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The rescheduled regular meeting of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission was held on April 11, 2007 at 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C Hearing Room, Placerville, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Jack Sweeney called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chair Sweeney, Commissioners Dupray, Hagen, Colvin, and Alternate Borelli

ABSENT: Chair Acuna and Commissioner Baumann (*Commissioner Baumann arrived at 3:22 p.m.*)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented.

Executive Director Kathryn Mathews requested that Item 6E be addressed at the beginning of the Business Items.

ACTION: Commissioner Dupray made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested modification. Commissioner Colvin seconded the motion which carried as follows:

AYES: Borelli, Colvin, Dupray, Hagen, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Acuna and Baumann.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vice Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience or on the Commission wished to speak on a matter not on the agenda, and there were no requests.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes for the March 1, 2007 Commission Meeting

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize changes, if any, and approve March 1, 2007 minutes.

B. February, 2007 Warrant Register

REQUESTED ACTION: Receive and file the February 2007 Warrant Register.

Vice Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience, Commission, or staff wished to speak on any item on the Consent Calendar, and there were no requests.

ACTION: Commissioner Colvin made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as requested. Commissioner Dupray seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES:

Borelli, Colvin, Dupray, Hagen, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT:

Acuna and Baumann.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

E. (This item was moved forward on the agenda at the request of Executive Director Mathews) Designate EDCTC Representative for El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce Agri-Tourism Study Mission

REQUESTED ACTION: Designate a Commissioner or the Executive Director to represent EDCTC on the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce Agri-Tourism Study Mission scheduled for July 14-17, 2007 in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Ms. Mathews explained that Laurel Brent-Baum, Director of the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, had requested that a member of the Commission or EDCTC staff be

authorized to attend the Study Mission to share expertise in transportation planning. The Administrative Services Officer, Shirley LeBlanc, reported that EDCTC had funds available to support two representatives on this study mission.

Ms. Brent-Baum reported that this mission was the first ever of its kind and 50 participants were expected to attend. She expected the Study would benefit the county and expressed the importance of participation.

ACTION: Commissioner Colvin made a motion to authorize the Commission to send Ms. Mathews and herself as representatives on the Study Mission. Commissioner Dupray seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Borelli, Colvin, Dupray, Hagen, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Acuna and Baumann.

5. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: Time Allocation – 3:15 p.m. (The hearing began at 3:17 p.m.)
Transportation Development Act Citizen Participation Process for Public Transportation

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Open public hearing regarding public transportation
- Accept public comment
- Close public hearing
- Refer comments received to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for review.

Senior Transportation Planner Jerry Barton, explained that this hearing was noticed 30 days in advance via the Mountain Democrat, on the EDCTC web site, and with fliers at various locations. He noted that no action would be taken; however, all comments received would be forwarded to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and, as appropriate, to El Dorado County Transit Authority for review.

Vice Chair Sweeney noted that due to the fact that no funds were available to be claimed for unmet transit needs, it was not a requirement to determine what they were. This hearing was informational in nature and was to seek input from citizens.

DJ Peterson representing the Vision Coalition of El Dorado Hills described the need for transportation for the youth of that area to get to and from the Teen Center. A long-term goal was to have bus transportation on all days including school days, weekends, and holidays; the short-term goal was to have a van made available for this transportation. Mr. Peterson requested that a sub-committee be formed from the Commissioners to work on establishing a plan for this transportation need.

Vice Chair Sweeney noted that as Commissioners Dupray and Baumann were already members of the Coalition, that seemed to serve the purpose of a sub-committee.

(Commissioner Baumann arrived at 3:22 p.m.)

Luz Zeagler, a member of the Coalition, noted its goal was to get the youth to the Teen Center so they could be involved in activities, steer them toward college, and learn healthy life skills.

Pat Kriz, speaking as a member of the Coalition, noted that the children that go to the Teen Center were not affluent and were involved in little or no organized activities. Funds were available to run the Center but there was no transportation to get the youth there and home again.

Commissioner Dupray directed staff to return with an action item on the next month's agenda requesting an official sub-committee to assist with the Coalition's goals, consisting of Commissioner Baumann and himself. Commissioner Hagen requested that the Sub Committee relate to all areas of El Dorado County and not just El Dorado Hills, and Commissioner Dupray agreed.

Ms. Mathews added that there may be grant funding that would work well with this effort.

Valerie Belknap commented on the need for transportation for Pollock Pines youth to and from school; work, activities, and doctor appointments.

Autumn (no last name mentioned) asked for later runs for bus service, preferably after 5:30 p.m.

Dina Steffen noted the need for increased flexibility for Dial-a-Ride services.

As there were no further comments, the hearing was closed at 3:35 p.m.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

A. Designate EDCTC Representative(s) for Federal Advocacy

REQUESTED ACTION: Designate Commissioners to represent EDCTC on the Transportation Team at the 2007 Cap-to-Cap advocacy effort scheduled for April 21 to 25.

Ms. Mathews explained that this item was discussed in February when it was decided to designate the representatives after the Pre Cap-to-Cap trip later that month. The EDCTC typically offered 50% travel costs for a representative from both the City and the County and 100% costs for the Executive Director. Further, that SACOG would be reimbursing Commissioner Dupray for 50% of his trip due to the fact that he was the Chair of that agency's Board.

Vice Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this item, and there were no requests.

ACTION: Commissioner Dupray made a motion to pay 50% for Commissioner Hagen and himself, and the full costs for the Executive Director for this year's trip. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Colvin which carried as follows: AYES: Baumann, Borelli, Colvin, Dupray, Hagen, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Acuna.

B. New Legislation: SB 445 (Torlakson)

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider a support position for SB 445 (Torlakson).

Ms. Mathews reported that this Bill would address the expected decrease in highway and fuel taxes due to hybrids and other fuel-saving programs. She described a pilot program in Portland, Oregon where fees were based on actual mileage used within that state. A few options for California included a user-based fee or higher taxes. She requested support for a task force to assist in determining options.

Vice Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this matter, and there were no requests.

ACTION: Commissioner Colvin made a motion to approve support for a Task Force to review this matter. Vice Chair Sweeney seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Borelli, Colvin, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: Commissioners Baumann and Hagen. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Acuna.

C. Performance Evaluation Process – Executive Director

REQUESTED ACTION: Provide direction to the Chair and Executive Director with respect to the conduct of the Executive Director's performance evaluation.

Director Mathews reviewed the procedure normally taken each year to perform this evaluation. She noted that she had previously met with Chair Acuna at which time he agreed to the method used previously.

Vice Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this matter, and there were no requests.

ACTION: Commissioner Hagen made a motion to approve the procedure using options 1 and 3 as shown in the staff report. Commissioner Colvin seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Baumann, Borelli, Colvin, Dupray, Hagen, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Acuna.

D. EDCTC Public Information Plan

REQUESTED ACTION: Provide direction to EDCTC staff with respect to development of a Public Information Plan.

Mr. Barton stated that many of the previous goals to make the public more aware of the projects had been achieved including: development of a web site, creation of an annual newsletter, letters to newspapers, and attendance at ground breakings.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of staff being assertive in scheduling guest speaker opportunities, for example, at Rotary, SIRS, Sorority, or other group functions. Staff should continue to send media releases to the newspapers and create links on the EDCTC web site for speaker contacts.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Camino Area Parallel Capacity/Safety Study Update

REQUESTED ACTION: None. This item was for information only.

Senior Transportation Planner, Mike Higgins, stated that the focus of the study was to analyze the feasibility for safety issues which resulted in an analysis performed by David Evans & Associates (DEA). The Study considered locations for road alternatives, accident analysis, CHP enforcement and input, installation of a median barrier, and a potential undercrossing.

Greg Oslund of DEA presented three alternatives to ease safety concerns. The alternatives included exits from Highway 50 providing smoother transitions using an undercrossing to travel north/south of the freeway. Mr. Oslund believed this option would eliminate the hazardous left-hand turns to enter and exit the freeway. He noted that an overcrossing was not feasible and these options would be considerably less costly than a plan previously developed.

Mr. Oslund noted that these alternative options would be compatible if a full freeway conversion was in future plans.

Vice Chair Sweeney believed this was an impressive and realistic plan and commended the consultants for their work.

Mr. Higgins reported that these alternatives had been presented to the Camino Stakeholders committee and would be presented at the final public meeting in Camino on April 12. He added that 1200 invitation cards had been sent out to area residents and notices were placed in the Mountain Democrat, Sacramento Bee, in the EDCTC newsletter, and website. After the meeting, the consultants would take the information, compile the report for the Commissioners and Board of Supervisors, then proceed to the next logical step; development of a Project Study Report.

Vice Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this item, and there were no requests.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kathryn Mathews provided an overview of her report. She made special mention that May was Bike Commute month. With regard to the State/Local Partnership Match funds issue, the consensus of the Commission was for Ms. Mathews to attend and testify at legislative hearings. Ms. Mathews noted she was currently scheduling meetings with both Senator Cox and Assemblyman Gaines to discuss this issue, and she would report back to the Commissioners after those meetings had taken place.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS – CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter dated March 5 to Joe Harn, El Dorado County Auditor, from Shirley LeBlanc re STA Claim for FY 06/07
- B. Letter dated March 5 to Robert Naylor, Nielsen, Merksamer et al, from Shirley LeBlanc re engagement of services
- C. Letter dated March 30, 2007 to John Barna, CTC from Kathryn Mathews re 2006 STIP RTIP

10. INFORMATION ITEMS – NEWS ARTICLES

The Commissioners were provided with media references related to transportation.


11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m. to May 3, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., at 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C Hearing Room, Placerville, California.

Attest:



Joni G. Rice, Secretary to the Commission