

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2010

4:30 P.M.

STANCOG BOARD ROOM

1111 I STREET, SUITE 308, MODESTO CA

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Directors Present:

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

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Carlos Yamzon and Ross Chittenden

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

Absent: Danny Fielder and Vince Harris

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William O'Brien called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2010 MEETING

The meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Jim Ridenour/Seconded by Farrell Jackson. All in favor - 4/0.*

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. **Project Updates INFORMATION**

- Matt Machado wanted to modify the draft schedule. We will need more time for external reviews and response to comments.
- Kris Balaji, Jacobs Engineering Project Manager, gave a brief update on the Project. Since the route adoption was approved, the project name has changed from North County Corridor State Route 108 East Route Adoption to North County Corridor SR 99 to SR 120. He gave a brief overview in terms of traffic, design, environmental and public outreach. Scoping meetings will be scheduled for mid-September in Oakdale and Salida.
- Kris introduced Jack Allen, Environmental Project Manager and Theron Roschen, Deputy Project Manager both from Jacobs Consulting.
- Steve Burke mentioned that a lawsuit regarding the project has been filed. Matt Machado acknowledged that we have received the notice. Ross Chittenden said that Caltrans is the CEQA lead and will be preparing a response.

b. **California Transportation Commission Report INFORMATION**

- Matt Machado highlighted page 3 of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) report. See items 2.8 and 2.9 (underlined) recognizing our commitment and

our success in creating legislation, and the Commission acknowledging their continued intent to nominate up to \$91 million in the 2012 or 2014 ITIP for programming.

- Steve Burke wanted a status update on the charter (cooperative agreement), specifically how does a State agency get to be lead on a project that is not a State project (from 99 to McHenry)? Matt Machado responded that a charter agreement is being drafted and will be submitted to Caltrans. The charter is the detailed steps that we will take, whereas the cooperative agreement is more of a funding agreement. Ross Chittenden stated there will be a combination of the CEQA and NEPA documents. Caltrans has the authority to act on behalf of the federal government. Caltrans is the lead on the NEPA document virtually on all transportation projects.

c. **Amendment #2 to Jacobs Contract MOTION**

Matt Machado requested the Board not take action at this meeting. He gave a quick briefing on this item. He requests another month to further review this amendment on a very large project. This amendment will take us to the end of this project phase and includes 60% of the design level, which is very critical. This item will be continued to the next meeting. *On Motion of Jeff Grover/Seconded by Jim Ridenour. All in favor – 4/0.*

4. **AUTHORITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Matt Machado thanked the Board for their continued support.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Gary Darpinian said that we are basically starting over from the beginning. He is concerned that the final EIR was unsatisfying, some of the language and environmental rules are not easily understandable, the environmental process is confusing, and asked when is cost going to be considered.
- Vance Kennedy asked if any of the work on 219 will have a significant affect on the proposed NCC? Ross Chittenden stated that the improvements being made on Kiernan is short-term to serve immediate needs, perhaps for the next 10 years.
- Steve Burke asked does corridor level mean program level? Matt Machado answered that the corridor level can get you to the geometric level detail so that you will understand where the roadways will go, and where the intersections and interchanges will be placed to a fairly precise footprint.
- Denny Jackson asked questions regarding levels of service. Matt Machado said there were multiple levels of service on the drawings, existing and projected.
- Kris Balaji would like to have the names and addresses of those who have not previously received any notification or information mailings to add to the database. His second request is to contact Jacobs at any time to answer any questions. Do not wait until the scoping meetings.
- Eric Kristofferson wants Jacobs to compare costs with NCC and Kiernan. Kiernan is the quickest and cheapest way to do this project.

6. **DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

None

7. **EX-OFFICIO'S REPORTS**

- Ross Chittenden wanted to thank the Board members who attended the California Transportation Committee meeting. Their presence at the meeting was acknowledged.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Chairman O'Brien advised that the next meeting would be on July 21, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the StanCOG Board Room, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 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.)