

PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Bernie Schroeder, City of Auburn
Megan Siren, City of Auburn
Alan Mitchell, Ponticello Enterprises, City of Colfax
Will Garner, Placer County Public Works
Ken Grehm, Placer County Public Works
Angel Rinker, Placer County Air Pollution Control District
Dave Palmer, City of Rocklin
Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Dianira Soto, Caltrans

Celia McAdam, PCTPA
Scott Aaron, PCTPA
David Melko, PCTPA
Sue Sholtis, PCTPA
Steve Propst, PCTPA

State Legislative Program

Celia McAdam provided a handout outlining PCTPA's state and federal legislative program issues. McAdam noted the governor announced the state budget yesterday with no unexpected hits to transportation. McAdam gave an overview of PCTPA's state legislative program which included supporting legislation that increases flexibility and local control for use of transportation funds, resolves the Proposition 22/26 uncertainties surrounding the "gas tax swap", supports expanded use of design/build and public-private partnerships to expedite projects and minimize public costs and seeks legislation to officially rename the I-80/Sierra College Boulevard Interchange as the Kathy E. Lund Interchange. TAC concurred with the proposed state legislative program.

Federal Legislative Program and Earmark Requests

Celia McAdam reviewed PCTPA's federal legislative program issues. These included continuing to support the California Consensus Principles for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization, continuing to seek Federal High Priority Project funding through Congressman McClintock for the Lincoln Bypass Phase 2 project, seeking new federal funding under Projects of National and Regional Significance in SAFETEA-LU reauthorization for the Placer Parkway, and seeking new federal rail funding for track improvements to support expansion of Capitol Corridor Rail Service.

Ken Grehm would like to see a focus on one regional project, focusing CMIA funding for the Lincoln Bypass Phase 2 project and federal funding requests for Placer Parkway. Grehm noted Placer County supports Placer Parkway over the Lincoln Bypass for regional improvements. Dave Palmer and Rhon Herndon concurred.

Rhon Herndon mentioned the federal process consists of an adoption of a six-year bill which includes earmarks as well as a separate annual appropriations process. McAdam noted that the

requests for Lincoln Bypass and Placer Parkway were from separate funding pots, but agreed to double check on the details.

McAdam asked jurisdictions to notify her of their individual transportation projects which they will be seeking PCTPA's support to be included in our legislative program. Rhon Herndon stated Roseville would like PCTPA's support for their \$10M Washington/Andorra Union Pacific undercrossing project.

After discussion it was agreed McAdam will clarify whether the Lincoln Bypass project request would be competing with the Placer Parkway request and, if so, McAdam will communicate with TAC members to resolve this issue.

TDA Audit Recommendations: LTF Claims Process

Celia McAdam mentioned our new auditor has issues regarding the way PCTPA processes LTF claims. McAdam reassured TAC members that the jurisdictions will not be losing money or interest, but we need to revise the documentation of our process to meet audit requirements. The approach suggested by the auditor is that if jurisdictions don't spend claimed funding in a given year the money should be returned to PCTPA.

Several different new procedures were discussed to alleviate this issue. Bernie Schroeder suggested putting the funds in a restricted account. Mike Wixon suggested utilizing a deferred revenue account. TAC members agreed to see if putting money in a restricted account would satisfy the auditor. McAdam will follow through with the auditor to see if this would resolve the issue.

Updated Fare Recovery Ratios for Public Transit Operators

Celia McAdam stated our former auditor did not inform staff that we had been using an outdated fare box recovery ratio. We have been using a 10% recovery ratio and should be using 15% for urban areas and 10% for rurals. David Melko provided a spreadsheet reflecting proposed, existing and actual fare recovery ratios for Placer transit operators. Staff has been working with Auburn staff to implement changes to their transit service to help meet the appropriate fare recovery ratio.

David Melko stated when the 2010 census comes out we will need to revisit this issue.

Scott Aaron mentioned the minimum required ratio is 20% for urban areas except that the Transportation Development Act gives PCTPA the discretion to lower the ratio to no less than 15%. Staff will bring the 15% revenue ratios to the Board at its February meeting for adoption.

Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines

David Melko stated the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program of Projects (POP) for FY 2011 will be going before our Board for approval at our January 26 meeting. Melko reminded Lincoln and Placer County to bring our POP to their City Councils for approval which needs to be submitted by January 31.

David Melko reminded TAC members that the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account (TSSSDRA) fund allocation will go to our Board on January 26 for approval. The Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) bond sale did not go well and the amount allocated to this program was lower than expected. FY 2008/09 funds will be delayed.

David Melko noted PTMISEA certifications and assurances are required prior to receiving allocations. PCTPA's certification and assurances document will be brought before our Board for approval at our January meeting and is due to Caltrans by February 15. Melko stated transit operators Auburn, Lincoln, Placer County and Roseville need to submit their own individual certifications and assurances document.

David Melko announced the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will be meeting on January 25 to review the draft Unmet Transit Needs report. Melko noted there are no transit needs that are unreasonable to meet this year.

Celia McAdam added there are a number of new Board members on our Board this year. John Allard is our new representative from the City of Roseville and Rocklin and Colfax are appointing their reps later this week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.