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

A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGENCY

MINUTES
April 12, 2007

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 Donald Freitas at 7:48 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Dale Dennis, Program Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

On motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Nix, members of the Authority unanimously adopted the Consent Items, as follows:

- A. APPROVED Contract Change Order No. 67S1 with De Silva Gates Construction/FCI Constructors JV for an estimated cost increase of \$200,000 for Segment 1, Package 2, and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign the change order.
- B. APPROVED Utility Agreement Amendment with PG&E for an increase of \$30,500 in the estimated cost for the relocation of electrical facilities in conflict with the Segment 3 project at Concord Avenue near the PG&E Compressor Station for an amended estimated cost of \$93,000, and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign the amendment.
- C. APPROVED Agreement between the Authority and the City of Brentwood for improvements on Jeffrey Way constructed as part of Segment 1, Package 2 contract in the amount of \$657,500 and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign the agreement.

D. THE BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- 1. APPROVED the Right of Way Contracts and ACCEPTED the Grant Deed listed below:

<u>Grantors</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bruno M. Del Chiaro Trustee	59674	04/07	Placer Title Co. Escrow #615-10354 981 N. Broadway #100 Walnut Creek, CA 94596	\$950,000

- 2. AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to execute said Grant Deed on behalf of the State Route 4 Bypass Authority.
- 3. APPROVED payments as listed above for said property rights and AUTHORIZED the Auditor-Controller to issue checks in said amount payable to listed payee, to be forwarded to the Real Property Division for delivery.
- 4. DIRECTED the Real Property Division of Contra Costa County to deliver the above-referenced Grant Deed to Placer Title Company for recording in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder.

E. THE BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- 1. DETERMINED that the State Route 4 Bypass Authority acquired certain real property on December 31, 2003 in Antioch, described in Exhibit "A" attached to the staff report dated April 12, 2007, for highway purposes. Said property is DETERMINED to be surplus and no longer necessary for Authority or other public purposes.
- 2. AUTHORIZED the Secretary to the Authority, or designee, to execute said Real Property Sales Agreement on behalf of the Authority.
- 3. APPROVED and AUTHORIZED the sale of said property to The Center at Slatten Ranch, LLC, pursuant to Streets & Highways Code Section 960 and the Secretary to the Authority, is hereby AUTHORIZED to execute a Quitclaim Deed on behalf of the Authority in consideration for the payment received in full in the amount of \$70,000.
- 4. DIRECTED the Real Property Division to cause said Quitclaim Deed to be delivered to First American Title Company, 1850 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Suite 300, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, Attention: Liz Treangen.

DETERMINATION ITEMS

A. RECEIVE Status Report on the Segment 1, Segment 3 and the Laurel Road Extension Projects

Program Manager Dale Dennis reported that construction was moving forward on all three projects. He advised that staff was receiving good cooperation from PG&E on Segment 1 although there had been some problems with a gas line relocation issue that Will Hardee of PG&E would also be asked to assist. The process was also moving forward with right of way (ROW) acquisition for four or five properties in the condemnation process.

Mr. Dennis added that Segment 3 was currently in construction and continuing with utility relocations. He noted that one of the most difficult aspects was making sure to get the utilities out of the way in time. While things were going well with PG&E on Segment 3, he stated that there were some difficulties with AT&T. Members of the Authority recommended that staff engage Will Rigney of AT&T to assist in that regard.

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 updated construction photographs and reported that work was moving well in the field aided by the dry weather. He identified \$2.6 million in construction on Segments 1 and 3 during the last month.

Mr. Littell reported that pavement rehabilitation on SR4 had been done for Segment 1 over the weekend and had been striped this date. Paving continued to be done on Jeffrey Way in the City of Brentwood limits. The roadway excavation for the SR4 median had been completed. All the grading on Segment 1 had been substantially completed although some fine grading remained to be done. The bridge deck had been poured for the Contra Costa Bridge and the superstructure had been done for the mainline bridges although approaches still needed to be done. Electrical work was ongoing.

Mr. Littell added that the Laurel Road Extension work continued with the Laurel Road overhead bridge where false work was up and where some detours had been required. Work continued with joint trench work on the Laurel Road Extension which had been time consuming since it involved coordination with utilities and lots of ongoing drainage work. Segment 1 was 69 percent complete, 59 percent on time.

For Segment 3, the paving for Marsh Creek Road from Orchard to Walnut had been completed on the south side. The second phase (north side) of that work was expected to be complete and open to traffic by mid-May to coincide with the U-Picks.

Mr. Dennis advised that discussions were ongoing with City of Brentwood and Contra Costa County staff to extend contractor daily work hours and to allow work on Saturdays to help expedite the project before the start of the cherry pick season, with the possible Saturday work then discontinuing until after the completion of the U-Pick season.

In response to Director Taylor, Mr. Littell advised that signals between Walnut and Marsh Creek Road would be installed. He expected to meet the cherry season deadline.

Mary Piepho referred to the Marsh Creek segment from Walnut west and requested clear signs and appropriate speed limits consistent with a construction zone.

Mr. Littell stated that the speed on Walnut was 25 MPH within a certain distance of the travel way and that the County Traffic Engineer had concurred with that limit. He noted that the work was far enough away on Marsh Creek Road that the current speed limit could be left as is. He added that if so directed he could speak to the County Traffic Engineer about slowing traffic down.

Mr. Littell further reported that the false work was up on the Fairview undercrossing and work was proceeding with the grading from Fairview Avenue to Balfour Road, moving 10,000 cubic meters a day and moving fast. He described a recent meeting with residents of the Summerset development and explained that work continued with lots of drainage, electrical, fencing, and utility work in addition to addressing environmental issues related to burrowing owls nesting just outside the ROW.

Director Freitas asked about the timing and the expected opening of Segment 1, reported by Mr. Littell that the contract completion date was the beginning of January 2008. While the contractor had not committed to finishing sooner, he suggested that the progress to date indicated an earlier completion date, potentially by October.

In response to Director Freitas' concern that the sooner Segment 1 could open the better, Mr. Littell stated that the acceptance process from Caltrans would be the key. He suggested that there was a commitment from Caltrans to speed up that process. He noted that had gone well on Package 1. He added that the head of construction for Caltrans District 4 had committed to get the divisions out early to complete the process.

- C. AUTHORIZE the Program Manager to Advertise the Sand Creek Interchange Intersection Lowering Project for Construction Contingent on CCTA Agreeing to Issue Commercial Paper for Project Construction

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Mr. Dennis stated that the TRANSPLAN Committee recommended an additional \$13.2 million from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) above the \$25 million to start the design and project development work on Sand Creek Road.

The lowering project was recommended to be done this summer prior to the opening of Segment 1 and prior to the fourth leg of the intersection that would increase the cost of the project from \$2 to \$3 million.

Mr. Dennis recommended the authorization of the Program Manager to advertise the Sand Creek Interchange Intersection Lowering project for construction contingent on CCTA agreeing to issue commercial paper for project construction.

Chair Freitas asked how that would be handled, reported by Mr. Dennis that there was no final date from CCTA although the goal would be to advertise by May 1, approve at the June meeting of the Authority and start construction in July. He noted that he had been working with CCTA on that issue.

Chair Freitas asked Hisham Noeimi of the CCTA if the CCTA could consider that issue at its April meeting given the need to fast track the commercial paper.

Mr. Noeimi suggested that the commercial paper issuance would be in August since the CCTA needed a three month lead time.

In that case, Chair Freitas emphasized the need to synchronize the process with the commercial paper program.

On motion by Director Nix, seconded by Director Taylor, members of the Authority unanimously AUTHORIZED the Program Manager to advertise the Sand Creek Interchange Intersection Lowering project for construction contingent on CCTA agreeing to issue commercial paper for project construction, and to synchronize the process with the commercial paper program.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS

Director Piepho thanked Tri Delta Transit and the TRANSPLAN Committee for offering refreshments at the meeting. Director Taylor agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the State Route 4 Bypass Authority, Chair Freitas adjourned the meeting at 8:09 P.M. to the next meeting scheduled for May 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Tucci-Smith
Minutes Clerk