

**PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2010**

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency met on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

ATTENDANCE: Tom Cosgrove Celia McAdam
Gina Garbolino Scott Aaron
Steve Harvey Shirley LeBlanc
Jim Holmes David Melko
Kathy Lund Sue Sholtis
Ron McIntyre
Keith Nesbitt
Miguel Ucovich
Kirk Uhler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Ucovich and second by Holmes, the minutes of the September 22, 2010 PCTPA Board meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER GINA GARBOLINO

Kathy Lund presented outgoing Board Member/City of Roseville Mayor Gina Garbolino with a plaque recognizing her contributions during her term on the PCTPA Board since 2002. Fellow Board Members praised Garbolino's leadership, dedication and accomplishments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Nesbitt and second by Lund, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as submitted.

9:15 – TIMED ITEM: ANNUAL UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

David Melko requested that the Board conduct a Public Hearing to obtain public testimony on unmet transit needs that may exist within western Placer County. Melko reviewed the annual unmet transit needs process as part of PCTPA's responsibility in administering the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds.

Melko noted that workshops to obtain public comments are scheduled in Auburn, Lincoln, Roseville, Loomis, Rocklin and Kings Beach during the first week of November. Discussion regarding Placer County's Short Range Transit Plans will commence after the unmet transit needs workshops. PCTPA is also piggybacking with SACOG on their Lifeline Transit Project.

Melko also pointed out that comments can be submitted via mail, phone, fax, e-mail and electronically through PCTPA's webpage. All comments are analyzed after which recommendations and findings are prepared and brought back in a final report to the PCTPA Board for approval.

Kathy Lund noted when this annual process first started the room was full of people who commented on unmet transit needs. She felt the relatively low attendance at today's hearing was a testament to staff's efforts to successfully address those needs and have made the process smoother.

Kirk Uhler opened the Public Hearing at 9:26 a.m.

Al Bulf provided a handout to Board Members entitled, "A Citizen's Guide to an Oil Free Economy, Chapt. 1" by Alan S. Drake. Mr. Bulf addressed the Board regarding upcoming energy problems, and the need to switch to public transit rather than highway expansion. Bulf feels Placer County needs to expand rail service back up to Colfax with a bus connector and suggested utilizing the postal bus in rural/outlying areas, as they do in Europe. Bulf feels our emphasis on our transportation network needs to change drastically and recommended multi-system backup.

Jan Colyer, from Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT/TMA), stated although there may be fewer commenters, those who are there are people represent larger groups, such as the Sierra Senior Services and Community Collaborative for Truckee Tahoe, who are members of the TNT/TMA..

Colyer stated their top five unmet transit needs:

1. Year-round service on Highway 267 that connects resort triangle through Truckee and North Shore.
2. Development of a social services team to brainstorm ideas to better serve the disabled seniors and low income people who can't get to Auburn for doctors' appointments.
3. Bus service to the Sierra College campus in Truckee is needed.
4. Year-round service to two senior centers, Rideout Community Center on the West Shore and Sierra Senior Services center in Truckee.
5. Analyze the West Shore for transit services such as year-round service to Granlibakken and Rideout Community Center and looking at the West Shore as its own piece during the summer to accommodate passengers during peak recreation periods.

Lee Bastien from Sheridan MAC requested transit service in the Sheridan area, at least dial-a-ride service.

David Melko noted Tink Miller from the Best Step Collaborative could not attend today's public hearing and submitted her comments in a letter dated October 18, 2010, a copy of which was provided to Board Members.

Kirk Uhler closed the Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Keith Nesbitt agreed that we need to concentrate on moving people rather than just cars to help with congestion and would like to see a balanced approach with transit and rail in the future. Nesbitt mentioned Auburn Transit is selling two of its surplus vehicles and would like to see

staff to seek out any programs that could utilize these surplus vehicles through the program developed by Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency.

Miguel Ucovich asked commenter Al Bulf to provide specific ideas on unmet transit needs, noting the information Bulf provided to the Board were generalities.

In response to Tom Cosgrove's inquiry about our long term strategy and projected increase to ridership based on Blueprint principles, David Melko confirmed our Regional Transportation Plan will be included in SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2011 update.

FY 2010/11 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) AND BUDGET – AMENDMENT #1

Celia McAdam asked the Board to adopt Amendment #1 to the FY 2010/11 Overall Work Program and Budget to reflect updates since the OWP and Budget were adopted in May.

McAdam outlined highlights which included taking a greater role in the outreach on the I-80 Bottleneck and Lincoln Bypass projects to better inform the public on ramp closures and detours; a new website for the Lincoln Bypass project was developed; staff is working more closely with SACOG on their MTP update; work was included with the TNT/TMA and our counterparts in Nevada County and the Tahoe to develop a bikeway plan for the Resort Triangle; Placer County's bike map is being updated; the grant from the Federal Transit Administration for our transit schedule coordination was included; intergovernmental coordination efforts with CALCOG were reflected; the Freeway Service Patrol allocation from the State decreased and was reflected in the budget; there was an increase in Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and funds were added to our contingency funds. McAdam noted out that the budget balances.

Miguel Ucovich inquired whether our Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) vehicles could have magnetic signs, noting there are tow trucks that sit in the Loomis Multimodal Center for hours and he would like to be able to distinguish our FSP vehicles. McAdam noted our FSP vehicles do have signage, though it may not be very large. Ucovich further inquired whether we receive reports from our FSP contractor on their efforts. McAdam assured Ucovich that information will be provided to him.

Jan Colyer from the TNT/TMA supports the Resort Triangle bike/ped master plan and appreciates the ability to put four plans together and create a bike friendly community.

Upon motion by Cosgrove and second by Ucovich, the Board unanimously adopted the FY 2010/11 Overall Work program (OWP) and Budget – Amendment #1 and authorized the Executive Director to submit it to Caltrans.

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FY 2010/11 WESTERN PLACER CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGENCY BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

David Melko asked the Board to adopt the FY 2010/11 Budget Amendment #1 for the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (WPCTSA). Melko summarized the operating revenues budget summary, noting the operating revenues increased substantially since

the original budget was submitted for approval in June, which allows for a contingency reserve of \$165,000. Melko mentioned the capital budget consists entirely of Proposition 1B funds. Upon motion by Holmes and second by Nesbitt, the Board unanimously adopted the FY 2010/11 Budget Amendment #1 for the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (WPCTSA).

EXTENSION OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH SENIORS FIRST

David Melko noted when WPCTSA was created in January 2009 the Board approved three Partnership Agreements with Seniors First for the Health Express project. One agreement is for the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program, one for the Volunteer Door to Door Transportation Program and the third for the Transportation Voucher Program. These agreements were effective for two years for Placer County elderly and disabled residents. Due to the success of these programs and awaiting the recommendations from the WPCTSA Short Range Transit Plan, Melko asked the Board to authorize the Executive Director to sign partnership agreement addendums to extend these three programs through December 31, 2012.

Melko noted Amy Bakker from Seniors First is in attendance to answer any questions.

Miguel Ucovich questioned the cost of funding 600 monthly one-way rides a month for almost a half a million dollars. Melko responded these types of services are expensive since they are door-to-door or curb-to-curb services. Dial-a-ride services tend to be quite expensive as compared to utilizing general public transportation. Ucovich noted as the senior population increases the demand for these services will increase and will we be obligated to provide additional funding for these services. Melko noted we have a cap of 600 one-way rides a month and staff has worked together to provide additional requests within the current budget that we have. We could come back sooner than the two-year period to recommend changes if recommended by the Short Range Transit Plans.

Keith Nesbitt commented 600 one-way trips equals 7,200 trips a year which averages out to only about \$70 a trip which seems reasonable due to the special needs associated with this service.

Upon motion by Nesbitt and second by Lund, the Board unanimously authorized the Executive Director to sign Partnership Agreement Addendum No. 1 with Seniors First to extend the agreements for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Volunteer Door-to-Door Transportation, and Transportation Voucher pilot programs through December 31, 2012.

SOUTH PLACER TRANSPORTATION CALL CENTER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE

David Melko requested that the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign the South Placer Transportation Call Center Agreement with the City of Roseville. The South Placer County Dial-a-Ride Study recommended that we implement a centralized regional call center within South Placer County. The PCTPA Board identified this call center as an unmet transit need reasonable to meet in FY 2008/09. Working with members of the Transit Operators Working Group (TOWG) a scope of work and agreement was drafted with the City of Roseville as the transit agency best suited to operate the call center.

Melko reviewed the agreement and attached scope of services and budget for the call center. The term of the agreement is from April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 and may be extended for up to three option periods of one year duration. Melko noted that Mike Wixon from the City of Roseville is present to answer any technical questions.

There was discussion regarding the cost of remodeling Roseville's existing space to accommodate the call center. Mike Wixon noted they will be going through their Central Services Department for the construction work which includes purchasing computers, software and installing telephone lines. Wixon noted the \$250,000 budgeted for remodeling is funded by a grant award and as part of that the work will be monitored and reported on. A detailed plan and estimate will be provided to the Board as an informational item in a subsequent agenda.

Miguel Ucovich suggested waiting to start up the call center until remodeling was completed instead of spending \$36,000 for the purchase of a trailer to house the call center during the construction. Melko noted Roseville has been waiting for the agreement to be in place before commencing the remodeling. Melko further noted we were waiting for the Proposition 1B funds to be in place that will be used as a match to the FTA grant. Kathy Lund suggested renting a vacant school trailer rather than purchasing one.

Upon motion by Garbolino and second by Cosgrove, the Board unanimously authorized the Executive Director to sign the South Placer Transportation Call Center Agreement with the City of Roseville, on roll call vote.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Celia McAdam reported transportation got through fairly unscathed with the newly passed State budget. Our projects and funding remain stable. State Transit Assistance will be \$348 million statewide through this next year. The budget calls out \$120 million for the State rail program, which includes the Capitol Corridor rail service.

McAdam reminded Board Members that our combined November/December Board meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, December 8.

Miguel Ucovich praised Solvi Sabol's efforts on the Walk to School event at H. Clarke Powers Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Celia McAdam
Executive Director

Suzanne Roberts, Chair