

PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Bernie Schroeder, City of Auburn
Bruce Burnworth, City of Lincoln (via teleconference)
Andrew Gaber, Placer County Public Works
Ken Grehm, Placer County Public Works
Angel Green, Placer County Air Pollution Control District
Dave Palmer, City of Rocklin
Scott Gandler, City of Roseville
Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Dianira Soto, Caltrans

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

Final Overall Work Program and Budget for FY 2012/13

Celia McAdam noted she had not received any comments from Board or TAC members on the Preliminary Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget which went before the Board for approval at our April meeting. The Final version of the OWP and Budget will go before the Board for approval at our May meeting.

2012 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment

Celia McAdam reminded TAC members to respond to the survey mailed to their jurisdictions to provide updated information for the 2012 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment. McAdam noted this updated information is very important in that it makes a big impact with the California Transportation Commission, State Legislature as well as with our federal government.

Brainstorming Funding Strategy Alternatives: RSTP/CMAQ

Celia McAdam recapped that at our April Board meeting transportation funding strategies, funding sources and future needs were discussed. PCTPA has achieved a lot in the past; yet with diminished funding sources we will not be able to maintain that magnitude of accomplishments.

McAdam noted we do have available RSTP and CMAQ dollars. While these funds have traditionally been allocated to jurisdiction projects on a proportional basis, we could redirect CMAQ dollars for the preconstruction work for widening SR 65. The next rounds of CMAQ are 2014/15 and 2015/16, and it's expected there will be \$8M fair share to Placer jurisdictions after obligational authority. McAdam asked TAC members for input on this idea. She noted that if there is interest, there was a number of ways to reapportion the CMAQ funds to make room for this project, including an approach to keep the smaller jurisdictions' shares - Auburn, Colfax and Loomis - whole.

Ken Grehm inquired how much money would be needed for the PA & ED. McAdam responded that Caltrans estimated \$2M for the PA & ED. The estimated cost for construction is \$95M, which was

developed as part of the sales tax expenditure plan developed in 2006. The widening project would be from Stanford Ranch to past Twelve Bridges. Grehm noted this project is a high priority for the County and supports the general idea of this proposed multijurisdictional contribution. Mike Wixon asked what the shelf life of this environmental document was. McAdam responded three years. Scott Gandler inquired about unspent CMAQ funding from SACOG. McAdam replied that we take advantage of that by spending allocations early. Bruce Burnworth asked if it was possible to use CMAQ money now and have SPRTA pay back jurisdictions in the future. McAdam opined that could be an option, but that SPRTA TAC would need to discuss this possibility.

There was general interest from TAC members for finding CMAQ funds for the SR 65 widening, with Bernie Schroeder adding the proviso that the smaller jurisdictions which are largely unaffected by the project would remain whole.

Mike Wixon inquired about pursuing PCAPCD funding, since the project is a carpool lane. Solvi Sabol noted this was highly unlikely, as every year there is less funding available for their Clean Air Grants and the entire program was only \$700,000 this year. Rhon Herndon suggested maximizing discretionary funding and taking required projects off the top such as the Freeway Service Patrol and Spare the Air. McAdam will come back next month with more specific ideas on how to handle this with fair share and asked jurisdictions to take a look at what projects they were considering nominating for this CMAQ funding round.

Update: Health Express Fares & Service Policies

David Melko provided a handout entitled Health Express Service Policies. The Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (WPCTSA) Board will conduct a Public Hearing at its May Board meeting regarding these policies. Staff has been working with the Transit Operators Working Group (TOWG) to make these policies consistent with Dial-a-Ride. These policies return to the TOWG for review in May and ultimately back to the CTSA Board for consideration at the June Board meeting.

A Public Hearing for Health Express fares was conducted at April's WPCTSA Board meeting. Fares will return to the Board for consideration at the May Board meeting.

CTSA Draft Mileage Reimbursement Program Guidelines

Solvi Sabol provided TAC members with a Draft Program Announcement regarding the Bus Pass Subsidy Program Overview and a Program Announcement for the Mileage Reimbursement Program Overview. These programs have consistently come up as part of our annual unmet transit needs process as well as in our Short Range Transit Plans, and the Board has directed us to move forward on implementation. Sabol provided an overview of the Bus Pass Subsidy Program, which is intended to provide trips for low income, seniors, and disabled individuals.

Sabol outlined the Mileage Reimbursement Program which is intended to provide trips to seniors and disabled for nonemergency medical appointments. Staff will continue to work with the Transit Operators Working Group (TOWG) for specifics on these program guidelines.

Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines

David Melko reminded TAC members to submit their Project Request for Authorizations (RFAs). MTIP Amendment #20 is available for staff review and jurisdictions should look to ensure their projects are included.

Rhon Herndon inquired about what happens to TDA revenues when they increase. Are they distributed to member agencies and does PCTPA also get a portion? Celia McAdam replied revenues

are distributed by formula. PCTPA takes 4% after net amount, half of which goes to SACOG. The remainder is distributed amongst the jurisdictions. The Findings of Apportionment, which are done every February and August, reflect the most current TDA revenue information. Melko noted we will have a better picture in July when we receive information from the County Auditor. Herndon inquired about the distribution to the MPO and RTPA. McAdam stated PCTPA's distribution is used to administer TDA and other programs as shown in the Agency budget, while SACOG's portion funds their efforts on the MTIP, regional planning, and other requirements that benefit Placer jurisdictions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.