

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

September 9, 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, Jim Ridenour and Farrell Jackson

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Vince Harris and Dinah Bortner (Caltrans)

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

Not Present: Jeff Grover and Danny Fielder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William O'Brien at 4:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2009 AND AUGUST 12, 2009

The July 8, 2009 meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Jim Ridenour / Seconded by Farrell Jackson. All in favor -3/0.* The August 12th meeting had no quorum, and Chairman O'Brien is abstaining from voting. We will have to continue meeting minutes approval to the next meeting.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. JPA Board Meeting Schedule Revision MOTION

- Matt Machado provided overview and reviewed the four options. After a brief discussion, the Board members preferred the fourth option. Discussion was opened to the public. *On Motion of Farrell Jackson / Seconded by William O'Brien. All in favor -3/0.* The next NCC TEA meeting will be on the second Wednesday in October (October 14, 2009) at 4:30 p.m. in the StanCOG Board Room located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto (above the Firkin & Fox Restaurant).

b. Project Updates INFORMATION

- Kris Balaji provided overview. Environmental Update - The Draft Environmental Report for Route Adoption was submitted to Caltrans Legal for final approval. District signature for DEIR is scheduled for

September 11, 2009 (pending legal review) with release of the document for 45-day public comment period on September 15, 2009.

- An East End Stakeholders (Oakdale) meeting was held yesterday to receive comments and feedback.
- Design Update – The Draft PSR-PDS was submitted to Caltrans and JPA this month. The Route Adoption Bill legislation (SB 532) passed Assembly and Senate unanimously and is on the Governor’s desk for signature this month.
- Public Outreach is scheduled for October 13th (Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 South Second Avenue, Oakdale) and October 22nd (Riverbank Community Center, 3600 Santa Fe Street, Riverbank). 5:30 Open House/Map Display, 6:30 Caltrans Presentation, 6:45 Questions & Answers, 7:15 Public Hearing. A court reporter will be recording comments.
- Steve Burke asked a question on the Delivery Schedule (Early). He wanted to know what E11 Caltrans identified preferred alternative and E12 Jacobs prepared Admin Final PEIR. Kris responded that after the public hearings, comments will be collected. A project development team meeting will be held. Based on the comments and other information, a preferred alternate recommendation will be made. Jacobs will then prepare an admin final PEIR with responses and comments included. This will be submitted to the Board for review.
- There was more discussion on the 45-day review period. Caltrans is the lead agency on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The draft EIR will be available to view hard copies at various locations such as the Modesto Library, Modesto Public Works, Oakdale City Hall, Oakdale Library, Oakdale Public Works, Riverbank Public Library, Riverbank City Clerk, Riverbank Community Development Department, StanCOG, Salida Regional Library, and Stanislaus County Public Works. CD’s will be available.

c. **Public Hearing Panel Representative DISCUSSION**

- Matt Machado stated that this item does not require any action based on legal counsel’s recommendation. This will be a discussion to be clear on how we will be represented at the October 13th and October 22nd public hearings. The format will be a panel that would be there to receive comments. No action will be taken by the panel. We would like to have a policy member be on the panel.

4. **AUTHORITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

On September 8th, a meeting was held with the new District 10 Director Ross Chittenden to update him on our NCC project. In terms of the next steps we would like to set up a meeting with the new Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki.

End East Stakeholders' meeting was held on September 8th. This was requested by landowners on the east end to discuss alternatives within the study area. There was a lot of consensus building.

- Farrell Jackson who attended the meeting, one of the biggest concerns was we don't split properties and that we try to stay on property lines.
- Per Matt, the northern study area is the locally preferred area. We still have to let the environmental process make that official.
- There was a discussion on the 12 miles of curves, dips, bumps, etc. (State Route 120 at Postmile 11.0 – 18.1 Safety Project).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kiernan as an alternative was discussed again. Route adoption is the first phase per Matt Machado. In the fall, this will be discussed. We do not have the information yet.
- There will probably be an interchange at McHenry so it needs to be wider per Matt Machado.
- Diana Vargas asked about McHenry and Crawford, Amy and Chenault. Per Matt Machado the houses are not in the study area right at McHenry, but as McHenry and Crawford (intersection) there could be some affect because of the intersection spacing requirements. The interchange physically will not be on top, but... The issue will be the intersection spacing per Matt.
- Mark Stone read excerpts from Caltrans' Environmental Report on 219. Who should he believe? Caltrans or local agencies?
- Linda Silva is concerned about compensating property owners who may or may not be affected by the corridor since the project may not be constructed for many years.
- Mark Stone farms should be considered on the same level as other businesses. Bill O'Brien said the EIR will do this.
- Gary Darpinian is glad the property lines would be followed as much as possible. Also said that farm work is a business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman O'Brien advised that the next meeting would be on October 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the StanCOG Board Room, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 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 4:54 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


