



Meeting Summary

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

CAMARILLO CITY HALL
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo
Shaun Kroes, City of Moorpark
Farhad Zaltash, City of Oxnard
Butch Britt, City of Port Hueneme
Joh Ilasin, City of Santa Paula
Tom Mericle, City of Ventura (Chair)
Cliff Finley, City of Thousand Oaks
David Fleisch, County of Ventura
John Demers, Port of Hueneme

Fred Bral, Caltrans
Ben Cacatian, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
Matt Miller, Gold Coast Transit District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Fillmore
City of Ojai
City of Simi Valley
California Highway Patrol

VCTC STAFF PRESENT:

Peter De Haan, Program Director
Judy Johnduff, Program Analyst

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mericle called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. De Haan requested that those agencies that have not submitted membership designation letters to please do so at their earliest convenience.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Item 7 was taken before Item 6 and Item 11 was postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION

Finley moved, seconded by Britt, to approve the September 15, 2016 and October 20, 2016 meeting minutes. Fleish abstained from voting on the October meeting minutes. Kroes abstained from both votes.

ITEM 6 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES

It was requested that the City of Camarillo reserve the library on January 24, 2017, April 11, 2017, and June 20, 2017 for the quarterly meeting.

Mr. De Haan said that there are PowerPoints for A&E trainings are available on the Department of Transportation website and that the links will be forwarded to the Committee.

The Federal Aid series will be held June 12 – 16, 2017 at 100 South Main Street, Room 01.037 in Los Angeles.

ITEM 7 SANTA PAULA BIKE PATH PROJECT FUNDING INCREASE – For Action

Mr. De Haan gave a brief history of the funding for the Santa Paula Bike Path. He said that the initial project included pedestrian and bike paths to traverse the railroad tracks, which were removed from the project due to a lack of funds but have been reintroduced and additional funding is requested since

Discussion

Mr. Fleish asked if it is policy to provide additional funding when bids come in higher than the estimates and funds available. He said that more than 1/3 of the project is being funded outside of the competitive Call For Projects process. Mr. Fleish said that the project scope

was reduced in 2011 because of the bid responses and a lack of funding but it is being resubmitted with the original scope. He would like to see a competitive process because other agencies also have projects that could benefit from the \$824,834. He asked if the scope of the project would be reduced if the funding was not approved by TTAC.

Chair Mericle asked if the crossing are for bicycles or vehicles and whether or not the project could wait until after a competitive Call For Projects in 2017

Mr. Demers asked if the project was located on a Right of Way and included maintenance.

Mr. Finely said that the project would likely get the funding through the Call For Projects process as it's an existing project.

Mr. Britt said this is a VCTC project and the City of Santa Paula should not be penalized for facilitating the project.

Mr. Ilasin responded that the City of Santa Paul is asking for \$824,834, which includes ten percent contingency. He said that there are ten crossing that are located on VCTC easements. He said that this is a VCTC project and that the City of Santa Paula is facilitating the project. He said that the City of Santa Paula wants to finish the project, which includes pavement approaches, concrete panels, and ADA elements. Mr. Ilasin said that although they are railroad crossings for vehicles, it is a bike path project to allow cyclist to cross the tracks without shifting into the road and that this is a priority project for the City of Santa Paula.

ACTION

Britt moved, seconded by Kroes to approve programming of \$824,834 in CMAQ funds to cover the unanticipated additional cost to award the contract to complete the Santa Paula Bike Trail project and that the City of Santa Paula will be precluded from competing for additional CMAQ funds during the next Call For Projects.

TTAC supported the staff recommendation but requested the following stipulations:

- That it be understood that VCTC will not consider any further cost increases to this project; and,
- That this project cost increase be considered to have been Santa Paula's top priority application for the upcoming call for CMAQ projects.

ITEM 8

CALTRANS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW INTERIM GUIDANCE

Mr. De Haan said that SB 743, passed by the Legislature in 2013, requires that environmental documents not use Level of Service (LOS) for measuring impact but instead use Vehicle-miles Travelled (VMT). He said that the Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR) is currently developing guidelines to implement this legal requirement. He said that Caltrans has posted interim guidance governing its review of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents but the California Transportation Commission (CTC) objected to this regulatory action being taken without the opportunity for public input as well as the action being taken in advance of the OPR regulations. He said that the CTC will be sending a letter to Caltrans and there is no indication whether or not Caltrans will take in response to the CTC's letter. Mr. De Haan stated that the Caltrans guidance is currently in effect.

ITEM 9 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 3 CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE/ INFORMATION ON ADVANCING FUNDS FOR ATP PROJECT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Ms. Johnduff updated the Committee on the ATP Cycle 3 Call for Projects. She said that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the staff recommendation to fund 40 projects totaling approximately \$132M across the state. She said that several jurisdictions within Ventura County submitted a total of seven project application with five of them benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and six supporting Safe Routes to School. She said that although none of the projects submitted were awarded funds, they have been forwarded to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for further consideration under the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Program in which Ventura County's population share is roughly \$2.4M.

Ms. Johnduff added that in an effort to improve the timely delivery of ATP project, the CTC will allow local agencies to receive an early allocation for the design or construction projects if they are programmed in a later year as long as funds are available. She said that local agencies are encouraged to submit an early allocation request in order to allow more time to complete the design work.

ITEM 10 STATUS OF DELEGATION TO CALTRANS OF NEPA APPROVAL

De Haan said that without the legislature it's not going forward... legislature resuming in January. Staff not able to review NEPA docs for California.

Mr. De Haan gave a status update on the delegation to Caltrans of NEPA approval. He said that on December 31' 2016, the legislative authority for the delegation of NEPA approval authority to Caltrans will expire. He said that the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans have posted a Memorandum of Understanding to extend the NEPA delegation but this MOU cannot become effective until the Legislature acts in January 2017.

FHWA has indicated that although years ago it approved all California NEPA documents it is no longer staffed for that purpose and therefore will be unable to certify any documents after it is given that responsibility on January 1st. Since the Legislature will not meet until after that date, any Caltrans NEPA document not certified by Caltrans by December 31st, will not get certified until there has been legislative action to address the issue.

Assembly Transportation Chair Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) has introduced a new bill, AB 28, to provide the required legislative authorization to extend the NEPA delegation. Caltrans executive staff has expressed confidence that this bill will be moved through the Legislature quickly enough to minimize project delays.

ITEM 11 A CAMARILLO'S SANTA ROSA ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

This item was postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ITEM 12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2017 Meeting Calendar and Election of Officers (January)
- Bicycle Wayfinding Study (January)
- Issues or Topics for Caltrans Quarterly Meetings
 - Review process of City of Thousand Oaks' projects
- City of Camarillo's Santa Rosa Road Widening Project
- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Congestion Management Program – New VMT Standard

ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mericle adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

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