

APPROVED MINUTES

SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (MPO)
Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 4:00 p.m.
City of Anderson Council Chambers,
1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California.

(Note: These minutes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, but rather as a record of meeting time, place and attendance; the order and general nature of discussion; Agency deliberations; and action taken, if any.)

Agency Members Clarke, Connick, Hawes, Hartman, Stegall, Murray and Palmer were present. Agency Member Goekler was absent.

1. **Call to Order:**

Chair Hawes called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. **Staff Introductions**

3. **Public Comment Period:**

There was no one who wished to speak during the Public Comment Period.

Consent Calendar

4-1 **Minutes of October 24, 2006, RTPA Meeting**

4-2 **Future RTPA Meeting Schedule Through December 2007 - Information Only**

4-3 **Appoint Members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) - Consider Approval**

4-4 **Authorize the Executive Officer to Sign Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grant Applications**

By motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the items on the Consent Calendar were approved.

Regular Calendar

5. **Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Projects (Public Hearing)**

Executive Officer Dan Little explained that this is a \$4.5 billion grant program within the \$19.925 billion in Proposition 1B. This program holds the greatest promise to get projects funded in Shasta County. Eligible projects for this program are projects on the state highway system,

preferably focus routes which are the main routes of state significance in Shasta County. These are State Route 44 and State Route 299 West. Other eligibility criteria is that the projects have to start construction by 2012 and need to be nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), and/or Caltrans headquarters. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) came out with guidelines for this program. The guidelines divide the state into regions with Shasta County being part of the twelve county North State Region. Within the twelve county area there is a funding target of between \$202 million and \$486 million. According to the guidelines a prioritized list of projects has to be adopted by January 15, 2006. There is a list of eight projects that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had consensus on with the intent that all eight of them be nominated. The projects are: Dana to Downtown-SR 44, I-5 Widening-Bonnyview to SR 44, I-5 Transportation Management System, I-5 Cottonwood Hills, Stillwater-SR 44, I-5/SR 44 Direct Connector, I-5 Widening-Bonnyview to Riverside, and the Buckhorn Grade. Trinity County has asked Shasta County to back the Buckhorn Grade Project, in return they will support some of Shasta County's projects. Dan continued to explain that the twelve county region met yesterday and came up with a consensus and will come up with a letter listing the priorities for the entire north state region, which could go a long ways with the CTC.

No one spoke during the public comment period.

By motion made and seconded (Murray/Connick) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

6. **Amendment #1 of the FY 2006/2007 Overall Work Program to Include the Shasta Area Regional Blueprint Plan**

Executive Officer Dan Little noted that there is a letter that officially approves the grant. Caltrans stated in a phone call that of all the MPO's, Shasta County's grant application was the best one and had the highest percentage of funding recommended out of all the grants.

Staff member Dan Wayne explained that he was giving an update and requesting to amend the fiscal year 06/07 Overall Work Program (OWP) to add the Shasta Area Blueprint Plan. Out of \$384,000 requested, \$375,000 was received. Letters of support and a generous local match toward implementation efforts likely helped in the evaluation of grant applications. Dan indicated that at a future point and time staff may return to amend the work element to include some additional detail requested by Blueprint program administrators. Dan noted that it is anticipated that \$83,000 will be expended in fiscal year 06/07 and the

balance will be placed in our reserve for work done in FY 07/08.

By motion made and seconded (Clarke/Stegall) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

7. Amendment #2 of the FY 2006/2007 Overall Work Program to Include Fix 5 Partnership Study

Staff member Dan Wayne explained that, as directed by the Board in October, staff published an RFP for the project. A pre-proposal conference was held and attended by nine firms of which a portion of these firms are expected to submit a proposal. Proposals are due on December 15, 2006. A proposal evaluation committee has been assembled and as soon as the proposals are received they will be distributed. It is anticipated that the top ranking firm will be presented to the Board at the February 27 meeting. Dan noted that the total project grant amount is \$585,000. Of that amount \$100,000 in State Planning Research (SPR) funds are planned to be expended in this fiscal year. In addition to that, \$25,000 in FHWA carryover will be used for staff time.

Discussion was held concerning the RFP and additional tasks (add ons).

By motion made and seconded (Hartman/Comnick) the staff recommendation passed unanimously.

8. Executive Officer Report

Executive Officer Dan Little explained the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) augmentation and that Proposition 1B resulted in \$11 million for Shasta County.

Executive Officer Dan Little presented outgoing Agency members John Mathena and Trish Clarke with plaques in recognition of their service on the RTPA.

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Hawes adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel S. Little, Executive Officer

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