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WEDNESDAY
MAY 16, 2018
10:00 A.M.

SIERRAVILLE SCHOOL
305 SOUTH LINCOLN
SIERRAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Paul Roen.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Huebner; Moore; Markum; Marin; Rogers; Schlefstein; Roen

Commissioners Absent: None.

A Quorum was established.

Staff Present: Miriam Dines, Executive Secretary; Bryan Davey, Transportation Planner; Tim Beals, Executive Director

Also Present: Vickie Clark, Director, Sierra County Health and Human Services; Docia Bostrom

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Marianne Moore

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commission Action: Commissioner Marin moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Huebner. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commission Action: Commissioner Huebner moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Marin. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Birthday greetings were conveyed to Commissioner Marin.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Docia Bostrom conveyed concerns regarding the speed limit coming into Sierra City from the east, stating that people aren't slowing down and people are running into the trees at the Yuba River Inn, and requests that the speed feed signs be moved. It was reported by Supervisor Huebner that in fact new speed feedback signs are planned and west and east ends of Sierra City.

7. TRANSIT ISSUES

Mr. Davey reported that the year to date the transit program has received \$53,104 in Local Transit Funds, which is from the ¼% sales tax. Both transit providers (Incorporated Senior Citizens and Golden Rays, Inc.) are functioning well. The State Transit Assistance (STA) is

coming in as expected. There are plans to initiate a new capital project in the replacement of 2 vans, which is at the very beginning stages.

Director Clark made inquiry about what happens to decommissioned vans and it was explained that the surplus process is followed and once surplus they can be disposed of as determined (sold, inter-agency transfer, etc.). The last two were transferred to the school district and they are being utilized for the sports programs and it is working out very well.

A report was given on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting. The meeting was conducted at Sierraville School on May 11, 2018 and was well attended, including Social Services. The same definitions of "unmet needs" and "reasonable to meet" were recommended. Commissioner Huebner stated that he had attended for the first time and found the meeting to be very informative.

Chairman Roen opened the Unmet Transit Needs hearing at 10:10 a.m. With no public testimony, the hearing was closed at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Davey presented the definitions approved by the SSTAC regarding Unmet Needs and Reasonable to Meet Needs for consideration by the Commission.

Commission Action: Commissioner Huebner moved to adopt resolution establishing the definition of those transit needs that are reasonable to meet during fiscal year 2018/2019; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call, Resolution 2018-04.

Commission Action: Commissioner Schlefstein moved adopt a resolution approving the transit operation budget for FY 19 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Marin. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call. Resolution 2018-05.

8. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Davey reported that invoice for the third quarter of the fiscal year is being prepared for submittal Caltrans. Nothing unusual has come up.

The Overall Work Program for 2018-19 and OWP Agreement with Caltrans was presented for consideration after a brief explanation of the funding that will be expended, and how the work elements combine to make a single program.

Commission Action: Commissioner Huebner moved adopt a resolution approving the Overall Work Program and OWP Agreement and certifications and assurance for Fiscal Year 19; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call. Resolution 2018-06, Agreement 2018-01.

Commission Action: Commissioner Schlefstein moved adopt a resolution approving Fiscal Year 19 budget as presented; seconded by Commissioner Marin. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call. Resolution 2018-10.

9. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Mr. Davey explained that this funding is the funding that has been being used for the speed feedback signs. This year we will receive an additional \$14,000.

Commission Action: Commissioner Huebner moved adopt a resolution approving the agreement for Federal Apportionment Exchange Program Funding; seconded by Commissioner Markum. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call. Resolution 2018-08; Agreement 2018-02.

Mr. Davey reported on the 2 signs that are currently in the process for installation in Loyalton. All preliminary work is in place but we are waiting to receive the actual encroachment permits from Caltrans.

Commissioner Huebner discussed the traffic issues, with speed being a main factor, at Sierra City, stating that the 2 signs that are already in town have helped, but that there is still a great speed issue on the outer edges of town, east of Yuba River Inn, and down by Herrington's Resort. Commissioner Huebner proposed use of the new funding for installation of two additional signs in those proximities.

Ms. Bostrom asked if it would be possible to put a sign right on the curve by Yuba River Inn and east of the Kentucky Mine as well, well before town. Director Clark raised the question about speed bumps. Brief discussion ensued, including whether or not there is competing interest from other communities for such signs. It was noted that Pike, Alleghany, Calpine, and Verdi have not had speed feedback signs installed, nor has there been any requests or desire expressed by the communities to do so.

Commission Action: Commissioner Huebner moved to authorize expenditure of the Regional Surface Transportation Federal Exchange Program funds for two additional signs to be installed outside of Sierra City; seconded by Commissioner Marin. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call.

10. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AND PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

The Federal Lands Access Program update was inadvertently placed on the agenda, therefore Mr. Davey gave a brief re-cap of the processes that the SCTC and County had engaged in to no avail.

Project Study Reports were discussed; it was explained that these documents must be in place for the Commission to be able to make its best decisions with regard to programming of funds. The Sierra City Main Street, Hill Street and Campbell Hot Springs Roads are projects that will have PSRs prepared. The SCTC has not programmed any STIP funds. By preparing PSRs then there will be an estimate of project cost which will help determine whether there will be enough funding available to actually complete a project before funds are programmed for a project.

Bridge Projects Update: Mr. Davey reported there has been significant progress on the right of way discussions for the Salmon Lake Road right of way. The daughter of the owner is willing to work collaboratively on the right of way issue. It is hopeful that the right of way will be certified this year.

As reported at the May meeting, the Plumbago bridge will be one year behind the other projects as it is still in the environmental process due to the old mining properties that surround the bridge.

11. CALTRANS REPORT

Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans Planner, apologized for missing the last two meetings. He updated the Commission on the State Route 49 curves. He had visited the curves with Bryan Davey and prepared a report on 14 spots that included photos, SWTRS (Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System) information, injuries and so forth. It was sent to the signage engineers and the safety engineers found out about it and are interested. Hopefully they will look into it more and program some money into a SHOPP project to address those curves.

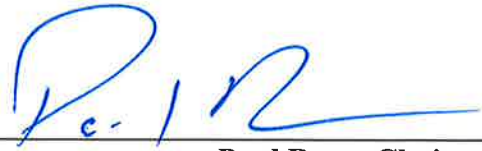
It was also reported that the State Route 395 Concept Report ended up not being funded.

12. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Mr. Davey reported that the call for projects for FTA 5311 for the next period just came out this week and was too late to place on this agenda, therefore we will need a meeting by July. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 2018, 10:00 a.m. in Sierraville.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Roen adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.



**Paul Roen, Chairman
Sierra County Transportation Commission**

ATTEST:


Miriam B. Dines, Executive Secretary