



DATE: February 3, 2008

MEMO TO: North County Corridor TAC, Matt Machado, Authority Manager

FROM: Laurie Barton, Deputy Director Engineering and Operations

SUBJECT: North County Corridor Technical Advisory Committee (NCC TAC)
Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2009

In Attendance:

Dave Myers, City of Oakdale
JD Hightower, City of Riverbank (via phone)
Firoz Vohra, City of Modesto
Carlos Yamzon, StanCOG
Laurie Barton, Stanislaus County
Matt Machado, NCC TEA Authority Manager
Kris Balaji, Jacobs Engineering

The NCC TAC was called to order at 1:25 p. m. on February 3, 2009 in the Stanislaus County Public Works Conference Room, 3rd floor, 1010 Tenth St. Modesto, CA.

There was no public comment. The chair and Dave Myers acting as vice chair approved the December 2, 2008 minutes. Motion by Myers, second by Barton.

Item 4a: By motion, the TAC approved the revised regular meeting schedule for the TAC. The meeting originally scheduled for April 7th will now take place on March 31st. Motion by Yamzon, second by Vohra.

Item 4b: The TAC members discussed the Public Scoping Meeting Summary Report prepared by Judith Buethe Communications. It was agreed that the general consensus of the comments is that there is not enough information presented to the public to make a determination on how the project would affect each person specifically. The general public wants to know how close to their properties will the alignment go and when it will be built. They wanted more detail. The nature of this particular environmental document – the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Route Adoption does not allow that kind of detail to be discussed at this point. The EIR is undertaken to determine a route designation for the project, should it become a state highway. This necessitates a study of 2,000-foot wide corridors with specifics to come later. Following the Route Adoption by the CTC in November, a combined CEQA/NEPA document would be prepared to further define the specific NCC alignment. This document, if completed on schedule, will take another three years to complete following the current delivery strategy.

Item 4c: By motion, the TAC has determined that the following is a technical recommendation to the NCC TEA:

1. Plan B provides the technical merit to be the preferred strategy for the North County Corridor, and
2. This recommendation should be reviewed through the StanCOG Policy Board and its committees.

Motion by Hightower, second by Vohra

The TAC members participated and reviewed several versions of the attached North County Corridor (NCC) Strategies for Capturing the \$91M from ITIP Funding in the 2010 STIP Discussion Draft. The recommendation above was developed considering the Discussion Draft and the following:

- SR 132 will be more marketable for the \$91M ITIP funding since it already has the majority of the right of way purchased, \$14.4M in earmark and additional funding in the RIP, TCRP and PFF.
- SR 132 Phase 1 will provide immediate relief by connecting Needham Bridge to the SR 132 West. This can be a first phase project for SR 132.
- SR 132 is already a state route and on the interregional highway system; therefore, it is already eligible for the \$91M in ITIP funding.
- Eliminating the ITIP funding on the NCC will allow the project to move forward as a local expressway and could expedite project delivery.
- There is opportunity for the NCC to eventually be transferred to the state once it is built (or possibly, even when phases are built if independent utility and logical termini are met).
- There is no net loss of funding either to the SR 132 project or the NCC project if there is an equal substitution of PFF funding for the ITIP funding.
- By getting the NCC to a constructible phase sooner, it allow the opportunity seek stimulus or other funding to build the project phases.
- Expedited construction of the NCC will provide air quality benefits by providing earlier congestion relief.

Item 4d: By motion, the TAC accepted the Year 2030 and 2050 Roadway Network Assumptions for the North County Corridor Transportation Analyses Report. Motion by Vohra, second by Yamzon.

Item 5: Vohra had one closing comment concerning Modesto's potential for future annexations up to the NCC project limits. It was determined that these issues could be addressed through General Plan Updates and the NCC TEA Charter. It was noted that Plan B delivery strategy above could help expedite annexation efforts by preserving the corridor much quicker.

Adjournment at 3:45 p.m.

NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 3, 2009

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST: Laurie Barton
Chairperson for the
North County Corridor Transportation Expressway
Technical Advisory Committee



COUNTERSIGNED BY: JD Hightower
Vice Chair person of the
North County Corridor Transportation Expressway
Technical Advisory Committee


