

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY
AUTHORITY**

DRAFT MINUTES

July 8, 2009

4:00 P.M.

*STANISLAUS COUNTY BASEMENT TRAINING ROOM (B-300)
1010 10TH STREET (BASEMENT LEVEL), MODESTO CA 95354*

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Regular Meeting

Directors Present:

William O'Brien; Jeff Grover; Jim Ridenour; Farrell Jackson; Danny Fielder, Rep. for City of Riverbank

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Vince Harris and Ken Baxter (Caltrans)

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

Not Present: Tony Tavares

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William O'Brien at 4:03 p.m. Since the meeting is in a smaller room, we need to have only one person speaking at a time. Chairman O'Brien attended the June 15th Public Information Meeting held at the Riverbank Community Center presented by Caltrans. In one of the corners of the room was what is a route adoption? Caltrans made a statement that if people do not like the route we are studying, they need to talk to the County Supervisors. We are asking to shrink the study areas. Email from staff says that the local preferred alternatives are not going to be looked at at this time. At the last meeting, it was stated that we have no intention of going through two neighborhoods that are still in the study area - Crawford/Coffee and Crawford/McHenry, which includes the Chenault area.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diana Vargas asked are you guaranteeing that Crawford and the other roads you have mentioned will not be disturbed? So if someone stops attending these meetings and six months later saying we changed our minds...

William O'Brien replied that once Caltrans agrees to shrink the study area, it cannot be expanded again.

Question was asked about the meeting time being extended.

William O'Brien would like to add this issue to the next agenda. We would also like to be in the other room (Board Chambers) where it is more comfortable.

Question: Who at Caltrans is going to make the decision?

Ken Baxter replied that this is a collaborative effort. Suggests that at the next meeting we have someone from the Environmental Management Division give us a five-minute update on this issue.

Steve Burke again asked who at Caltrans is going to make the final decision. A board, a commission?

Ken Baxter again stated that this is a collaborative effort. We need to have someone from the Environmental Management Division attend the next meeting.

Linda Silva asked is there anything in the environmental reports and studies take into consideration how the property values will be impacted by this route? Residential and agricultural lands will be affected. For the next twenty years, property values have been deflated. Why don't you just determine the route and start buying the property?

Ken Baxter replied this is a high level analysis that needs to look at all these issues in the environmental document. The purpose is to disclose all these potential impacts and the preferred options. Later we will get more specific on the alignment and which parcels will be impacted, etc.

Matt Machado said the study area phase is for the route adoption process, which requires the CEQA document. This will result in a 2,000-foot study area not specific like we would all like to see. Very soon we will start another CEQA and a NEPA document, an EIR and EIS to look at the entire project from the 99 to 120, which will result an alignment of a much specific route.

Property value questions were asked. At the next meeting, there will be an environmental expert to answer these questions.

Mark Stone is concerned with the inconsistencies about the information being communicated.

Janet Ashby said make Kiernan work.

Jeanne Simpson stated that the money will be lost if the project is not done.

Mark Stone said Caltrans is buying curb cuts as they widen the road. Why keep bringing this up? It is not the Oakdale Bypass. All they are trying to do is to get the money encumbered.

Farrell Jackson stated that this is most certainly the Oakdale Bypass. It will take Highway 108 out of the center of our city. We believe that we need a connection to Highway 99 for our financial future. This will serve the same purpose as an Oakdale Bypass.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2009**

The June 10, 2009 meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Jim Ridenour / Seconded by Danny Fielder. All in favor – 4/0.*

4. **AGENDA ITEMS**

a. **Local Resolutions of Support for Relocation of State Route (SR) 109** **INFORMATION**

- Matt provided overview. The draft resolution for each JPA member agency and StanCOG supports the realignment of SR 108 at a necessary component to facilitate the North County Corridor SR 108 East Route Adoption. It does not identify a corridor or an alignment. Tentative adoption dates are listed.

b. **Local Resolutions of Support for Senate Bill (SB) 532 INFORMATION**

- Matt provided overview. This bill changes the limits of SR 108 to between Route 132 near Modesto to Route 120 east of Oakdale. The bill also identifies a portion of SR 108 as interregional, allowing it to be eligible for Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program. This designation will allow the NCC to be eligible for up to \$91M of ITIP funding as committed by Director Will Kempton. Senator Cogdill's office has requested local support of this bill in the form of resolutions from the JPA and StanCOG governing boards. Tentative adoption dates are listed.

c. **Project Updates INFORMATION**

- Matt Machado advised the schedule is aggressive. We are working closely with our partners at Caltrans. There are two upcoming public hearings that are being scheduled. The dates are either September 9th and 10th, or September 22nd and 24th. We are checking into locations in Oakdale and possibly Riverbank.

d. **Corridor Mapping Overlay with Sphere of Influence Boundaries INFORMATION**

- The graphic is for informational purposes. It shows the existing proposed corridors overlaid with jurisdictional spheres of influence based upon existing general plans. All traffic analysis is based on the spheres of influence as shown. Currently, the future alignment is in the County, however, this graphic depicts the appropriate future jurisdiction for each roadway segment.

e. **Public Information Meeting Summary INFORMATION**

- Chairman O'Brien stated that future meetings should be a presentation format with questions and answers. The last public meeting was difficult to hear with so many different conversations taking place simultaneously. Matt Machado stated that in addition to the board agenda attachment, there will be a full report on the public meeting which is approximately 100 pages. Meeting summary and public comments will be available in a week or so.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

6. **AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

NONE

7. **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

NONE

8. **EX-OFFICIOS' REPORTS**

Per Ken Baxter, Caltrans Director Will Kempton will be the Executive Director position for the Orange Transportation Authority effective August 1, 2009. Randall Iwasaki will be the new Caltrans Director named by Governor Schwarzenegger, but this still needs to go through the confirmation process. The District Interim

Director Tony Tavares will remain until September 1, 2009 when Kome Ajise will be returning to the district. This is all subject to change. Farrell Jackson is requesting a meeting with the new official Caltrans Director.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Chairman William O'Brien advised that the next meeting would be on August 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the City/County Basement Training Room (Room B300), located in the basement level at 1010 10th Street, Modesto, California 95354.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

ATTESTED: MATT MACHADO, Authority Manager
of the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority

BY: KEIMI ESPINOZA, Confidential Assistant
(The above is a summary of the minutes. Complete minutes are available from the Authority Manager, Matt Machado.)