

**PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010**

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency met on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Gina Garbolino	Celia McAdam
	Jim Holmes	David Melko
	Ron McIntyre	Solvi Sabol
	Keith Nesbitt	Sue Sholtis
	Brett Storey	
	Miguel Ucovich	
	Kirk Uhler	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Ucovich and second by Garbolino, the minutes of the August 25, 2010 PCTPA Board meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion by Storey and second by Holmes, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE UPDATE**

Celia McAdam indicated staff is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. 10-22 to update PCTPA's Conflict of Interest Code. The updated code has been reviewed by PCTPA's legal counsel who recommended adding additional staff to be covered by the Statements of Economic Interest.

Upon motion by Holmes and second by Nesbitt, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 10-22 updating the PCTPA Conflict of Interest Code.

**FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR) FOR THE PLACER COUNTY 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

David Melko asked the Board to approve Resolution No. 10-17 certifying the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), adopting a Statement of Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation and Reporting Program for the Placer County 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Melko provided background regarding the preparation of this SEIR, stating the basic changes that were implemented since the 2005 RTP update included policy changes, changes to projects in terms of costs, schedule, funding sources, and the inclusion of the I-80/SR65 Interchange

Modification Project. The projects listed in the SEIR will have to undergo separate case-by-case California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review when they are brought before their jurisdictions for approval. A 45-day public review process was conducted as required under CEQA. Responses to comments received are included in Chapter 6.0 of the Final SEIR.

Melko stated the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Final EIR identifies potentially significant or significant, and unavoidable environmental impacts. This SEIR for the 2035 RTP would not result in any new potentially significant or significant, and unavoidable environmental impacts or increase the severity of those impacts beyond those previously addressed in the Final MTP EIR. Nevertheless, there are those unavoidable impacts that do exist. Staff recommended that these potentially significant and unavoidable environmental impacts are considered acceptable in light of the economic, fiscal, social, environmental, and other considerations due to the benefits of the 2035 RTP.

The Final SEIR includes a recommended Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program which is included at Appendix C which will help reduce or eliminate many of these environmental impacts.

TAC unanimously concurred with staff recommendations at its September 7 meeting.

Ron McIntyre inquired whether this document relieved the individual project documents from the cumulative impacts. Melko responded a project environmental analysis would tier off of this document and SACOG's MTP documents since we are utilizing them as one environmental document which should relieve the individual project from preparing a cumulative impact analysis. The individual project environmental document would need to reference and incorporate by reference these two documents.

Keith Nesbitt asked whether the relinquishment of Highway 49 referenced in Caltrans' comment letter was addressed since that was completed a year and a half ago. Melko responded this issue was not addressed in the SEIR because it was not an environmental impact comment. This issue was clarified within the Regional Transportation Plan.

Upon motion by Holmes and second by Nesbitt, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 10-17 certifying the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), adopting a Statement of Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Placer County 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

### **PLACER COUNTY 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

David Melko requested approval of Resolution No. 10-18 adopting the Placer County 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Melko stated the plan was prepared to fulfill State requirements as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency. Once adopted, this RTP will be included in SACOG'S Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 which is scheduled for adoption in late 2011.

TAC has reviewed various elements of the RTP on an ongoing basis since February. The Board reviewed the Policy Element and Project List in March. A Public Hearing and Public Workshop were held in June and no public comments were received.

The intended purpose of the 2035 RTP is to provide a clear vision of Placer County's transportation goals, objectives and policies that will result in the development of a balanced,

comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system over the next 25 years, from 2010 to 2035. The plan also documents both short and long range actions that will meet both short and long range transportation needs and provides funding recommendations to meet those needs. The RTP was circulated in concert with the SEIR for 45 days with comments received from Caltrans District 3 which were included in the RTP. Melko summarized the new and enhanced information incorporated into the final 2035 RTP. At its September 7 meeting, the TAC recommended that the PCTPA Board adopt the 2035 RTP.

Miguel Ucovich inquired whether there was any planned project for an east-west connector between Auburn Folsom Road and I-80. Celia McAdam confirmed there is no such project planned at this time. Ucovich further inquired if the Placer Parkway project would be funded at all as a toll road in the RTP. McAdam responded it was deemed not feasible under the criteria provided to fund the Placer Parkway as a toll road project. The plan could be amended in the future if the Board directed staff to do so. Melko indicated within the funding section of the Plan, innovative financing mechanisms are referred to, and toll road is one such innovative financing mechanisms.

Ucovich asked about the funding for the expansion of Sierra College Boulevard from I-80 to 193 to four lanes. McAdam replied the Sierra College Boulevard Improvements are part of the SPRTA fee program.

In response to Kirk Uhler's inquiry, Melko responded the RTP guidelines state the long range plans should be a minimum of 20 years.

Tink Miller, Executive Director of Placer Independent Resource Services, reminded the Board of the need for expanding transit to meet the needs of our aging population. Miller would love to see rapid bus transit developed as well as the restoration of paratransit dial-a-ride service for non-medical trips when funds become available.

McAdam mentioned PCTPA is co-sponsoring SACOG's public workshops as they are developing their Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Placer County workshop will be held on Monday, October 18, at the Rocklin Sunset Center from 6-9 p.m. McAdam encouraged Board Members to attend.

Upon motion by Nesbitt and second by Ucovich, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 10-18 adopting the Placer County 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

**PROPOSITION 22: LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010**

Celia McAdam stated Proposition 22, known as the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act, is a Constitutional amendment on the November 2010 ballot that will prohibit the State from shifting, taking, borrowing or restricting revenues dedicated by law to fund transportation, both projects and services. The League of California Cities conducted a presentation at our March Board meeting. At that time there were questions about the gas tax swap and now that the proposition has been certified for the election and the gas tax swap has been addressed, staff recommends support for this proposition.

Jim Holmes feels the counties are not well represented in this issue and he will not be supporting this motion.

Gina Garbolino stated that although she is not in support of initiatives, cities have obligations to their residents to provide services, including transportation, and because of this she is reluctantly in favor of this motion.

Miguel Ucovich stated the bottom line is that this ballot initiative is asking that we get the money that we are entitled to and we are not asking for anybody else's money or anything else. Ucovich hopes Board Members would support this measure since almost all transportation agencies in California are supporting it.

Keith Nesbitt feels responsibility to ensure funds go to where they were intended to in light of the constant battle to balance budgets and not be undermined by constant theft of redevelopment and transportation funds. Nesbitt will also reluctantly support this motion. Ron McIntyre stated he will be voting in favor of this motion.

Tink Miller, Executive Director of Placer Independent Resource Services, urged Board Members to vote in support of this proposition.

Upon motion by Storey and second by Ucovich, the Board adopted a position of support for Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act, on the November 2010 ballot by roll call vote: Cosgrove – absent; Garbolino – yes; Holmes – no; McIntyre – yes; Nesbitt – yes; Roberts – absent; Storey – yes; Ucovich – yes, Uhler – no. (5 ayes, 2 noes)

#### **“WAY TO GO WEEK” DESIGNATION**

Solvi Sabol asked the Board to designate the week of October 4 as Placer County's *Way to Go* week. Sabol noted we have partnered with Safe Kids Placer County with local partners consisting of Roseville Fire, Placer County Sheriff's Department, Sutter Auburn Faith, Sutter Roseville and Fed Ex. Walk to School events are scheduled for this week, followed by on-site pedestrian safety assemblies at Auburn Elementary and Rock Creek Schools in Auburn and H. Clark Powers Elementary School in Loomis.

Sabol extended an invitation to Board Members to attend any or all of these events and asked the Board to adopt Resolution No. 10-16 and designate the week of October 4 as *Way to Go* week showing support for the goals of this program.

Miguel Ucovich thanked staff for including H. Clark Powers Elementary School in this year's events.

Upon motion by Garbolino and second by Holmes, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-16 declaring October 4 – 8, 2010 as Placer County's *Way to Go* week.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Celia McAdam reported that PCTPA typically combines our November and December Board meetings due to scheduling conflicts with the holidays. Staff recommends Wednesday, December 8 as the date for the rescheduled meeting. McAdam noted she would poll Board Members as to their availability for a meeting on December 1 if they had conflicts with the December 8 date.

McAdam updated the Board on the status of the State budget pertaining to transportation projects. Caltrans is now informing contractors of projects currently under construction that they

cannot ensure progress payments will be made after September due to the State Budget not being passed. Transportation California Coalition is striving to find a way to free up those monies that are not part of the general fund to keep those funds flowing and prevent job losses. McAdam will keep the Board apprised of further events on this topic.

Kirk Uhler recommended utilizing Randle Communications to generate local stories on the impacts of the State budget crisis to Placer County in the Gold Country Media and Sacramento Bee newspapers.

McAdam asked the Board to adjourn this meeting in honor of Placer County Public Works Deputy Director Bob Blaser who passed away September 13.

Meeting adjourned in memory of Bob Blaser.

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Celia McAdam  
Executive Director

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Kirk Uhler, Vice Chair