

PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Megan Siren, City of Auburn
Gabe Armstrong, City of Colfax
Ray Leftwich, City of Lincoln
Will Garner, Placer County Public Works
Andrew Gaber, Placer County Public Works
Angel Green, Placer County Air Pollution Control District
Scott Gandler, City of Roseville
Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville

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

Final FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

Celia McAdam stated our Final FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget has not been completed due to ongoing discussions with Caltrans auditors and planners about the classifications of activities as well as direct and indirect costs. McAdam noted she does not expect any significant change to the Agency's overall budget or work activities from the preliminary draft adopted by the Board in February, but it is a matter of reconfiguring the final documents into a format that works better with Caltrans processes. The Final OWP and Budget will be completed and available for TAC member review at our June TAC meeting and will go before the Board at our June Board meeting.

State Legislative Position: AB 574

Celia McAdam indicated AB 574 is a proposed bill focused on whether it is the State or regions that get to make the decision on how funds generated by Cap and Trade are distributed. McAdam mentioned there are ongoing discussions on what would be eligible for Cap and Trade funds. Under AB 574, road maintenance and rehabilitation, transit, and greenhouse gas reduction projects are eligible. It is possible these funds will all end up in High Speed Rail. Staff recommends supporting AB 574 which supports regional control of these funds and TAC members concurred.

Project Priorities Discussion

Reprogramming Bottleneck Savings

Even though the Bottleneck projects were opened in 2011, Caltrans accounting has yet to determine the savings from the earmark on the Bottleneck projects. PCTPA staff estimates total savings attributable to the earmark could be anywhere between \$2 to \$10M.

Celia McAdam is looking to use these savings to fund eligible projects, which means those within the Bottleneck on I-80 from the county line to just east of SR 65. Potential

projects include two auxiliary lane projects – westbound I-80 from Douglas Blvd. to Riverside and eastbound I-80 from SR 65 to Rocklin Road. Another potential project is the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project.

Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)

McAdam suggests there may be an opportunity created by programming the Bottleneck savings into preconstruction of one or both aux lane projects and propose a deal that Caltrans use Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) to match our earmark funds for construction. Depending on the funds available, this could leverage completion of one or both of the auxiliary lane projects. McAdam asked for TAC members' feedback and guidance on moving forward with these efforts.

Rhon Herndon expressed his interest in the westbound auxiliary lane project which is advantageous from a traffic operations perspective. Will Garner inquired about ways to conduct the environmental work on both projects, and there was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of combining the two auxiliary lane projects or keeping them separate. TAC concurred with the direction to get both auxiliary lane projects shelf ready. McAdam will apprise TAC members when she receives the final cost accounting with the Bottleneck savings amount, noting that these numbers are needed to put together a specific proposal for Board consideration.

TIGER V Grant Proposal

Celia McAdam stated there is \$474M available nationally from TIGER V grants. The project needs to be construction ready by June 2014 and Federalized. McAdam noted the most competitive project we have – Lincoln Bypass Phase 2B - is not our highest priority, and we don't have any qualified matching funds. She also noted that the applications are due June 3, and packet requirements are quite technical and would likely require hiring a consultant to help. Based on these factors McAdam suggested that applying for this grant would not be the best use of our time and money.

Will Garner noted Placer County will be resubmitting an application for their Kings Beach Improvements project. TAC concurred to recommend that the Board support the Kings Beach project for TIGER V funds.

Seniors First Project Management and Funding Agreement for Health Express

David Melko referenced the handout regarding the funding plan for Health Express service and reported we are currently in a joint procurement process with Placer County for both Placer County Dial-A-Ride and Health Express services. CTSA will fund the Health Express service portion of this contract. Melko reviewed the draft handout, and recommendation that the CTSA Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a contract for the Health Express services.

Mike Wixon stated that Roseville is interested in providing the door to door transportation in the Roseville area. Melko noted we have applied for a grant to come up with a plan to integrate Health Express with local door to door transit operations. This plan could include drafting an addendum to the agreement regarding the door to door trips. TAC concurred to bring the Seniors First Project Management and Funding Agreement for Health Express to the Board for approval at the May Board meeting.

Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines

Funding Strategy Steering Committee Update

Celia McAdam provided a meeting summary from the April 1 meeting of the Regional Transportation Funding Strategy Steering Committee with an accompanying list of project priorities developed by the Committee and a copy of the Board's criteria for prioritizing transportation projects for discretionary funding. McAdam summarized discussions from the April 1 meeting. The next meeting will be held the end of August which provides time to conduct the polling and complete the analysis of the polling. We will update the Board on these efforts at our August Board meeting.

Rhon Herndon inquired whether the PCTPA Board has taken a position on the bills proposing to put a change to the threshold for transportation sales tax approvals to the voters. McAdam responded we have not yet taken a position and expect to bring a recommendation to the Board in the future.

Truckee-North Tahoe TMA Agreement

David Melko provided TAC members a handout of the draft Letter of Task Agreement (LOTA) with an attached Scope of Services for the Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Agency (TNT/TMA). Melko explained we currently provide \$6,400 of CMAQ funds to the TNT/TMA. We will be bringing this LOTA and Master Agreement to the Board for approval at our May Board meeting.

Will Garner asked about the possibility of shifting the funding source and not utilizing CMAQ funds for this TNT/TMA service. Utilizing CMAQ funding for this service would place a big burden on the TNT/TMA. Celia McAdam indicated she would look into the possibility of putting up matching LTF funds for this service.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.