## NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

## **MEETING MINUTES**

September 19, 2012 4:30 P.M. *TENTH STREET PLACE BOARD CHAMBERS* 1010 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MODESTO CA www.stancounty.com/publicworks

Directors Present: Virginia Madueño, Garrad Marsh, William O'Brien, Pat Paul, and Terry Withrow

Also Present: Ex-Officios: Dinah Bortner and Carlos Yamzon 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 May 16, 2012 MEETINGS

The meeting minutes were approved. On Motion of Pat Paul / Seconded by Virginia Madueño. All in favor – 5/0.

## 3. AGENDA ITEMS

## a. Project Updates (INFORMATION ONLY)

- Matt Machado began the project updates. Two critical items have developed since our last meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Alternative C has been removed for consideration due to technical reasons. Memorandum dated June 20, 2012 will be posted on the NCC website.
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will not accept our report due to inadequate rainfall for the 2011-2012 winter-spring sampling season. Letter dated June 4, 2012 will be posted on the NCC website.
- Kris Balaji provided the updates. There are two corrections under Environmental Update. "Technical studies continue for the project <u>east</u> of McHenry. The environmental studies <u>west</u> of McHenry are on hold until the current project rescoping is completed." Technical studies are in various stages of completion.
- Design Update Geometric review comments received from Caltrans on the Preliminary Geometric Plans have been addressed, and the updated plans have been submitted for Caltrans second review.
- Traffic Update Traffic forecasts were prepared for the Hybrid Alternative and they have been reviewed and approved by the local agencies and Caltrans.
- Public Outreach Update We will have another Community Focus Group (CFG) meeting after the following are accomplished. The traffic forecasting number is completed, we discuss with Caltrans and have their consent, and the PDT approves the project limits.

#### b. Board 2013 Meeting Schedule (MOTION)

- Matt Machado proposed to have the 2013 NCC TEA Board meeting schedule approved.
- On Motion of Garrad Marsh / Seconded by Pat Paul. All in favor 5/0.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were questions and answers regarding the lack of rainfall and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service rejection of our report.
- Support for making Kiernan work was discussed as was the support to delete and not to study Alternative C.
- Objections and concerns to study the South Stearns area were voiced.

## 5. AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT

• Matt Machado clarified the decision making process and the timing of this project. The environmental process will guide us through to the final decision. Caltrans will make the final decision on the route based on facts such as impacts on people, environment, etc. The timing is not exact, but it could be three years away. Once the environmental draft document is completed and available, it will be a solid year just to collect and respond to comments.

#### 6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

• None.

#### 7. EX-OFFICIO'S REPORTS

• Dinah Bortner introduced Sam Sherman from Caltrans. Sam is our newest Project Manager.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

• Chairman O'Brien advised that the next scheduled meeting would be on November 21, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at Tenth Street Place. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 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. An audio recording of the entire meeting is available.)

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There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 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

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