

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2016

4:30 P.M.

TENTH STREET PLACE

BOARD CHAMBERS

1010 10TH STREET, MODESTO CA

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Directors Present:

William O'Brien, Terry Withrow, Richard O'Brien, Richard Murdoch (for Pat Paul), and Jenny Kenoyer (for Doug Ridenour)

Also Present:

Authority Manager: Matt Machado

Ex-Officio: Rosa Park and Grace Magsayo (for Samuel Jordan)

Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 21, 2016 (MOTION)

The meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Terry Withrow / Seconded by Richard O'Brien. All in favor – 5/0.*

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Project Update (INFORMATION ONLY)

- Matt Machado provided project update.
- After working with Caltrans on their comments, the purpose and need are back on track.
- The environmental document should be released in late January 2017 for public review.
- Anticipating holding an “open house” style public hearing in the third week of February, but will not set a date quite yet until the document is guaranteed ready for public review. Public hearing will be a time for the public to state official comments.
- Information regarding the public hearing will be mailed to homes within and around the project boundaries.
- The environmental document will go the Council and Board meetings in March for the public to make comment and determine a local preference.
- The JPA will meet after the document has gone to the Council and Board meetings to weigh in on a technical recommendation to provide Caltrans.

Caltrans is the CEQA and NEPA lead agency for the North County Corridor State Route 99 to State Route 120 Project. Public comments collected at this meeting are not part of the CEQA or NEPA public review process and will not be made a part of the official public record.

- After the JPA provides a technical recommendation to Caltrans, they will make their selection – hopefully by summer time of next year.
- After Caltrans makes their selection, it will take another year to get the document signed and finalized. But hoping to have a decision made by summer 2017.
- Citizen - Peggy Batey: Is the roundabout going to be the solid option? *Roundabout was more feasible than an overpass. (Visual presentation using GIS to explain options).*

b. Financial Audit Acceptance (MOTION)

- Audit came back from Brown Armstrong Firm without error. *On Motion of Terry Withrow / Seconded by Richard O'Brien. All in favor – 5/0.*

c. Approval of Board 2017 Meeting Schedule (MOTION)

- Per schedule, take December off while Caltrans is still reviewing document. January: the document goes to the public. It will take six months for a decision.
- Request for public comment regarding time/day of meeting. Public response suggested a later start time to allow more citizen participation.
- Set next meeting for January and recommend making a new schedule part of the next agenda. *On Motion of Terry Withrow / Seconded by Richard O'Brien. All in favor – 5/0.*

d. Recognize Supervisor William O'Brien as our Outgoing Chairman (MOTION)

- Supervisor O'Brien did not run for re-election, and will be ending his time with the County. Recognition for 11 years of successful leadership and guidance.
- The JPA appointed Vice Chairman Terry Withrow to take over as the JPA Chairman. *On Motion of Richard O'Brien / Seconded by Jenny Kenoyer. All in favor – 5/0.*
- The JPA appointed Richard O'Brien as Vice Chairman. *On Motion of William O'Brien / Seconded by Jenny Kenoyer. All in favor – 5/0.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lisa Gaigas, Expressed preference for Alternative 1B. Expressed concern about the roundabout, vehicular travel, speed, and safety. Would prefer to see the best alternative for traffic mitigation, even if it requires waiting to secure more funding. Read comments from Kathy Poteet, who was unable to make it to the meeting - Kathy is concerned that the roundabout will slow down traffic causing delays with traffic and emergency services. Also concerned the roundabout will cause large vehicles delivering goods to have difficulty navigating. Prefers the Alternative 1B option (farthest east option) because it has a less negative impact.
- Curt Porter, There is a strong opposition in the road being constructed near S. Stearns. Was under the impression all documents were simply compiled and given to Caltrans for a stamp of approval, but now it sounds that Caltrans has a bigger part in the decision. *Caltrans is not just a rubber stamp. They will be reviewing all documents and local preference to reach the best decision*

with the least impact. Local concurrence will hold great weight with Caltrans.

- Peggy Batey, expressed opposition to the roundabout at Lancaster as it would be close to her home, and would cause a backup in traffic.

5. AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Matt Machado provided a visual/video presentation on large-scale roundabouts.
- Will plan to bring an item for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) to see if the JPA Board would like to move forward with design, as it will be the next step.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- None.

7. EX-OFFICIOS' REPORTS

- None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 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.)