

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

October 14, 2009

4:30 P.M.

STANCOG BOARD ROOM

1111 I STREET, SUITE 308, MODESTO CA

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Regular Meeting

Directors Present:

William O'Brien, Danny Fielder, Jeff Grover, Farrell Jackson and Jim Ridenour

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Carlos Yamzon

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William O'Brien called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the new StanCOG Board Room. Opening remarks included the addition of a public comment form to be completed by those who would like to speak during the public comments period of the meeting. The completed forms should be given to the clerk.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 12, 2009 and SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

The August 12, 2009 and September 9, 2009 meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Jim Ridenour / Seconded by Farrell Jackson. All in favor -5/0.*

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Caltrans Meeting Schedule DISCUSSION

- Matt Machado reviewed the two Caltrans meetings for November 2, 2009. The late morning meeting is with the new District 10 Director, Ross Chittenden in Stockton. The early afternoon meeting is with the new Director, Randy Iwasaki in Sacramento. Mayor Farrell Jackson and Supervisor Jeff Grover would like to attend the two Caltrans meetings.

b. Project Updates INFORMATION

- Matt Machado provided a summary. Project is moving forward. We are on schedule. Environmental Update – The Draft Environmental Report for Route Adoption was released for public comment on September 22, 2009, which means the closing of the public comment period is November 6,

2009. Official comments need to be submitted to Gail Miller at Caltrans. The first of the two public hearing was yesterday October 13, 2009 in Oakdale. The final one is scheduled for October 22, 2009 in Riverbank.

- Steve Burke asked about the STIP Process and the RTP. Matt answered the questions.

4. AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- There will be some minor adjustments to the next public hearing on October 22, 2009.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- During the public comments portion of the meeting, speakers had various topics such as questioning the need for a north county east/west corridor; other alternative routes (such as Claribel or Kiernan); concerns about owing more to the bank than the property is worth; questioning the ratings of service levels; farmlands are national treasures; questioning the population survey; the return on investment; fatal flaw in CEQA document; concerns about congestion, more development, pollution, loss of quality of life, decline in property values; and, expressway definition.
- Matt Machado suggested a meeting be set up with Gary Darpinian and Mark Stone to discuss their concerns and questions about the DEIR, which were technical in nature.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- A general summary of the Directors' comments were that there is a need for an east/west corridor, in the past planning was overlooked, we need to plan for the future in a manner that is least impactful to homes, farms, and businesses, and the intent is to follow property lines as much as possible and not split properties.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman O'Brien advised that the next meeting would be on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the StanCOG Board Room, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto. This is due to the Veterans' Day Holiday.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

An audiotape of the entire meeting is available.

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.)


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There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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



COUNTERSIGNED BY:

William O'Brien, Chairman of the
North County Corridor Transportation Authority