# NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

May 18, 2011 4:30 P.M. STANCOG BOARD ROOM 1111 I STREET, SUITE 308, MODESTO CA www.stancounty.com/publicworks

Directors Present:

Virginia Madueño, William O'Brien, Pat Paul, Jim Ridenour, and Terry Withrow

Also Present:

Ex-Officios: Vince Harris and Dinah Bortner

Authority Manager: Matt Machado Legal Counsel: Thomas Boze

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William O'Brien called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

# 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 26, 2011 MEETING

There was one correction; Pat Paul was in attendance (in place of Katherine Morgan) at the April 26, 2011 meeting. The meeting minutes were approved. *On Motion of Pat Paul / Seconded by Virginia Madueño. All in favor – 4/0.* Terry Withrow was not present during the voting.

### 3. AGENDA ITEMS

# a. Project Update (INFORMATION)

- Kris Balaji from Jacobs gave the project update.
- Public Outreach Update: The next Community Focus Group (CFG) is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the StanCOG Board Room, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto.
- A Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Riverbank Community Center, 3600 Santa Fe Street, Riverbank. This meeting is being held to give the public an opportunity to view maps and other displays about the proposed preliminary alignments, and general information about the project. A stenographer will be there to record comments.
- Traffic Update: Traffic forecasting methodology and assumptions have been approved by Caltrans. The Project Development Team (PDT) met this morning and concurred with the recommendations made by the Caltrans Traffic Department. We have begun the traffic forecasting work.
- Environmental Update: We have presented the environmental study limits. Technical studies have begun on the western end of the project where a majority of the Permission to Enter (PTE) letters have been obtained. Yesterday, the Agency 6002 Coordination Plan meeting was well represented with good communications. A comment from the EPA was that this was the best 6002 Agency meeting that they ever had
- Design Update: Still in discussions on the access points to the proposed facility with Caltrans. Once comments are addressed and the PDT approves it, we will be sharing this information.

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Questions were asked and answered.

#### b. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule (MOTION)

- Matt Machado said this is a two part issue: 1) The every other month schedule allows us more time to work with Caltrans with review times, 2) As we move into the environmental document phase, our meetings will be more meaningful if we meet on alternate months.
- On the new meeting schedule, the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011. However we typically review the new budget in June so we will need to meet on June 15, 2011 specifically for budget approval to remain in compliance with our JPA.
- Chairman O'Brien noted the location for future meetings will be at Tenth Street Place, which means the meetings need to be adjourned by 5:50 p.m. in order for members to be able to attend the 6:00 p.m. StanCOG meetings.
- The motion was approved to accept the new meeting schedule. *On Motion of Terry Withrow / Seconded by Virginia Madueño. All in favor 5/0.*

# 4. AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Assembly Bill 286 legislation made it through the California Transportation Commission hearing and Senate Appropriations and passed unanimously. Tomorrow it will be heard on the floor of the Assembly, then to the Senate, and eventually to the Governor.
- Had a focus group meeting with Conagra today. One outcome is that we will engage the Water Quality Control Board at the state level to understand what the concerns are.
- Working on scheduling a focus group meeting with the City of Oakdale and Mayor Paul's staff to understand some of the land use issues and general plan updates.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

• Comments were made throughout the meeting.

# 6. **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

• None.

# 7. EX-OFFICIO'S REPORTS

Dinah Bortner said that Caltrans has had a number of people representing them at these meetings. This has not been a desirable situation. She has made a personal commitment to be involved through the foreseeable future.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman O'Brien advised that the next scheduled meeting would be on July 20, 2011 at Tenth Street Place. He also advised that there may be a special meeting on June 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the StanCOG Board Room, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

ATTESTED: MATT MACHADO, Authority Manager of the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority

#### BY: KEIMI ESPINOZA, Confidential Assistant

(The above is a summary of the minutes. Complete minutes are available from the Authority Manager, Matt Machado. An audiotape of the entire meeting is available.)

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There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matthew Machado, Authority Manager of the North County Corridor Transportation Authority

COUNTERSIGNED BY:

William O'Brien, Chairman of the

North County Corridor Transportation Authority