

**El Dorado County Transportation Commission – Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary – November 17, 2009**

Attendees:

Attendance: Robert Casper, Mark Copple, Raeann Jones, Art Marinaccio, Ann McQuillen, Nizar Melehani, Rachel Michelin, Karen O'Brien Hodges, Carol Patton, Lindell Price, Megan Reeves, KelleReve Hernandez, John Schmit
Absent: Leon Gardner

On November 17, 2009, the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met to discuss and prepare recommendations on the current and future representative composition of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC). Prior to this CAC meeting, six public town hall meetings were held throughout the western slope of El Dorado County. In total, over 12 hours of public comment were heard.

The CAC deliberated for two hours and identified a number of issues and criteria of importance to them, and were able to reach consensus on a few key points. After a healthy discussion, two formal votes were taken:

1. Board Make-up – **100% of CAC members support representation on the EDCTC when new cities are incorporated.** They recommend a structure that allows for representation on the EDCTC for each newly formed city, thereby providing a mechanism that allows for representation to evolve as the County changes and evolves overtime. (Vote 13 support, 0 oppose or abstain).
2. Appointment of Elected or Layperson Board Representation – The CAC had considerable discussion on the pros and cons of the appointments to the EDCTC being solely elected officials or laypeople (non-elected). Some of the criteria and key indices are listed below. The CAC was not able to reach consensus on this point, the vote was as follows:

EDCTC to be comprised of:

- 100% elected officials (status quo) – 7 support this model
- Mixture of elected and general public/laypersons – 5 support this model
- 100% general public/layperson – 1 supports this model

As the EDCTC considers Board representation issue, the important criteria the CAC urges the Board to consider include:

1. Maximize public access to EDCTC
2. Ability to advocate for state and federal funding, political clout
3. Maximize opportunity for public involvement and input
4. Accountability to the citizens for Board discussions and policies
5. Ability to devote appropriate level of time and energy to the EDCTC

General Recommendations:

1. The CAC felt very strongly that a Community Outreach Program should be developed and implemented. The goals are to have an informed public, to minimize misunderstanding and misinformation, and encourage public awareness and input.
2. Board representation should consider:
 - population
 - geography
 - diversity (rural, agricultural and urban areas)
 - fluid and flexible structure that allows for changes as the county changes (i.e. further incorporations)
 - communication
 - balance

Observations by the CAC included:

- No complaints about the past or current work of the EDCTC
- Suggestion that Commissioners could do a better job communicating with constituents on transportation matters
- The El Dorado County DOT could do a better job communicating with residents on transportation matters
- No CAC member suggested changing the EDCTC at this time

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