New Staff Services Agreement with Tulare County Providing Staff Services for Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Mr. Smalley provided information on the request for Board approval of New Staff Services Agreement with Tulare County Providing Staff Services for Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The New Agreement reflects a change in language to make it appropriate to combine staff.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Ortega, the Association Board unanimously approved a New Staff Services Agreement with Tulare County Providing Staff Services for Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

- C. Information: Joint Powers Agreement Revision Update

Mr. Smalley provided an update on the Joint Powers Agreement Revision. All signatures have been obtained with the exception of one city. Once this is done the subcommittee formed to review Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 will set a meeting.

D. Information: Senate Bill 375 Update

Ms. Wright provided an update on Senate Bill 375. Staff attended a SB375 Workshop and discussed: statewide processes, target numbers, modeling results and the issue of ARB changing methodology frequently. Target numbers are very different throughout the state including our sister MPO's in the valley. TCAG staff continues to work with the ARB for target numbers. Due to inconsistencies staff submitted base-line data and not a target number. Staff is working with ARB and other MPO's. ARB will provide a final target number by September 30th.

IX. Correspondence

None

X. Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

None

B. Information: Items from Board Members

Member Boyer indicated that he attended an international seminary on sustainability in irrigation and agricultural. He concluded that our country is not alone in our water and salt issues. Ground water production for agriculture has changed in several countries.

Member McKinley added that the Chamber of Commerce in the valley is working to form a collision in the valley to work on water projects.

C. Request from Board Members for future agenda items

Mr. Sparks requested 10-15 minutes at the August meeting to provide a presentation on Three Rivers.

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