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**STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS AUTHORITY  
Antioch - Brentwood - Oakley and Contra Costa County**

**A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGENCY**

**MINUTES  
March 13, 2008**

The STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS AUTHORITY meeting was called to order in the Tri Delta Transit Meeting Room, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California by Chair Bob Taylor at 7:50 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Donald Freitas (Antioch), Brad Nix (Oakley), Mary N. Piepho (Contra Costa County), and Chair Bob Taylor (Brentwood)

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Dale Dennis, Program Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

On motion by Director Nix, seconded by Director Piepho, members of the Authority unanimously adopted the Consent Items, as follows, with the removal of Item D, to be returned to another meeting for action.

- A. APPROVED Minutes of February 14, 2008 meeting.
- B. APPROVED Contract Change Orders No. 9 S2 and 66 S1 with De Silva Gates Construction, for an estimated net cost increase of \$160,240 and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign them.
- C. The Board took the following actions:
  - 1. APPROVED Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 10 with Granite Construction, for an estimated cost increase of \$34,468 for Segment 2, Sand Creek Intersection Lowering Project – Phase 1, Stage 1, and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign the change order on behalf of the Authority.

2. APPROVED increase in the project contingency budget for \$34,468 to cover CCO No. 10.

- D. APPROVE the Revised 2007-2008 Work Plan and Budget.  
**[ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT, TO BE RETURNED NEXT MONTH]**

### **DETERMINATION ITEMS**

- A RECEIVE Status Report on the Overall State Route 4 Bypass Projects and the Laurel Road Extension Projects

Program Manager Dale Dennis stated that Segment 1 was open to traffic and there had been positive feedback from East County residents in that everyone had been raving about the Bypass and how it had improved traffic operations along Lone Tree Way. There were still two parcels going through condemnation and a final payment to the Contra Costa County Flood Control District (CCCFCD) was outstanding. The Grand Opening ceremony had been scheduled for March 14 at 3:00 P.M. at the Slatten Ranch shopping center.

Mr. Dennis added that the Laurel Road Extension project was essentially completed and everything was open to traffic, which he noted was quite a change to the City of Oakley. From what he heard, there was enough traffic removed off of Highway 4 that the signals had to be retimed.

Director Freitas advised that the Hillcrest Avenue signal was not working westbound creating a backup queuing for Highway 4 East.

City of Antioch Traffic Engineer Ed Franzen explained that he had been calling Caltrans twice a day to address that situation.

Director Nix suggested that Antioch was getting Bypass traffic going on the freeway at Hillcrest Avenue and not using Neroly Road in Oakley.

Mr. Dennis stated with respect to Segment 2, Measure J funded projects, 65 percent plans had been submitted to Caltrans in February and everything was moving forward. The Request for Proposal (RFP) had been issued to bring the construction management on board and to prepare constructability reviews.

With respect to Segment 3, Mr. Dennis reported that right-of-way (ROW) acquisition was essentially complete, construction was underway, and completion had been estimated in the August 2008 timeframe. He explained that there had been some discussion with respect to the inclusion of 'Hercules' on the signs and the request as to whether or not 'Concord,' as the next largest city, could be designated on the sign instead.

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Caltrans had indicated it was their policy to pick the city at the end of the route. Mr. Dennis stated that Caltrans at this point was not receptive to changing the signs and as Highway 4 East was widened at Loveridge, at Somersville, at A Street and at Hillcrest, Hercules would be placed on all those signs.

Director Taylor commented that the signs could be very confusing since many East County residents did not know where Hercules was.

Mr. Dennis stated that he and Director Piepho had also discussed the situation and he suggested that the issue could be discussed with Caltrans Director Kempton at the Grand Opening Ceremony.

In response to Director Nix, Mr. Dennis reported that the signs for Laurel Road in Oakley had been ordered and would state 'Oakley next right' in both directions.

Director Piepho thanked staff for the efforts to address the signage issue.

B. RECEIVE Status Report on Construction Activities for Segment 1, Segment 3 and the Laurel Road Extension Projects

Bart Littell of Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services presented a CD of aerial photographs and reported that a combined \$2 million in construction had occurred since the last report, primarily on the opening of Segment 1. Speaking to the signal at Hillcrest Avenue, he reported that he too had called Caltrans immediately after the Bypass had opened and that situation had initially improved. He stated that staff continued to work with Caltrans to address that situation.

Mr. Littell reported that the contractor was finishing up with punch list items and had restriped the on-ramp from Lone Tree Way south to where all the traffic merged into one lane farther north, which appeared to work better. The channelizers were scheduled to arrive on Monday. He added that he was also working with Mr. Dennis and the designer for all the signs on the job, which was complicated given that most of the signs in the plan were related to the State Highway and Caltrans did not want those signs installed until the roadway had been accepted by Caltrans.

For Segment 3, Mr. Littell reported that the primary work that had occurred related to a deep drainage system, which when completed would allow the roadwork to commence. Electrical work and a change order to do the tie in to Marsh Creek Road on the west end of the project had started this week as well.

Director Taylor reminded staff that the U-Pick season was approaching. He urged staff to keep abreast of that situation.

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**BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the State Route 4 Bypass Authority, Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:09 P.M. to the next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Tucci-Smith  
Minutes Clerk