



DATE: June 7, 2013

MEMO TO: North County Corridor TAC

FROM: Colt Esenwein, NCC Project Manager

SUBJECT: North County Corridor Technical Advisory Committee (NCC TAC)
Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2013

In attendance:

Kathleen Cleek, City of Riverbank
Bryan Whitemyer, City of Oakdale
Jeff Barnes, City of Modesto
Carlos Yamzon, StanCOG
Rosa Park, StanCOG
Kris Balaji, Jacobs Engineering
Matt Machado, NCC Authority Manager
Colt Esenwein, Stanislaus County

Members of the public:

J.R. Robinson
Steve Burke
Vance Kennedy
Denny Jackman
George Hansen
Marie Hansen
Gary Darpinian
Jason Godkin
Mark Stone
Gil Bostwick

The NCC TAC meeting began at 3:05 p.m. on June 4, 2013 in Conference Room 3001, 3rd floor, 1010 10th St., Modesto, CA.

The meeting was called order. Colt Esenwein was appointed Chair and Kathleen Cleek Vice Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee. The minutes of the February 5, 2013 Meeting were approved (Motion Yamzon/Second Machado).

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The biological studies are on hold because of the weather. It was reported at the last JPA meeting that the fairy shrimp studies were going to be completed, but 20 new pools were found and studied during the wet season and need to be surveyed this summer to complete the studies. We again did not have sufficient rainfall to study the Tiger Salamanders this season which will be addressed with the re-scoping of the project.

Traffic forecasting has been completed and the new numbers seem to support the re-scoping of the project to an expressway.

4a

Caltrans is currently reviewing the traffic forecasts and has committed to making findings as early as today and present them in tomorrow's PDT meeting. Caltrans has to approve moving forward with the re-scoping of the project.

4b

The new modified 'B' alignment follows a natural bluff line and ties in to the 4-lane section of State Route 120. It still splits the Burchell property, but seems to make good sense. The new alignment mostly avoids the wetlands.

Colt and Matt met with four families to talk about the three new property owners affected by the potential modification of the 'B' alignment. Half of them thought the project was ok/needed, the other half were very concerned.

The new modified alignment still needs to be engineered and studied to really figure out what the affects will be and we are still in the middle of re-scoping the project.

There were questions from those in attendance regarding what prompted the change, will the change slow the project and whether other city general plans affect the outcome of the NCC.

The change is an effort to make the 'B' alternative the best alternative it can be. The change will require additional studies and work, but the big delay to the project is the weather and lack of rain which delays the study of the Tiger Salamander. The NCC is independent and separate of the city's general plans, though we hope that the cities will adopt resolutions in favor of the NCC and preferred alternatives.

4c

There have been questions recently and at the JPA asking if we're doing enough for the future. The county is currently buying right of way for widening of Claribel from McHenry to Oakdale. New development gets no access on expressways. We need to work with all of the agencies involved and get some stronger language in our general plans to not allow access on expressways. Modesto is currently updating their general plan. The county is upgrading Claribel to a class 'A' expressway

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There were comments from those in attendance about the difficulty of dealing with developers and restricting access to expressways. How are we going to restrict access all the way to State Route 99? New development will cure existing access issues.


The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. (motion Machado, second Yamzon).

NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

ATTEST: Colt Esenwein
Chairperson for the
North County Corridor Transportation Expressway
Technical Advisory Committee



COUNTERSIGNED BY: Kathleen Cleek
Vice Chairperson of the
North County Corridor Transportation Expressway
Technical Advisory Committee