

# ***RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION***

## **MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Jeff Stone at 9:35 a.m., in the Board Room at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, Commissioner Dick Kelly led the Commission in a flag salute.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

#### **Commissioners/Alternates Present**

Marion Ashley	Jeff Miller
Roger Berg	Bob Magee
Bob Botts	Gordon Moller
Daryl Busch	Basem Muallem
Bob Buster	Patrick J. Mullany
Chris Carlson	Yvonne Parks
Joseph DeConinck	Jeff Stone
Ginny Foat	John F. Tavaglione
Eduardo Garcia	Roy Wilson
Rick Gibbs	John Zaitz
Frank Hall	
Terry Henderson	
Dick Kelly	
Robin Lowe	

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Steve Adams  
John Chlebnik  
Gregory Pettis  
Ron Roberts  
Frank West  
Michael H. Wilson

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Stone and John Standiford, Deputy Executive Director, presented Claudia Chase, Property Administrator, with an employee service award commemorating 20 years of service with the Commission.

Claudia Chase expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work at the Commission for the past 20 years.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 9 AND FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**M/S/C (Berg/Carlson) to approve the minutes of January 9 and February 13, 2008, as submitted.**

**6. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

John Standiford announced for Agenda Item 7J, *"Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds to Public Transit Operators"*, as it relates to Recommendation Number 2, the Corona City Council approved the Short Range Transit Plan amendment to reflect an increase in capital expenditures.

Due to a request to speak from the public on Agenda Item 7G, *"City of Corona Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Programming Request for Additional Funding for the Foothill Parkway Extension Project from Paseo Grande to Lincoln Avenue"*, John Standiford provided an overview of the city of Corona (Corona) Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) programming request for additional funding for the Foothill Parkway extension project from Paseo Grande to Lincoln Avenue.

Garry Grant, Meadowbrook area resident, expressed concern for the oversight of the project and the effects of future developments in other areas due to the cost increase of this project.

John Standiford explained the total amount of funds that this project will receive has not changed. The funds that Corona will receive for construction will be reduced and reallocated to right-of-way. Corona will need to make up for the difference on the construction portion for this project.

**M/S/C (R. Wilson/Foat) to approve the following Consent Calendar items:**

**7A. AGREEMENTS WITH MCGLADREY AND PULLEN, LLP AND MAYER HOFFMAN MCCANN P.C. FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE COMMISSION AND FOR THE MEASURE A RECIPIENTS/TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIMANTS**

- 1) Award Agreement No. 08-19-075-00 to McGladrey and Pullen, LLP to perform audit services related to the Commission in the amount of \$363,950, plus a contingency amount of \$36,050 for additional services that may be required in connection with debt offerings and other transactions, for a total contract award of \$400,000;
- 2) Award Agreement No. 08-19-074-00 to Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. to perform audit services related to the Commission's Measure A recipients/Transportation Development Act (TDA) claimants in the amount of \$589,218, plus a contingency amount of \$50,782 for additional services that may be required due to additional recipients or claimants to be audited, for a total contract award of \$640,000; and
- 3) Authorize the Chair, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the agreements on behalf of the Commission.

**7B. MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Approve an increase of \$122,000 in Fiscal Year 2007/08 expenditures for mid-year budget adjustments.

**7C. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Receive and file the Quarterly Financial Statements for the quarter ended December 31, 2007.

**7D. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2007.

**7E. SINGLE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Receive and file the Single Signature Authority Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2007.

**7F. MEASURE A WESTERN COUNTY REGIONAL ARTERIAL CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Receive and file the status of Measure A Western County regional arterial call for projects.

**7G. CITY OF CORONA TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE PROGRAMMING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE FOOTHILL PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT FROM PASEO GRANDE TO LINCOLN AVENUE**

- 1) Approve the city of Corona's request to increase the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) regional arterial funds for the right-of-way phase on the Foothill Parkway extension project from \$2 million to \$12 million;
- 2) Approve an increase for expenditures of \$10 million in the FY 2007/08 budget; and
- 3) Amend the TUMF agreement.

**7H. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PERRIS VALLEY LINE STATION DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY LIST**

Approve the evaluation criteria for the Perris Valley Line (PVL) Station Development Priority List.

**7I. COMMUTER RAIL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Receive and file an update on the Commuter Rail Program as an information item.

**7J. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT FUNDS AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS**

- 1) Allocate Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funds in the amount of \$210,000 to the city of Corona, \$990,000 to the city of Riverside, \$1 million to the Commission's Commuter Rail Program, and \$4,020,564 to SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine), and allocate \$8,877,273 in PTMISEA funding and \$3,622,727 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) to enable these transit operators to procure vehicles and equipment and fund facility improvements;

- 2) Approve amendments to the city of Corona (pending City Council approval March 5, 2008), city of Riverside, and the Commission's Commuter Rail Program FY 2007/08 Short Range Transit Plans (SRTP) to reflect an increase in capital expenditures in the amount of \$210,000, \$990,000, and \$1 million respectively;
- 3) Approve amendment No. 3 to the RTA and SunLine FY 2007/08 SRTPs to reflect an increase in capital expenditures in the amounts of \$12.5 million and \$4,020,564, respectively; and
- 4) Approve a budget amendment for a \$3,622,727 increase to STA expenditures in FY 2007/08.

**7K. PROPOSED AUGMENTATION TO THE FARE BOX RECOVERY POLICY**

- 1) Review and approve the addition of the definition of Operating Costs to Calculate Farebox Ratios to the Fare Box Recovery Policy;
- 2) Review and approve the addition of the definition of Capital-Related Expenses Below Capitalization Thresholds to the Fare Box Recovery Policy; and
- 3) Review and approve the addition of the definition of Operating Cost Exclusions and Exemptions to the Fare Box Recovery Policy.

**7L. COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND USDA FOREST SERVICE, CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST FOR THE PROPOSED IRVINE-CORONA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT**

- 1) Approve Agreement 07-65-157-01, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 07-65-157-00, with the USDA Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest for the proposed Irvine-Corona Expressway project in an amount of \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$313,568; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission.

**7M. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Receive and file the State Legislative Update.

## **8. PROPOSED POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 BUDGET**

Theresa Trevino, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the budget process and presented the budget goals and objectives for FY 2008/09 and highlighted the following areas:

- Goals and objectives;
- Changes – mobility, goods movement, environmental stewardship, economic development, transportation choices, communications and other; and
- Next steps of the budget approval process.

Commissioner Chris Carlson expressed concern for the removal of the economic development goals as Measure A designates \$40 million in funding for economic development to help with the economic development objectives related to transportation. She asked what will guide the use of those funds if the goals are removed from the budget. She asked that staff develop goals and guidelines in order to deal with the \$40 million in economic development funding and that staff to bring those goals and guidelines to the Budget and Implementation Committee for review. She stated that she believes there are key objective projects that could be seeding to future economic development initiatives.

Theresa Trevino explained the specific programs in Measure A are woven into the other goals that can be expanded.

Commissioner Dick Kelly expressed concern that there are no economic development goals included in the Commission's budget goals and objectives as he believes the Commission has the greatest impact on economic development for Riverside County. He pleaded that there needs to be economic development goals.

Commissioner Robin Lowe clarified that the economic development program was included Measure A that was passed by the voters. She compared this to the commitment made to the voters on the State Route 74 curve into the San Jacinto Valley that has not been met. The Commission needs to ensure its commitments are met to ensure continued support from its constituents.

Theresa Trevino clarified that the economic development program is not being eliminated. As for the goals for the FY 2008/09 budget, economic development is not called out as a specific goal.

Chair Stone replied that the removal of the economic development goals has diluted the importance of economic development as a forefront of the goals of this Commission and would like it returned to the goals and objectives.

Commissioner Lowe concurred with Chair Stone's comments and stated the importance of emphasizing the economic development goals.

John Standiford replied staff will reinsert the economic development goals into the FY 2008/09 budget goals and objectives. He stated that no action has been taken on the \$40 million for economic development. He explained that staff's thought was economic development in many ways guides transportation in that most transportation investments have an economic development benefit.

**M/S/C to approve the proposed Commission Policy Goals and Objectives for the FY 2008/09 Budget.**

## **9. UPDATE ON THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

John Standiford updated the Commission on the Transportation Corridor Infrastructure Fund (TCIF) and highlighted the following areas:

- TCIF overview;
- Southern California Consensus Group;
- CTC staff recommendation;
- Riverside County projects;
- CTC funding recommendation by project; and
- Next steps.

In response to Commissioner Bob Buster's question regarding the additional time that was given to agencies in order to work with the railroads negotiating improvements in commuter rail access through Colton Crossing, John Standiford replied that CTC staff has acknowledged the limitation that there has not been any sort of negotiated agreement between the railroads, the state, and commuter rail operations. He stated that the Commission needs to be involved in the negotiations because the Commission has a contractual obligation to help fund the Colton Crossing so that this public investment results in some sort of public benefit.

Additionally, Commissioner Buster asked if the Perris Valley Line would be included in those discussions.

John Standiford confirmed that the discussions will include the Perris Valley Line because the area of concern as it relates to the Commission's contract that impacts Colton Crossing essentially runs from Downtown Riverside into San Bernardino.

Commissioner Buster asked for a status report concerning the municipal bonds and the potential impact on the Commission.

John Standiford replied staff will bring an update to the Budget and Implementation Committee and forward to the Commission.

**M/S/C (Henderson/Miller) to receive an update on the Transportation Corridor Infrastructure Fund.**

**10. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION**

**11. COMMISSIONERS/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**11A.** Commissioner Terry Henderson thanked staff for a successful 2008 Commission Workshop.

**11B.** Commissioner Kelly announced opening of a new road connecting Portola Avenue to Dinah Shore Drive in Palm Desert.

**11C.** Commissioner Jeff Miller announced that in the city of Corona, Caltrans completed a lane drop fix on SR-91 using existing pavement and restriping. This is the first project to use excess toll revenues to fund a project outside Orange County.

**11D.** Chair Stone:

- Provided an update on the trip to Sacramento to communicate the importance of keeping \$50 million in the President's budget for the Perris Valley Line extension, which was met with unanimous support from the U.S. Senators and Representatives; and
- Provided an update on the meeting with Senator Barbara Boxer regarding a town hall meeting on goods movement.

- 11E.** John Standiford announced an event being held on Friday, March 14, 2008, sponsored by the Commission honoring the Big Horn County Club for its participation in the Commission's Commuter Assistance Program in the Coachella Valley.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: RCTC – Executive Director or Designee

Property: APN 305-060-019

Property Owner/Negotiator: John Patterson

Commissioners Busch, Buster, Magee, Stone, and Tavaglione recused themselves from the Closed Session.

There were no announcements for the Closed Session item.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration by the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2008, in the Board Room at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, 92501.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Harmon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

Jennifer Harmon  
Clerk of the Board