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EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2008

The regular meeting of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission was held on February 7, 2008 at 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C Hearing Room, Placerville, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Acuna called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Acuna, Vice Chair Sweeney, and Commissioners Baumann, Dupray, and Alternate Borelli sitting in for Commissioner Hagen. Wayne Lewis, Caltrans ex-officio Commission member, was also present.

ABSENT: Commissioners Colvin and Hagen

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented.

ACTION: Commissioner Borelli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Sweeney seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Acuna asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on an item not on the agenda, and there were no requests.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes for the December 6, 2007 Commission Meeting

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize changes, if any, and approve December 6, 2007 minutes.

B. November and December 2007 Warrant Register

REQUESTED ACTION: Receive and file the November and December 2007 Warrant Register.

The warrant listing is for the period of November 1 – 30 and December 1 – 31, 2007.

C. FY 2007/2008 Overall Work Program and Budget – Amendment #2

REQUESTED ACTION: By motion adopt Resolution 07/08.12 approving Amendment #2 of the FY 2007/2008 Overall Work Program and Budget, as presented, and authorize EDCTC staff to submit the document to Caltrans.

D. California Transportation Commission Reception

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the participation of EDCTC, as a co-host with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and Placer County Transportation Planning

Agency, in a reception for the California Transportation Commission on March 12, 2008 in Sacramento.

ACTION: Commissioner Dupray made a motion to approve or adopt all items on the Consent Calendar as requested. Vice Chair Sweeney seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Request for Proposals – Camino Corridor Project Study Report

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve release of the Request for Proposals for the Camino Corridor Project Study Report.

Transportation Planner Dan Bolster reviewed the process of preparing this Request for Proposals (RFP) including a December 10 meeting with Stakeholders soliciting input, at which time the public was invited to attend. This RFP was developed including input from all the meetings held, analysis of road connectors, options for median barriers, locations for undercrossings, future development, tourist traffic, and other matters of concern. Further, partnering agencies such as the El Dorado County DOT, Caltrans, and EDCTC Legal Counsel reviewed the RFP resulting in what was presented at this meeting.

Chair Acuna opened the meeting to the public.

Scott Chadd expressed gratitude to the staff for the extraordinary effort in public outreach. He offered three items for consideration: 1) He noted the \$1.17 million in improvements done previously had helped with the safety accident rate; 2) There was no clause in the RFP with regard to parallel capacity north of US 50, and he asked that Carson Road be considered to fulfill that need; 3) the Point View Drive project in Smith Flat should be considered; 4) Mr. Chadd asked that the paragraph stating “one-way” trips be clarified.

Director Mathews stated that the comment with regard to the Smith Flat interchange was included in the RFP and encompassed future development. Staff would call attention to that item during pre-proposal meetings.

There were no more speakers from the public or comments from the Commissioners.

ACTION: Vice Chair Sweeney made a motion to approve the release of the Request for Proposals. Commissioner Borelli seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

B. RTIP TE, Exchange TE, Bike/Ped TDA, and CMAQ Programming for Federal Fiscal Years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Resolution 07/08.13, programming \$480,000 in Regional Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancements (TE) Funds, \$10,242 in Exchange TE Funds, \$15,750 in Bike/Ped Transportation Development Act Funds and \$2,300,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds.

Senior Transportation Planner Jerry Barton provided an overview of his report on this matter, describing the process of the Call for Projects and recommendations for TE and CMAQ funding as shown on the following table:

TE PROGRAMMING				
Applicant	Project Name	Fund Source	Amount Requested	Amount recommended for programming
City of Placerville	Class I Bike Path - Clay St. to Bedford Avenue	RTIP TE	\$180,000	\$180,000
El Dorado County General Services	Class I Bike Path – El Dorado Hills SMUD Corridor, Silva Valley Road to EDH Blvd.	RTIP TE	\$356,000	\$295,000 (<\$61,000)
City of Placerville	Streetlights for the US 50 Operational Improvements Project	EXCHANGE TE	\$10,242	\$10,242
SACOG	Regional online bike/pedestrian map and trip planner system	BIKE/PED TDA	\$15,000	\$15,000

Bob Smart commented on his concern that funds be allocated for the SMUD trail. He understood the tight budgets, however, he asked the Commission to look at planning documents to make sure funded projects were priority projects.

ACTION: Commissioner Dupray made a motion to approved the TE funding recommendation and encouraged staff to continue to look for more funding to make up for the shortfall. Vice Chair Sweeney seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

Mr. Barton explained the second item of programming, CMAQ. He stated these funds required a benefit to air quality and the staff report showed emission reductions associated with the submitted projects.

CMAQ PROGRAMMING – OPTION 1				
Applicant	Project Name	Fund Source	Amount Requested	Amount recommended for programming
El Dorado County DOT	US 50 HOV Lanes from El Dorado Hills Boulevard/Latrobe Road interchange to the Bass Lake Road interchange	CMAQ	\$2,300,000	\$2,208,000
SACOG	Spare the Air Program	CMAQ	\$96,000	\$92,000
CMAQ PROGRAMMING – OPTION 2				
Applicant	Project Name	Fund Source	Amount Requested	Amount recommended for programming
El Dorado County DOT	US 50 HOV Lanes from El Dorado Hills Boulevard/Latrobe Road interchange to the Bass Lake Road interchange	CMAQ	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000

Vice Chair Sweeney suggested the title be changed to Local Transportation Commission Funds rather than Federal Fund Programs for Commission. He also noted the funding El Dorado County had provided for projects in Sacramento and costs for Transit services, without receiving consideration.

Commissioner Baumann suggested a review of Committee standards and who should sit on the review panel. She suggested other participants may offer more equal funding input between El Dorado and Sacramento County.

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

ACTION: Vice Chair Sweeney made a motion to approve Option 1 as presented in the Staff Report. Commissioner Dupray seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

(This Hearing was taken out of order to accommodate the time allotment and meeting discussion. The Noticed Public Hearing began at 3:00 p.m.)

6. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2008 EL DORADO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – (Time allotment 2:30 p.m.)

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Open public hearing regarding the EDCTC 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- Accept public comment
- Close public hearing
- By Resolution 07/08.14, adopt the 2008 RTIP for El Dorado County and direct the Executive Director to submit the RTIP to the California Transportation Commission

Executive Director Kathryn Mathews explained this was a required Public Hearing with regard to the RTIP. She then presented the information contained in the report. She cautioned the Commissioners that the Missouri Flat programming was aggressive. She requested direction from the Commission to proceed with the RTIP.

- Route 50/Missouri Flat Interchange: EDCTC requests that the CTC retain the \$22,009,000 programmed and add \$5,497,000 for Phase 1B construction in FY 08/09;
- Transportation Enhancements: EDCTC requests that the CTC program \$180,000 to a Class I Bike Path, El Dorado Trail from Clay Street to Bedford Avenue in the City of Placerville, with \$85,000 in FY 2008/09 for Preliminary Engineering and \$95,000 for construction in FY 2009/10;
- Transportation Enhancements: EDCTC requests that the CTC program \$295,000 to a Class I Bike Path, El Dorado Hills SMUD Corridor from Silva Valley Road to El Dorado Hills Boulevard, with \$44,000 in FY 2008/09 for Preliminary Engineering and \$251,000 for construction in FY 2009/10;
- Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM): EDCTC requests that the CTC retain the \$70,000 currently programmed and add \$200,000 FY 08/09 and \$200,000 in FY 09/10 for PPM activities.

Chair Acuna opened the Hearing up to the public, and there were no comments.

ACTION: Vice Chair Sweeney made a motion to adopt Resolution 07/08.14; thereby approving Staff recommendation. Commissioner Borelli seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

C. Designate EDCTC Representative(s) for Federal Advocacy

REQUESTED ACTION: Designate a Commissioner(s) to represent EDCTC at the 2008 Cap-to-Cap advocacy effort scheduled for April 5-9, 2008.

Commissioner Acuna stated that he would be attending Cap-to-Cap on the Transportation Team, and the City of Placerville had authorized his trip.

Ms. Mathews recommended making the priority project for discussion at Cap-to-Cap to be the Weber Creek Bridge component of the Missouri Flat and Western Placerville Interchange project, as the combined project would carry more weight with the legislators.

ACTION: Commissioner Borelli made a motion to list Missouri Flat and Weber Creek Bridge as a joint component and to fund Director Mathews and half of Commissioner Acuna's cost for the trip. Vice Chair Sweeney seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

D. 2008 Compensation Study Update

REQUESTED ACTION:

By motion:

- 1) Accept the 2008 Compensation Study Update.
- 2) Establish agenda item and structure to consider and take action relative to implementing the 2008 Compensation Study Update findings.

ACTION: Commissioner Baumann made a motion to accept the 2008 Compensation Study Update and to discuss the item at the March meeting in Closed Session. Commissioner Borelli seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

E. Calendar Approval for 2008

REQUESTED ACTION: By motion, consider options and approve a final Calendar for the 2008 EDCTC meeting schedule.

Per the discussion on this matter, the September 4, 2008 meeting will be rescheduled for August 28, 2008 and the December 4, 2008 meeting will be rescheduled for December 11, 2008. All other meeting dates remain the first Thursday of the month.

ACTION: Vice Chair Sweeney made a motion to adopt the 2008 meeting calendar as noted above. Commissioner Dupray seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

F. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

REQUESTED ACTION: By motion, elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2008.

ACTION: Commissioner Dupray made a motion to elect Vice Chair Sweeney to the seat of Chair for 2008 and Commissioner Hagen to Vice Chair. Commissioner Baumann seconded the motion which carried as follows: AYES: Acuna, Baumann, Borelli, Dupray, and Sweeney. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Colvin and Hagen.

Chair Sweeney assumed the role of Chair at this time.

7. PRESENTATION:

SACOG/EDCTC Planning Coordination

REQUESTED ACTION: None. For Information Only.

Mike McKeever, Executive Director of SACOG, thanked the Commissioners and staff for the opportunity to speak. He also recognized the contribution made by Commissioner Dupray, who had served as Chair of SACOG's Board of Directors in 2007 providing direction for many projects and input for the MTP.

Mr. McKeever briefly spoke on the SACOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035, the Regional Blueprint Planning Efforts, the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy, traffic modeling benefits, travel patterns, clean air regulations, among other topics. He noted the final MTP would be addressed at the February SACOG Board meeting.

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

8. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Presentation to Outgoing Chair

Chair Sweeney presented Mark Acuna with a plaque in appreciation of his service as Commission Chair for 2008. He noted his personal admiration for Commissioner Acuna.

Commissioner Acuna thanked the Commission and thanked the staff for continuing to deliver accomplishments throughout the year.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mathews briefly reviewed key items in her report. She noted that the Administrative Services Officer had accepted a position at another agency, and EDCTC was in the process of recruiting a new staff member; she suggested a new Work Element in the 2008/2009 OWP is being considered to include serving as the Airport Land Use Commission; the Federal Advocate had scheduled appointments with Representatives; the State and Local Partnership issue was delayed, and we would need to identify champions to advocate with us for TIM fees as eligible match.

Chair Sweeney asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on this Report, and there were no requests.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS – CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter dated 11/29 to Ben Bramer, Caltrans re EDH Bikeway project
- B. Letter dated 11/29 to Mike McKeever, SACOG, re Regional Blueprint Grant Program – SACOG Application
- C. Letter dated 12/3 to Chair Acuna from Jody Jones, Caltrans re Placerville Operational Improvements Project
- D. Letter dated 12/4 to Jimmy Motta, Calif. DOT Auditor re Review of Cost Allocation Plan and OWP
- E. Letter dated 12/6 to Gabriel Corley, Caltrans re audit transmittal.
- F. Letter dated 12/6 to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from Chair Mark Acuna re support for R. Kirk Lindsey to CTC
- G. Letter dated 12/10 to Joe Harn, EDC Auditor re Revised TDA Claim for FY 2007/2008
- H. Letter dated 12/13 to Mark Acuna, Chair from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger re Lindsey for CTC
- I. Letter dated 12/17 to Jody Jones, Caltrans, from Mark Acuna, Chair, re Placerville Ops Improvements Project response to meeting
- J. Letters dated 12/19 to State Controller's Office, Caltrans, City of Placerville, EDC DOT, and Michael Ocenosak re submission of Audits
- K. Letter dated 12/19 to Gabe Corley, Caltrans re TDA Audit reports
- L. Letter dated 12/19 to Mike Ocenosak, CPA re audits
- M. Letter dated 12/19 to Dave Warren, City of Placerville, re Audits
- N. Letter dated 12/19 to Laura Friestad, County of El Dorado re Audit Report
- O. Letter dated 12/27 to Kathryn Mathews from Laurel Brent-Bumb, EDC Chamber of Commerce re support for SR 49 Realignment

P. Letter dated 01/28 to Kathryn Mathews from Susan Zito, City of Placerville re Commissioner change

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – NEWS ARTICLES

The Commissioners were provided with media references related to transportation.

12. COMMISSIONERS'/STAFF COMMENTS

There were no additional comments

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m., to March 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C Hearing Room, Placerville, California.

Attest:

Joni G. Rice, Secretary to the Commission

Date