

APPROVED MINUTES

SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (MPO)

Tuesday, July 25, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

Shasta County Board Of Supervisors Chambers,
1450 Court Street, Suite 263, Redding, California.

(Note: These minutes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, but rather as a record of meeting time, place and attendance; the order and general nature of discussion; Agency deliberations; and action taken, if any.)

Agency Members Clarke, Hawes, Mathena, and Hartman were present. Alternate agency members Palmer and Schaefer were present. Agency Members Pohlmeier, Connick and Goekler were absent.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Hawes called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Public Comment Period:

There was no one who wished to speak during the Public Comment Period.

Consent Calendar

3-1 Minutes of April 25, 2006, RTPA Meeting

3-2 Future RTPA Meeting Schedule Through July 2007 - Information Only

3-3 Delegation of Authority to Executive Officer for Miscellaneous Expenditures

By motion made, seconded and carried, the items on the Consent Calendar were approved.

Regular Calendar

4. Amendment #6 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Executive Officer Dan Little explained that this is the final amendment for the 2004 FTIP because that cycle expires the end of September. These are some last minute amendments needed to claim some federal funds before the federal fiscal year ends. The projects are the Shasta Scenic Byways project, to do some signage through the Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association, and a Caltrans SHOPP

project on State Route 44, to advance the project into this fiscal year, which came at the request of Caltrans.

No one spoke during the public comment period.

By motion made and seconded (Hartman/Clarke) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

5. Adopt the 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Executive Officer Dan Little explained the 2006 FTIP is approved in two-year cycles. It starts this next fiscal year, October 1, 2006, and runs for three years. Dan explained that this is an exercise to pull together all the federal money that comes in along with whatever matching funds there are, and putting them into a program that is satisfactory to the state, FHWA and FTA. \$424 million are in the program over three years. The amount is high mostly because of the Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program; most notably the Antlers Bridge over the Sacramento River and the Lake Britton Bridge up by Burney.

Mr. Little also explained that this recommendation authorizes the RTPA Executive Officer to make technical corrections in response to comments or late comments that might be received.

John Mathena asked about lump sum on railroad crossings - if it was in reference to work on the pavement to the crossings.

Mr. Little explained that it is not a grade separation; it is three downtown Redding projects. The railroad will actually deliver the project. The City of Redding is waiting on word from the railroad to start the work.

No one spoke during the public comment period.

By motion made and seconded (Mathena/Schaefer) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

6. Blueprint Study Grant

Executive Officer Dan Little explained that there is a grant available through the state that was available last year as well. In last years cycle all but 4 of the 17 metropolitan planning organizations in California received grants. In Shasta County's case, the grant was not applied for. It is recommended that it be applied for at this time. The state set aside \$1 million out of the \$5 million

available for the grant to be given to the four MPOs that did not receive grants last year. It is reasonable to expect about \$250,000 available to the Shasta region through this grant. If the Governor approves it in his budget in subsequent cycles, we can get additional monies for additional phases of work as needed. The grant application is due in October, the funding would be approved in November or December and we would have two years to spend that first round of grant money. Mr. Little continued to say that it is still being refined what Blueprint grants can do, as it is a new concept. On a fundamental level it is basic information gathering to better understand the transportation network in our area. That information is in the form of better GIS data, public involvement and agency outreach, especially to our land use and planning departments. Mr. Little continued to explain that on another level Blueprint Planning is a framework for improved coordination with the different agencies, especially the land use agencies and the air quality districts if we ever reach federal non-attainment. On a deeper level it leads to better investment decisions with our limited transportation dollars. Mr. Little continued to explain that the grant itself would cover 80% of the cost to do the Blueprint. More and more of these Blueprints are being used as a requirement or prerequisite to getting money for transportation projects. Another reason to proceed is because it gives us information for other efforts, such as Capital Improvement Programs, Redevelopment Plans, Regional Transportation Plans, and Traffic Models.

Mr. Little concluded that there have been some workshops held with another one coming up August 9, 2006, in Chico and another one on September 13, 2006, in the Bay area - agency members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Little recommended that the Agency authorize application for the grant.

By motion made and seconded (Palmer/Mathena) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

7. Executive Officer Report

Executive Officer Dan Little explained that he added this item to quickly update the Agency on items they have acted on before that may not be on the agenda. There was a CalCOG meeting last month and Agency member Mathena is the RTPA delegate for the CalCOG meetings.

Board member Mathena gave an update on CalCOG, stating that it is a very active group and it is good to go and hear what Caltrans is going to do. He noted that the bond to be voted on in November is a five-part initiative. They were told not to pick out any piece of it, but to vote for the whole bond initiative. Mr. Mathena continued to say that it was a good conference and very informative.

Mr. Little reviewed a fact sheet pertaining to the Governor's bond and how it relates to Shasta County.

Mr. Little updated the Board concerning the I-5 partnership. He noted that this covers needs from Shasta County down to the City of Corning. The first Executive Committee meeting will be held August 2, 2006, and Board members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Little discussed the South County Traffic Impact Fee Program. The last public meeting is Wednesday, July 26, 2006, and then an ordinance will be formed to go to the Board of Supervisors and the Anderson City Council hopefully in September.

Mr. Little discussed the Traffic Impact Fee Study for the Riverside Drive Interchange in the City of Anderson. The first kickoff meeting was held and they are waiting on the new traffic model to finish, which should be in August - the project will go smoother using the traffic model.

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Hawes adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel S. Little, Executive Officer

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