

PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Megan Siren, City of Auburn
Alan Mitchell, Ponticello Enterprises, City of Colfax
Ken Grehm, Placer County Public Works
Rich Moorehead, Placer County Public Works
Angel Green, Placer County Air Pollution Control District
Scott Gandler, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Gary Arnold, Caltrans
Rick Helman, Caltrans
Dianira Soto, Caltrans

Celia McAdam, PCTPA
Luke McNeel-Caird, PCTPA
David Melko, PCTPA
Sue Sholtis, PCTPA

PCTPA FY 2012/13 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget – Amendment #1

Celia McAdam provided highlights of Amendment 1 to the Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget that was adopted in May, noting that the budget remains in balance. We have added Work Element 71, Bay to Basin Travel Study. PCTPA will be working with El Dorado County Transportation Commission, Nevada County Transportation Commission, Amador County Transportation Commission, Caltrans and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency looking at impacts of tourism travel and seeking any state funding for improvements to these corridors as a result of this tourism travel. In addition, Caltrans' regional planning information has been added to this amendment; increased LTF dollars have been included as well as changes to the FSP and carryover.

McAdam asked TAC members to please contact her with any comments. We will bring this OWP and Budget Amendment to the PCTPA Board for approval at our October Board meeting.

Caltrans Corridor System Management Plans (CSMP) Update

Rick Helman announced that Caltrans is updating the 2009 Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs.) Helman presented information on why the CSMPs are being updated, how they are being updated and requested TAC members' assistance in this updating process. Portions of I-80 and SR 49 in Placer County are included in this 2012 update. Helman obtained contact information from TAC members and will send information to obtain comments.

Celia McAdam inquired how Caltrans will handle conflicting priorities from different counties. Helman responded Caltrans will explore this issue as priorities are ascertained.

WPCTSA Budget Amendment #1

David Melko provided TAC members with Amendment 1 to WPCTSA's proposed operating budget. Melko stated the principle difference is several expense categories were inadvertently omitted from the adopted June budget which increases the operating expenditures. There is also

an increase to LTF and STA revenues. This budget amendment will be brought before the CTSA Board at its October Board meeting.

I-80/SR 65 Interchange Traffic Operations Analysis Preliminary Results

Luke McNeel-Caird noted as part of the I-80/SR 65 I/C project the Board instructed staff to look into the possibility of restriping the existing NB SR65 viaduct from two to three lanes and the possibility of an auxiliary lane on WB I-80 from Douglas to Riverside. Our consultant, CH2M HILL, has provided design and traffic analysis for these proposed improvements.

Caltrans' feedback regarding the NB SR65 concept included their concern of traffic safety on the raised viaduct and no shoulder for emergency vehicles. This is a safety issue that needs to be worked out before they will allow the required design exceptions. This interim project would cost around \$1M and would eliminate the current queue on EB I-80, with our ultimate goal being to improve the interchange. Another consideration was ramp meters on I-80 WB to SR 65. We would seek feedback from local jurisdictions on that option.

Mike Wixon inquired what the process would entail in working out the safety issues. Celia McAdam said that a design exception is required to perform this interim project and mentioned it may be wise to have our attorney present at the Board meeting to discuss the potential liability implications.

McNeel-Caird indicated the I-80 WB auxiliary lane between Douglas and Riverside proposal has two potential concepts. The first concept would be to move the median barrier. Caltrans' reaction to this is mixed since there would be substandard shoulders. The second concept is to add 12' of pavement to add a lane. Caltrans liked this concept better, as it maintains standard shoulder widths. The cost differential in these two concepts is option one would cost \$3M and option two would cost \$6M. Gary Arnold commented the tiebreaker could be litigation issues.

A presentation will be conducted at our October 24 Board meeting where we will be seeking Board direction on these proposals.

Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines

David Melko mentioned unmet transit needs workshops are ongoing. The Public Hearing will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. at our October 24 Board meeting. The public can submit comments during these workshops or via PCTPA's website, U.S. mail, phone, fax or email.

Melko noted as part of the Transportation Development Act we are required to perform a Triennial Performance Audit every three years. A kickoff workshop was conducted and this process has commenced.

Celia McAdam informed TAC members that our combined November/December TAC meeting will be November 6 and our combined Board meeting will be November 28. McAdam reminded TAC members that CMAQ applications are due November 1.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.