



North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority

To: Board of Directors, Ex-Officio Members, Technical Advisory Committee
From: Matt Machado, Authority Manager *mm*
CC: City Councils, Board of Supervisors, County CEO's Office, City Managers
Date: 1/24/11
Re: North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority – January 19th Meeting Summary

Being the first meeting of the year we were fortunate to welcome two new members to the JPA Board. Councilmember Kathy Morgan from the City of Oakdale assumed the role of Vice Chair, taking former Mayor Jackson's place on the Board. Additionally, Board of Supervisor Terry Withrow representing District 3 joined us as he was recently appointed to our JPA Board by Chairman Dick Monteith of the Board of Supervisors. Welcome to Kathy and Terry.

With two new members on our Board the opportunity was taken to conduct self-introductions for all staff and audience members.

The following agenda items were presented and discussed. I will briefly discuss key portions of each agenda item.

Item 3a. – 2011 Meeting Schedule – The intent of the schedule is to precede the StanCOG Policy Board Meetings in the StanCOG Board Chambers. This is for the convenience of the public and Policy Board. This item was approved as submitted.

Item 3b. – Annual Financial Audit – The audit is an annual requirement of the JPA Agreement. This effort is accomplished through a piggyback contract with Stanislaus County Financial Auditors. The audit did not identify any problems or issues that need to be addressed.

Item 3c. – Presentation by Gail Miller – Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner and Scott Smith, Associate Environmental Planner, both of Caltrans Central Region presented a brief status and process review of the current alternative selection screening analysis. It was commented and discussed that the first level of screening would occur within the next couple of weeks. There are currently ~14 alternatives being considered. This high level screening will be looking at potential fatal flaws to reduce the number of alternatives for further study.

Item 3d. – Project Update – Theron Roschen of Jacobs Engineering provided a detailed summary of the project status. Areas of discussion included: Public Outreach, Traffic Update, Environmental Update, Permit to Enter requests and status, and Initial Alternative Screening.

As part of the Authority Managers Report, I informed the Board and public that our next Community Focus Group meeting was tentatively set for March 9, 2011 at 6:00 pm, and that field work would begin by the end of January. This fieldwork will include biologists and botanists to review parcels within the study area to identify any potential wetlands and to survey species of various animal types. Additionally, I informed the Board of a recent project update that we as staff and the Jacobs Team provided to the new District 10 Director Carrie Bowen.

For complete agenda item discussions and actions see minutes. An audiotape of the entire meeting is available. Our next scheduled meeting is February 16, 2011 (Wednesday) at 4:30 pm in the StanCOG Boardroom, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto.