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MINUTES OF MEETING May 16, 2018

A regular teleconference meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in the Nevada County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California. The meeting was scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jan Arbuckle, Andrew Burton, Ann Guerra, Dan Miller, Valerie Moberg

Members Absent: Carolyn Wallace Dee, Ed Scofield

Staff Present: Daniel Landon, Executive Director; Mike Woodman, Deputy Executive Director; Dale Sayles, Administration Services Officer; Carol Lynn, Administrative Assistant

Standing Orders: Chair Guerra convened the Nevada County Transportation Commission meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mikos Fabersunne addressed the Commission regarding Highway 49 safety, specifically the location at W. Broad Street where pedestrians and bicycle riders cross to reach Hirschman's Pond. Mikos resides off Chief Kelly Drive near the W. Broad Street exit. He said eight residents attended the recent Transit Advisory Council meeting asking for safety measures at that location, particularly the slowing of traffic on Highway 49. He said it is presently very hazardous to cross due to the fast moving southbound traffic turning onto W. Broad Street. Mikos suggested reducing the speed limit, or having a pedestrian controlled lighted crosswalk, or installing a stop light, or installing an overcrossing or undercrossing, although that solution may be expensive and impractical. He said he would not want his children crossing that road by themselves, but he knows children like to use Hirschman's Pond. He said he would be happy to speak with a Caltrans representative about the issue.

Bruce Johnson said he also attended the Transit Advisory Council meeting and agrees with Mikos that the southbound Highway 49 W. Broad Street off ramp is dangerous due to vehicle speed. As a driver he has had many close calls at that location. He has wondered for years why something has not been done to make that area safer, and believes law enforcement does not enforce the speed limits there. He said it would be great if the exit ramp was closed off entirely and replaced with a right-hand turn lane on Highway 49 that would force people to slow down when getting onto W. Broad Street.

Ellen Hall said she also lives in the area and agrees with Mikos' assessment that it is a dangerous road for pedestrians. She said she had family visiting who wanted to go to Hirschman's Pond, and after crossing the road twice they commented it was the most dangerous thing they had ever done and do not ever want to do it again. She said it is dangerous for drivers as well, especially those who are not familiar with the location. She attended a City Council meeting six or seven years ago regarding this issue, but

the Council advised it was a Caltrans issue, and suggestions such as speed bumps or rumble strips were dismissed due to various reasons such as getting in the way of snow plows. She said city roads may not be under Caltrans jurisdiction, but drivers coming off the highway at a fast speed are. She thanked the Commission for considering anything they could do to make the area safer.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Financial Reports

February 2018 and March 2018. *Approved.*

2. NCTC Minutes

March 21, 2018 NCTC Meeting Minutes. *Approved.*

3. Revised Findings of Apportionment for FY 2018/19. Adopted Resolution 18-18 approving the Revised Findings of Apportionment for FY 2018/19.

4. Regional Surface Transportation Plan (RSTP) Bid Targets FY 2017/18. Approved the bid target table as a basis for allocation from the RSTP Fund for FY 2017/18.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Moberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Aye votes from Commissioners Arbuckle, Burton, Guerra, Miller, and Moberg. (Commissioners Dee and Scofield were absent).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Executive Director's Report

5.1 The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1)

Executive Director Landon referred to a list of SB 1 funded projects in Nevada County, and commented that if SB 1 is repealed in this November's election, this funding will not be available in the future. There were sufficient signatures submitted for inclusion on the November ballot and they are being verified.

5.2 SR 49 Stakeholders Committee Meeting

Executive Director Landon said the SR 49 Stakeholders Committee Meeting held in April was well attended and included lively discussion. He said there is a second meeting planned for May 23.

5.3 California Road Charge Pilot Program

Executive Director Landon referred to Senate Bill 1077 which looks at alternative ways to acquire highway revenues based on number of miles driven as opposed to utilizing gas taxes. He said if SB 1 is repealed, this program may be one of those considered to fund highway improvements in the state.

Chair Guerra asked since SB 1077 is fully implemented, would legislative action be needed to take the next step. Mr. Landon responded that it would. He added there was an additional bill coming forward

through the legislature that would extend the provisions and work further towards the Road Charge Program idea, but currently there are no plans for the implementation of the program at this time.

12. Project Status Report

Caltrans District 3 Project Manager Jonathan Pray reviewed the May Caltrans Project Status Report. He described the new format of the report as organized first by corridor, then in chronological order of projected construction date.

- *SR 20 – Smartsville - Safety – Shoulder widening and curve improvements* – This Smartsville project is just over the county line in Yuba County but will impact drivers who are commuting from the Grass Valley area. Construction will start this summer.
- *SR 20 – White Cloud, Lowell Hill, Omega Turnout - Safety – Shoulder widening and curve improvements, operational improvements* – White Cloud and Lowell Hill are curvy sections of Highway 20 that have a history of accidents. Safety improvements include realigning curves and widening the road. These projects are expected to be combined into one project in an effort to be more efficient with costs. Environmental studies will be completed Fall 2019. Construction is expected to start Spring 2021.
- *SR 20 – Gold Nugget - Repair pavement, drainage, sign panels, ADA facilities, and roadside planting & irrigation. Install new storm water improvement, Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts (MVPs), and shoulder widening* – Much of this project is along the Golden Center Freeway, improving asphalt, drainage, electrical, and shoulder widening. Caltrans is working on scoping the project and getting it funded.
- *SR 49 – Electrical Upgrades - Safety - Install flashing beacons at Alta Sierra Drive intersection, upgrade lighting at Brewer Road intersection, and install radar speed feedback signs at various locations* – These safety projects, initiated from the Highway 49 safety meetings, will start construction this summer.
- *SR 49 – Mother Lode Road – Superelevation correction* – This project will correct the slant of the road on a curve to keep water off the road and help keep cars on the road. This project is expected to start construction this summer. Mr. Landon commented that he recently drove on this section and could feel the effects of the superelevation on his car. He remembered a run-off-the-road accident there in the recent past and commented it was an important safety project. Mr. Pray replied drivers don't necessarily notice the superelevation but the correction will be beneficial to driver safety.
- *SR 49 – Placer County Line to Route 20 – Culvert Rehabilitation (North and South)* – The North project will start construction Spring 2019. The South project is being funded with SB 1 funds and will start construction in Spring 2021.
- *SR 49 – La Barr Meadows Road to McKnight Way – Widen SR 49 to a four-lane highway with a continuous median/left-turn lane and 8-foot shoulders* – This STIP project is moving forward with environmental studies, and there will be another meeting to present alternatives to the public for comment and a preferred alternative will be selected. Construction is scheduled for Fall 2022. Mr. Landon commented the project is in PA&ED, Project Approval & Environmental Documentation, and the design is in PS&E, Plan Specifications & Estimates. He said a couple of

years ago the Commission set aside \$6 million for the environmental work and \$6 million for the design work, and the goal is to make this project attractive to future funding and be ready for construction sooner. He added there is a new federal opportunity for grant funding, the INFRA grant which Mr. Pray said they had applied for and should hear back this summer. Caltrans is also looking into applying for a Build grant. Mr. Pray said they are optimistic about the funding possibilities.

- *SR 49 – La Barr Meadows Road to McKnight Way – Widen shoulders, construct two-way left-turn lane, southbound right-turn lane, and northbound truck climbing lane, install transportation management system elements, rehab pavement, and rehab culverts* – This SHOPP project is incremental toward the future widening project, and if funds become available, it may be combined with the widening project. If it is done ahead of the widening project, it will be incorporated into that project. The project is waiting to be programmed into the 2020 SHOPP.
- *SR 49 – Wolf Road/Combie Road – Safety - Construct acceleration lanes* – This project for the acceleration lane at the Wolf/Combie intersection will hopefully reduce collisions by giving drivers time to get up to speed when merging onto Highway 49. The project will hopefully be funded soon.
- *SR 49 – Round Valley Road – Safety - Construct two-way left-turn lane* – This project for the two-way left-turn lanes for better access at Quail Creek Drive and Round Valley Road is scheduled for construction in Spring 2020.
- *I-80 – Near Truckee from east of Kingvale Undercrossing to 0.2 mile west of Union Mills Bridge – Remove metal beam guard rail and replace with concrete barrier* – This project is expected to complete design in Fall 2018.
- *I-80 – Truckee at the Donner Pass Inspection Facility and at Floriston at the Floriston Sand and Salt Houses – Replace Sand House* - This contract was recently awarded and construction is expected to be completed by December 2019.
- *I-80 – Near Truckee from east of Floriston Road to west of Farad Undercrossing – Stabilize cut slope* - This project near the state line is in the early stages of preliminary design and environmental studies.
- *In Glenn, Colusa and Nevada Counties at various locations. One location is at the Donner Safety Roadside Rest Area – In response to the Governor's order, this project proposes to install Zero Emission Vehicle charging stations at select Safety Roadside Rest Areas* – The design is almost complete but construction funding will not be available until Winter 2018/2019.
- *SR 174 – at Brunswick Road – Install intersection lighting* – This project at the Brunswick Y is expected to complete construction soon.
- *SR 174 - Safety Improvement from Maple Way to You Bet Road - Realign curves, widen shoulders, add a left-turn lane at Greenhorn Access Road, and improve the clear recovery zone* – As a result of meetings with the Save 174 subcommittee, Caltrans has reevaluated the proposed design and found every area where the impacts can be minimized while still meeting the purpose and need of reducing the number and severity of the run off road collisions in this area. Specifically, side slopes were steepened, right of way lines were moved to the top and bottom of

slopes (instead of 10' further), clear recovery zone requirements were eliminated, a paved gutter was used on the cut side to eliminate the need for a drainage ditch, and the 3 foot rock shoulder on the fill side was reduced to 2 feet. These revisions made a significant reduction in the overall width impacted by the improvements. The design team is currently re-doing the design and right-of-way maps. Negotiations with individual property owners are expected to begin this summer.

- *SR 174 – Grass Valley from Park Street to Highway 20 – Upgrade ADA infrastructure including curb ramps, cross slopes, driveways, etc* – Caltrans is completing cultural and other environmental studies while also working with the City of Grass Valley to relinquish this section of highway (as well as Hansen and Tinloy streets) to the city.
- *SR 49, 89, 174 – Remove dead trees that have been killed by the bark beetle* – Caltrans will be removing trees this summer that have died due to the drought and bark beetle and therefore may adversely impact the highway.

Mr. Pray hoped the Commission enjoys the new format of the Caltrans Project Report. Chair Guerra affirmed that they do.

ACTION ITEM

7. Final FY 2018/19 Overall Work Program (OWP).

Executive Director Landon said the Grass Valley City Council requested a traffic intersection analysis at the “triangle” location on Hansen and Tinloy streets in Grass Valley. In response a grant application was submitted and subsequently awarded for funding, and the project will be included in the OWP for the next fiscal year. NCTC staff will be engaging a consultant to look at operational and safety improvements. Mr. Landon said a key factor in the awarding of the grant was Caltrans providing an aerial photograph showing red dots for every accident location, three of which were at the primary exit point from Hennessey School. Grass Valley City Council also requested \$125,000 in funding for bicycle facility improvements and will submit a claim at the next meeting. Commissioner Burton asked how Grass Valley planned to use the bicycle funds. Mr. Landon replied he hadn’t seen the claim yet but he thought it was for bicycle improvements along the Wolf Creek Trail.

Mr. Landon said the Town of Truckee requested funding for the update of their Traffic Model. NCTC does utilize Truckee’s Traffic Model in their regional planning processes and has assisted them financially in the past, so Mr. Landon said Truckee’s request for funding will be included in a future Commission meeting.

Mr. Landon said NCTC staff are working on solutions to concerns from Nevada City residents involving safety crossing issues along Highway 49. The Active Transportation Plan combines pedestrian and bicycle facilities into a single plan and makes the county eligible for state funding for those projects, so a consultant will look at potential projects that could be included in the plan.

Mr. Landon said the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution supporting the projects included in the OWP. Comments from Caltrans have been integrated, and staff believes the OWP is ready for approval and moving into the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Arbuckle made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-19 approving the Final FY 2018/19 Overall Work Program. Commissioner Moberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

with Aye votes from Commissioners Arbuckle, Burton, Guerra, Miller, and Moberg. (Commissioners Dee and Scofield were absent).

8. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director, Daniel B. Landon.

Chair Guerra convened the Closed Session at 10:08 a.m. The Commissioners and Executive Director Landon went into a private conference room.

Chair Guerra reconvened the NCTC meeting at 10:13 a.m. in the Chambers. She stated no reportable action was taken in the Closed Session.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no additional announcements.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the NCTC will be July 18, 2018 at the Town of Truckee Council Chambers, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA, starting at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chair Guerra called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Arbuckle made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Carol Lynn, Administrative Assistant

Approved on:

July 18, 2018

By:



Ann Guerra, Chair

Nevada County Transportation Commission