

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2011

4:30 P.M.

STANCOG BOARD ROOM

1111 I STREET, SUITE 308, MODESTO CA

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Directors Present:

Virginia Madueño, Katherine Morgan, William O'Brien, Terry Withrow, and Brad Hawn for Jim Ridenour

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Vince Harris and Jesús Vargas

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

Absent: Jim Ridenour

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MEETING**

The meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Katherine Morgan / Seconded by Terry Withrow. All in favor – 5/0.*

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

a. **Project Update (INFORMATION)**

- Kris Balaji from Jacobs gave the project update.
- Public Outreach update: The Community Focus Group (CFG) was held on March 9, 2011 in the StanCOG Board Room, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto. Meeting notes were attached to the agenda.
- Traffic Forecasting Model Calibration/Validation report will be submitted to Caltrans next week.
- Environmental Update: This is the core of the project at this time. We are working closely with Caltrans to refine the Purpose and Need section of the Environmental impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact report (EIR).
- Approximately 70% of the Permission to Enter (PTE) letters have been returned. Additional letters were mailed due to the new alternate routes. We are three weeks behind schedule, but anticipate being back on track soon.
- Risk Update: Identified a risk related to PTE not being returned on a timely basis. There is a new risk related to general plans modifications or amendments.
- Project Management Update: NCC project presentation was given to the City of Sonora and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council. Project was well received and that a letter of support for Assembly Bill 286 would be provided for this project.

- b. **Approval of Project Charter (MOTION)**
 - Matt Machado said the Project Charter is to memorialize our relationship and strategy with Caltrans. It has the same goals as the overall project such as securing future right-of-ways, identifying the corridor, and giving an opportunity for future federal funding.
 - Matt introduced Jesús Vargas who replaced Jim Hammer as the Caltrans Project Manager.
 - Questions were asked and answered.
 - *On Motion of Katherine Morgan / Seconded by Terry Withrow. All in favor – 5/0.*
- c. **Approval of Cooperative Agreement #10-360 (MOTION)**
 - The co-op agreement is a financial contract between the NCC Board and Caltrans. Caltrans provides the oversight and review, and we provide the documentation with their direction to develop the project through this phase.
 - *On Motion of Terry Withrow / Seconded by Virginia Madueño. All in favor – 5/0.*
- d. **Approval of NCC (SR 99 to SR 120) Final Alternatives**
 - No motion to be taken at this meeting; this item is for discussion today.
 - Matt Machado stated that of the options that were going to be eliminated, we need to further explore the green alignment between Oakdale and Claus Roads (on Claribel just south of Riverbank). Will take this alignment back to the TAC and PDT.
 - Stearns alignment #4 east is not possible due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
 - Mark Stone is proposing an alignment south of Kiernan into the area in Modesto that was annexed as a business park. He has researched and prepared maps with his proposed alignment. There may be a need to purchase four or five houses, no businesses would be “destroyed”, and there would be no long-term impact.
 - Various questions were asked and answered throughout this agenda item.

4. **AUTHORITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- None.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Comments were made throughout the meeting.

6. **DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

- None.

7. **EX-OFFICIO’S REPORTS**

None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Chairman O’Brien advised that the next meeting would be on April 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Location to be determined.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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. An audiotape of the entire meeting is available.)

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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


