

AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 16, 2008 – 6:16 P.M.

The Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) met at the Amador County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California on the above date, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present on Roll Call:

Greg Baldwin
Louis Boitano, Chairman
Theodore Novelli, Alternate
Al Nunes, Vice Chairman
Dave Richards
Jim Ulm, Alternate

Absent:

Richard Forster
Jerry Sherman

Also Present:

Dan Brewer, Chief, Rural Planning & Administration, Caltrans District 10
Charles Field, ACTC Executive Director
Robyn Sheehan, ACTC Administrator
Neil Peacock, ACTC Planner/Program Manager
Patrick Ireland, General Manager, Amador Regional Transit System

Agenda:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Ulm, seconded by Commissioner Baldwin, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Absent: Commissioner Nunes

Public Matters Not on the Agenda: Debbie Dunn stated that, as a follow up to Ruth Gottstein's comments during the Amador Regional Transit System meeting, she is submitting a letter from the Upcountry Community Council and Pine Grove Council suggesting two items to be considered at the August meeting concerning Upcountry Representation.

ACTC Executive Director Charles Field introduced Neil Peacock as the new ACTC Planner/Program Manager. He stated that Mr. Peacock comes from Humboldt State with a Masters in Planning and BA degree in sociology. Mr. Peacock worked three years as a planner for the Yurok Tribe in Humboldt County.

Mr. Field also introduced Nancy Miller of Miller, Owen and Trost, who is the ACTC's new legal counsel. Ms. Miller provides legal services to several other Transportation Planning Agencies and

public agencies including Placer County, El Dorado County, and the Sacramento Council of Governments.

Mr. Field advised that the City of Sutter Creek has invited the ACTC to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Sutter Creek Gateway Transportation Enhancement project at the corner of Highway 49 and Old Highway 49 at 6:15 p.m. on July 21, 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item No. 5 – Amador Regional Transit System Claim for State Transit Assistance Funds: In response to Commissioner Baldwin, Mr. Field advised that this action will change a loan in the amount of \$150,000 to a one-time fund transfer for cash flow purposes and it is expected to stay in the ARTS annual budget each year as a reserve.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Ulm, seconded by Commissioner Baldwin, and carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Absent: Commissioner Nunes

Resolution No. 08-25

Resolution approving Amador Regional Transit System (ARTS) claim in the amount of \$150,000 against State Transit Assistance funds for cash flow purposes and amending previous resolution No. 06-15

REGULAR AGENDA

Highway 49 Bypass Follow-Up Items: ACTC Project Management Consultant Scott Maas summarized his monthly project report for the Commission and he reported that the dip on the Bypass at the Sutter Creek Bridge has been repaired.

Mr. Maas also advised that installation of a street light at the intersection of SR 49 and Old Route 49 near Amador City is being considered by Caltrans to help with safety concerns at this location. Commissioner Baldwin stated that a “T” intersection sign is available and could be used at this location to show the curve and “T” intersection.

Tri-County Memorandum of Understanding II and 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): Mr. Maas stated that the Tri County MOU includes \$40 million for the SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement project, \$40 million for the SR 4 Wagon Trail Realignment project and \$5 million to Alpine County local roads. It is anticipated that the State will match the Amador and Calaveras projects with \$20 million to be provided towards the end of each of the projects.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner Ulm, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman to execute the new version of the Amador, Alpine, Calaveras Tri-County Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Absent: Commissioner Nunes

Caltrans Reports: Dan Brewer, Chief, Rural Planning and Administration, Caltrans District 10, reported that Caltrans staff met with the Ione City Manager and Amador County General Services Director concerning the Ione Inside Corner project. Discussions are still ongoing concerning donating a portion of the parcel to Caltrans and the remainder of the parcel to the City of Ione. Caltrans is also encouraging the City and County to respond to the Tribe's request to coordinate any actions with them.

Amador County Municipal Services Review: Roseanne Chamberlain, Amador LAFCO Executive Officer, thanked the ACTC for its financial support to prepare the countywide Municipal Services Review (MSR) and she stated that the information will be useful to many other local government agencies as well as LAFCO and the Transportation Commission. Ms. Chamberlain advised that LAFCO is required to review local government services that are provided in the County on a five year basis. She provided a PowerPoint presentation concerning the Municipal Services Review report.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if the Martell Business Park had an effect on sales tax compared to previous years. Ms. Chamberlain stated that the sales tax revenue increased overall but disproportionately in the unincorporated areas compared to the incorporated areas.

Commissioner Richards asked if LAFCO coordinated with the County Planning Department concerning the General Plan Update. He stated that items in the MSR don't appear to mesh with items in the General Plan Update. Ms. Chamberlain responded that she will be meeting with County Planning staff and city staffs to look at the relationship of the County General Plan and its options. She stated that there is a disconnection with service provider agencies and land use agencies all over the State, especially in rural areas where Special Districts provide the majority of services and the local government controls the land use and development issues. LAFCO is aggressively trying to catch up the components that are LAFCO's responsibilities. The Municipal Services Review report is available on the Amador County website.

ACTC Sponsored Transportation Projects: Mr. Field stated that the ACTC work program has been split into two parts. The traditional planning projects are addressed in the annual Overall Work Program, which was approved at the Commission's June meeting. The other half of the work that the ACTC has taken on over the past few years is to sponsor or help build actual transportation projects or oversee and assist the Cities and County to build more federal or State funded transportation projects.

Matt Boyer, Dokken Engineering, provided a status report concerning the following projects: Sutter Hill Transit Center, Ione bypass/Western Ione Roadway Improvement Strategy, Ione Downtown Park-and-Ride, Foothill Commuter Services Website, and Amador County Diesel Engine Retrofit Project.

Mr. Field advised that the ACTC is working on the SR 49/88/Argonaut Lane Intersection project and the SR 104/Prospect Drive Intersection project, both of which are funded by the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee Program. He stated that both projects are currently stalled while the ACTC transitions to a new consultant. The City of Sutter Creek had requested that work on the SR 104/Prospect Drive project be stopped but it is anticipated that work will resume in the near

future. Work on these projects includes design and environmental clearance. Construction funding for these projects is not assured at this time.

Mr. Field reported that the ACTC will be pursuing the federal earmark funds secured by Amador County for the SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement project and the ACTC will contribute \$100,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds toward this project. The ACTC will begin working with the community and Caltrans this winter to identify alternatives for through-town improvements on SR 88. State Transportation Improvement Program Funds in the amount of \$1.75 million have been programmed for this project by the California Transportation Commission for environmental clearance. It is estimated the project will cost \$40 million however the State's \$20 million match is not guaranteed.

City and County Grant Funded Transportation Projects: Matt Griggs, Dokken Engineering, provided a summary of his project delivery status report concerning the following projects: SR 49 Bypass Landscape/Gateway Project, Plymouth Main Street/SR 49 Intersection, Amador City Bridge Replacement, Sutter Creek Bridge Replacement, Sutter Creek Old Sutter Hill Road Realignment, Jackson Court Street/SR 88 Intersection, Ione Safe Routes to School, and Jackson Argonaut Lane Safe Routes to School.

Commissioner Novelli asked if the funding for the Gateway projects (\$528,000) was included in the cost of the 49 Bypass work. Mr. Griggs responded that these were additional funds provided by the Transportation Enhancement Grant Program.

At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Nunes arrived.

Commissioner Baldwin inquired concerning review of the roundabout at SR 49/Main Street in Plymouth. Mr. Griggs stated that Caltrans District 10 has forwarded the request for consideration of the roundabout alternative to Headquarters.

Amador Regional Transit System (ARTS) Saturday Service Request: The Commission acknowledged a letter submitted by Justin Manus requesting that ARTS provide Saturday service. ARTS General Manager Patrick Ireland stated that, per his staff report, no action is recommended. He stated that the Transit Development Plan (TDP) adopted at the June 18, 2008, meeting contains the plans for the next five years and the funding, as available. The TDP states that for the present time Saturday service is expected to be addressed by the Reserve-a-Ride Subsidy Program. Funds for Saturday service are not available at this time. Commissioner Richards stated that he would not support adding service when funds to run the transit system are tight.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner Novelli, and unanimously carried to accept the staff report. If funding or ridership needs change in the future, Saturday service may be reconsidered.

Claims:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner Ulm, and unanimously carried to approve the revised claim list as presented.

Adjournment:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner Ulm, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting to **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2008**, at the Amador County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California.

At 7:30 p.m. Chairman Boitano recessed the meeting.

Louis Boitano, Chairman
Amador County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

Note: Copies of referenced documents are available at the ACTC office.