

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR  
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 5, 2014

4:30 P.M.

*TENTH STREET PLACE*

*BOARD CHAMBERS*

*1010 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MODESTO CA*

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Directors Present:

Richard O'Brien, William O'Brien, Terry Withrow, and Bill Zoslocki

Also Present:

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Ex-Officios: Carlos Yamzon

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

Absent: Pat Paul and Dinah Bortner

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman William O'Brien called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 14, 2014 MEETING**

The meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Chairman William O'Brien / Seconded by Richard O'Brien. All in favor – 4/0;*

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

a. **Project Update (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- Matt Satow with Drake Haglan and Associates (DHA) provided the project update. Upon taking over the project in October of 2013, DHA spent the first eight months conducting field and environmental studies, another four months compiling all of that information into an Administrative draft. The Administrative draft of the environmental studies has been submitted to Caltrans on October 16 and is anticipated for public release by spring of 2015.
- Completed additional outreach, including a project update presentation to BOS and an upcoming outreach to StanCOG in December.
- A 5-day Value Analysis Study was done back in September per Federal Highway Administration requirements.
- Matt Machado - With the environmental phase of this project is coming to an end. The next phase is design/PS&E phase, which will be the next step for 2017 and will need to start being discussed within the next six months to a year.

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b. **Value Analysis Study (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- The purpose of the Value Analysis Study is to analyze and improve value of the project, to minimize impacts, and identify high cost items.
- Colt Esenwein presented via PowerPoint a shortened version of the advantages and disadvantages of items discussed in the Value Analysis Study from September. Items are as follows:
  - Semi-depress local roads at interchange. (Conditionally accepted)
  - Use Diverging Diamond Interchange in lieu of a single point urban interchange. (Rejected)
  - Rock pipe trenches in lieu of wide ditches and retention basins. (Conditionally accepted)
  - Back to Back Mechanically Stabilized Earth walls between Roselle and Claus to minimize footprint and fill. (Accepted)
  - Make median slope 4:1 instead of 10:1. (Conditionally accepted)
  - Continuous flow intersection design in lieu of triple left turn at Claus and Albers. (Conditionally accepted)
  - Light-weight fill. (Rejected)
  - Rubberized asphalt pavement. (Accepted)
  - Bench to shoulder - reduce structural section. (Rejected)
  - Quicklime plus treated base to reduce structural section. (Conditionally accepted based on geotechnical reports)
  - Minimize Right-of-Way to accommodate 4-lane only from Claus Road to SR-120. (Conditionally accepted, needs more study)
  - Use of "Forta-Fi" pavement additive to reduce pavement structural section. (Conditionally accepted)
- Citizen: Denny Jackman, presented citizen benefit to rubberized asphalt pavement in regard to reduction of vehicle wear and pollution, and asked questions about the Diverging Diamond and what it costs. Matt Machado: Diverging Diamond creates a larger footprint and would cost more. It would also take longer to get Caltrans' approval. Matt Satow: Diverging Diamond Interchange is not a standard Caltrans interchange and has a higher impact to access on a local side.
- Citizen: Mark Stone, after reviewing the access roads on the [NCC] maps, is curious about the free-return system ("Texas U-Turn") in regard to cost savings and footprints. Also wants to have intersections mapped out on paper for taxpayer review. Matt Machado: Had previously spoken to Texas Department of Transportation regarding the U-Turn and will follow up regarding the free-return system and analysis.
- Chairman William O'Brien, addressed maintaining the aesthetics of the freeway system.

c. **Approval of Board 2015 Meeting Schedule (MOTION):**

- Terry Withrow requested to reschedule April 15, 2015 meeting to April 22, 2015 or a later date due to a conflict with his schedule. New date to be announced per Board Chambers availability.

- Item 3c approved. *On Motion of Matt Machado / Seconded by Richard O'Brien . All in favor – 4/0.*

#### **4. AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Matt Machado: update on five projects in the area of NCC:  
Kiernan Interchange - complete and open end of 2015  
SR-219 and Claribel Widening projects- open end of summer 2015  
Roselle/Claribel Intersection - going through environmental, starting design and going to construction to start 2016  
Claribel and Terminal, signal at railroad crossing - going to Construction in 2015

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Citizen: Gary Darpinian, concerned about McHenry Avenue over Stanislaus River. Matt Machado: Bridge project is in process for years, the bridge replacement is designed and hoping to go to construction 2015/2016. States that it is a tricky project due to MID, transmissions, environmental, etc. and may not be done till 2017 and acknowledged that Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County are actively working on this project.

#### **6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

- None.

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

- None.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

- Chairman O'Brien advised that the next meeting, pending confirmation, is on April 22, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at Tenth Street Place. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTESTED: MATT MACHADO, Authority Manager  
of the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority

BY: DENAE J. DAVIS, Administrative Secretary  
(The above is a summary of the minutes. An audio recording of the entire meeting is available.)

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There being no further business to come before this Board, the special meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matthew Machado, Authority Manager of the  
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COUNTERSIGNED BY:

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



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Signed by Terrance Withrow

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