

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

November 12, 2009

4:30 P.M.

STANCOG BOARD ROOM

1111 I STREET, SUITE 308, MODESTO CA

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Regular Meeting

Directors Present:

Jeff Grover, Farrell Jackson, and Brad Hawn (representing Jim Ridenour)

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Vince Harris and Ross Chittenden (Caltrans)

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

Not Present:

William O'Brien, Danny Fielder and Jim Ridenour

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Farrell Jackson at 4:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2009 MEETING

The meeting had no quorum; therefore the approval of the meeting minutes was continued to the next meeting.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Annual Financial Audit MOTION

Matt Machado provided an overview of the Audit for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. All financial statements were found to be in conformity with accounting principles. No issues were requested in the report. *On Motion of Jeff Grover / Seconded by Brad Hawn. All in favor - 3/0.*

b. Project Updates and Next Steps INFORMATION

- Kris Balaji advised that the public comment period for the Draft EIR closed last Friday, but will continue to accept and address comments received via mail until Friday (must be postmarked no later than November 6th). The comments and responses will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- Mr. Balaji briefly discussed the next steps in the Draft Project Schedule.
- Matt Machado provided an update on the next phase. A specific alignment will be developed through an EIR Process that will go from Hwy 99 to SR 120.
- Questions were asked regarding scoping, the Final EIR submittal process, and the RTIP and ITIP schedules. Kris Balaji and Ross Chittenden responded to the questions.

4. AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Matt Machado thanked Caltrans for being a great partner and working with us on review times, strategies and schedules. He also thanked Mr. Harris and StanCOG staff regarding funding and support and also for being a great partner.
- Regarding specific alignment in the next EIR Phase and NEPA, this will also include a buildable segment not only on the alignment from Hwy 99 to SR 120, but also a segment of it on the eastern end in order to be able to discuss right-of-way acquisition and construction schedule.
- Per the report, 130 individual public comments had been received regarding the Draft EIR; up to 500 public comments have been received up-to-date.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- During the public comments portion of the meeting, speakers had questions on various topics such as how much irrigated farmland is anticipated to be covered; traffic capability; based on the economy status, why is it not be feasible to not assign an area until it's needed; building over the areas of fertility soils; will Caltrans be the lead for the whole process or in the NEPA process; the current Draft EIR process schedule and whether the public who submitted comments will receive copies of the Final EIR; why not use Pelandale to be the expressway interchange; growth and, number projections based on the Draft EIR. Clarifications were requested regarding the expressway definition; process; whether multiple alternatives will be shown on the Environmental document in February's scoping meeting; and, if the Final EIR will not be made public until it's signed.
- Matt Machado, Vice-Chairman Jackson, Brad Hawn, and Kris Balaji responded to the questions and concerns.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- Vice-Chairman Jackson advised that at the last City Council meeting in Oakdale, the City Council provided an advisory vote in support of the "blue route", which is Route B.

7. EX-OFFICIO'S REPORTS

No reports were made.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

An audiotape of the entire meeting is available.

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

BY: LETISIA CORONA, Confidential Assistant

(The above is a summary of the minutes. Complete minutes are available from the Authority Manager, Matt Machado.)

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There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

ATTEST:
Matthew Machado, Authority Manager of the
North County Corridor Transportation Authority



COUNTERSIGNED BY:
Farrell Jackson, Vice Chairman of the
North County Corridor Transportation Authority


