DATE: May 3, 2011

MEMO TO: North County Corridor TAC

FROM: Laurie Barton

SUBJECT: North County Corridor Technical Advisory Committee (NCC TAC) Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2011 - Revised

In Attendance:

Joe Leach, City of Oakdale
Brent Sinclair, City of Modesto
Jeff Barnes, City of Modesto
Carlos Yamzon, StanCOG
Laurie Barton, Stanislaus County
Matt Machado, NCC Authority Manager
Kris Balaji, Jacobs Engineering
Jesus Vargas, Caltrans Project Manager

5 members of the public attended.

The NCC TAC meeting began at 1:08 p.m. on May 3, 2011 in the Stanislaus County Conference Room 3555/3772, 3rd floor, 1010 10th St., Modesto, CA.

The meeting was called to order. The minutes of the February 1, 2011 TAC meeting were approved (Motion Yamzon/Second Machado). The minutes of the April 5, 2011 TAC Meeting were approved (Motion Sinclair/Second Yamzon).

Item 4b. was taken out of order. The proposed TAC Meeting Schedule was approved (Motion Sinclair/Second Leach). The Proposed NCC 2011 Meeting Schedule with Caltrans Review Times was briefly discussed and generally supported. The schedule will be taken to the next NCC Board Meeting pending revisions received from Caltrans before then.

Kris Balaji provided the project update:

In addition to the agenda item information, Kris also stated that the Existing Conditions Report, Transportation Planning Report, and Travel Demand Forecasting (TDF) Model Calibration/Validation Reports were submitted to Caltrans on March 23, 2011 for review and comment. All three of these reports have been reviewed and approved by Caltrans. The process of developing traffic forecasts will begin once the PDT defines the final alternatives. Land use
projection assumptions have been established in consultation with the Planning staff from the Cities of Modesto, Riverbank and Oakdale, and Stanislaus County.

Environmental staff has scheduled a meeting with 6002 agencies on May 17 to gather comments on the alternatives approved for analysis in the technical studies and Draft EIR/EIS.

Draft versions of the project description and alternatives chapters of the Draft EIR/EIS are nearly complete and will be submitted to the PDT for review in May. Once approved by the PDT, these will be distributed to the 6002 agencies for comments.

Approximately 80% of the Permission to Enter Letters have been received. Beginning in early May, Caltrans right of way staff will contact those owners who have been non-responsive to the PTE letters or have refused to grant access to their properties.

The TAC took a second look at Access Point Locations. The PDT had requested local confirmation of the study locations. A handout was provided to the team and public members dated May 3, 2011.

Brent Sinclair stated that the IC location shown on Alternative 2 (green line) near Oakdale Road should be placed as close to Oakdale Road as possible. In addition, the City of Modesto is still looking at the Tully/Carver area for possible IC location and will know more at the end of the month. However, the City is satisfied with the location shown at Carver as long as the mapping is subject to change.

A member of the public asked why we eliminated the “design options” as previously shown. Those were the two options discussed last month south of Oakdale. The southerly one was proposed for elimination at the last TAC, however by error, this was the one proposed at the NCC Board Meeting. The error was acknowledged at the Board Meeting and it was determined that we would take it back to TAC and the PDT for clarification. It was presented to the TAC to propose to the PDT that both design options be taken off the mapping because they are only “options” and not alignments. The area between Alt. 1 and Alt. 2 will be studied in this area and the best alignment will be developed based on constraints as developed through environmental studies.

A member of the public asked if there would be a priority list of the interchanges. Kris responded that the priority would be developed based on traffic numbers and funding. We have determined that the 2-mile spacing standard should be met.

A member of the public asked if the Salida Community Plan would have to develop and finance their selves and mitigate their impacts. The answer was that this is true, the Salida Community Plan will share a burden of the cost of the expressway.

A member of the public asked if Alternative 1 replaces Claribel between McHenry and Oakdale. The answer was that the NCC would be in addition to the Claribel alignment, not contiguous with it.
A member of the public asked how close the proposed alignment is to existing Claribel between Oakdale and Roselle. The answer was a guess of 700 feet.

Joe Leach, Oakdale, in regards to the risk associated with mapping, could the County’s GIS project provide input. The answer is that the GIS project would not provide the detail needed for design engineering.

Note: the updates provided by Jacobs are their interpretation of the project status. Impacts to scope and schedule have not been fully vetted with NCC staff.

No other Member Statements or Public Comments were noted.

Adjournment at 2:00 p.m.
There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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