

**PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY**  
**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Megan Siren, City of Auburn  
Alan Mitchell, Ponticello Consulting, City of Colfax  
Steve Palmer, City of Lincoln  
Brian Fragio, Town of Loomis  
Bob Blaser, Placer County Public Works  
Will Garner, Placer County Public Works  
Heather Kuklo, Placer County Air Pollution Control District  
Dave Palmer, City of Rocklin  
Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville  
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville  
Will Schilling, Caltrans

Celia McAdam, PCTPA  
David Melko, PCTPA  
Solvi Sabol, PCTPA  
Sue Sholtis, PCTPA

**CMAQ/RSTP Apportionments 2012/2014**

David Melko stated Caltrans has published estimates for CMAQ and RSTP apportionments for FY 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14. Melko provided TAC members a handout outlining CMAQ fair share and discretionary funds as well as the RSTP apportionment. Melko reviewed the spreadsheet with TAC and asked for their input regarding a timeline to submit a CMAQ call for projects. It was agreed that application materials would be submitted to PCTPA by the April TAC meeting date.

Melko further explained the RSTP apportionment is frontloaded for Colfax and Lincoln's shares. The jurisdictions can use these shares to program their projects.

**Updated CMIA Savings Strategy**

Celia McAdam informed TAC members that the CTC's rules previously adopted regarding CMIA savings have changed. McAdam presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing our previous game plan for the CMIA savings and explained the new proposed strategy, now that projects have to compete for savings previously expected to be automatically retained on the corridor. Eligibility is limited to unfunded projects from 2007 CMIA round and enhancements to existing CMIA projects. Caltrans District 3's top priority project is I-80 Carpool lanes in Sacramento ("over the top"). The Lincoln Bypass is Caltrans' second priority project.

McAdam presented the new strategy recommendation to TAC members. The strategy includes submitting a \$55M request for Lincoln Bypass Phase 2, with a \$22M alternative for the segment to Wise Road, fully funding the I-80/Eureka Road I/C, shifting the remaining \$3.9M earmark savings to I-80/SR 65 I/C and requesting an additional Federal earmark of \$4.1M to I-80/SR 65 I/C to complete preconstruction.

McAdam mentioned that SPRTA TAC concurred with this strategy when it was presented at a December 2009 meeting. PCTPA TAC members also concurred.

McAdam noted that as the designated recipient of the Federal earmark to fund the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements, it would be up to the Board to designate the lead agency for the project. Staff from the City of Roseville have indicated they would like to take on the lead agency role for this project. Because the decisions on the configuration would be important to several jurisdictions and PCTPA functions as a neutral third party, McAdam felt it would be more appropriate for PCTPA to retain the lead. After discussion it was agreed that this issue will be brought back to TAC at its February 9 meeting for further discussion.

### **Governor's Budget Impact to Transportation**

Celia McAdam noted the Governor's budget has an interesting swap proposal. The proposal is that gasoline would no longer be subject to state sales tax and proposes an additional gas tax which would be subject to Article 19 provisions. This means it must be used for transportation, but eliminates eligibility of transit operations.

### **2010 Legislative Program/Priorities**

Celia McAdam outlined PCTPA's draft state and federal legislative programs for 2010 to TAC members and asked for their feedback and comments. Bob Blaser suggested stating the name of the proposed initiative to protect transportation funds, The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act, in the state legislative program and adding verbiage that we support all initiatives protecting transportation funds.

Will Garner noted we have a tough history with any effort to increase taxes. A discussion ensued regarding vehicle registration fees under the Service Authority for Freeway and Expressways (SAFE) call box program changes. McAdam will ensure that our Board realizes we are not proposing to become a SAFE, but recommending we endorse greater flexibility in the program should we move in that direction in the future.

McAdam summarized the federal legislative program for 2010. McAdam asked TAC members if their jurisdictions were proposing earmarks for major transportation projects which PCTPA could support. Bob Blaser mentioned the Walerga Road Bridge project. Mike Wixon and Rhon Herndon noted several possible project submissions; Herndon will inform McAdam whether Roseville is proposing earmarks for those projects. TAC concurred with the recommendation that if a jurisdiction proposes a Federal transportation earmark PCTPA will provide a letter of support for them.

### **Western Placer CTSA FY 2009/10 Budget Amendment #2 – FTA New Freedom Funds**

David Melko was successful in obtaining a \$160,000 New Freedom Grant and will bring Budget Amendment #2 before the CTSA Board in March reflecting this grant amount.

### **Unmet Transit Needs Update**

David Melko provided TAC members with a table outlining public comments, analyses and recommendations regarding our annual unmet transit needs efforts. Staff analysis shows there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet this year. Melko asked for TAC comments. The SSTAC will review the draft report at their January 26 meeting. The report will then go before the TAC at their February meeting and to the Board for approval at the February 24 Board meeting.

### **I-80 Vertical Crossings Project Update**

Celia McAdam stated that Caltrans is moving forward with raising bridges on I-80 from Brace Road to east of Colfax. Representatives from Loomis, Auburn and Placer County have been included in these planning meetings since this construction poses possible major impacts to local and adjoining roads. The next meeting will be this Thursday, January 14, at 10 a.m.

### **Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines**

David Melko stated the TOWG will be meeting January 26 to discuss the call center cost allocation plan proposal and MOU. Melko emailed TOWG this morning with information regarding PTMISEA funding for 2009/10 and 2016/17. Melko reminded jurisdictions to complete and return information to him for submission to the State.

Melko reminded TAC that the TSSSDRA application is called an Investment Justification. Notify Melko if jurisdictions want PCTPA to apply on their behalf.

Celia McAdam mentioned Caltrans had contacted us to participate, as they were starting work on the Project Study Report (PSR) on the Highway 65 widening between I-80 and Twelve Bridges. Before any work started, this effort was halted due to the Governor's budget proposals. McAdam will keep the TAC informed if Caltrans proposes to restart this effort.

Will Schilling notified TAC that there is a call for projects and transportation planning grant funds are available with deadlines of March 1 and April 1. Schilling stated that TAC should feel free to contact him to provide feedback on applications.

Schilling updated TAC with recent Caltrans retirements, stating Ben Bramer had been replaced by John Hoole and Bill Davis replaced retiree Dennis Azevedo. Schilling will be taking over CSMPs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.