

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

A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGENCY

MINUTES
November 8, 2007

The STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS AUTHORITY meeting was called to order in the Tri-Delta Transit Board Room, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California by Chair Donald Freitas at 7:32 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

Kermit Sven, Brentwood, representing Summerset 2, offered a copy of his statement and stated that the soundwall at the SR4 Bypass, Segment 3 on the west side of Segment 2 west of Balfour Road had a gap which left the residents of Summerset 2 vulnerable to noise and litter from the roadway. He noted that the subject had been discussed with an appeal to extend the soundwall. Staff had recommended that the soundwall not be extended. He requested that members of the Board visit the area to see the situation, study and consider alternatives to protect Summerset residents from noise and pollution, provide a post construction noise survey in the affected neighborhoods to verify noise impacts, and consider an advisory committee comprised of Summerset residents, members of the Board, and staff. He emphasized that there had to be some way to close the gap and provide appropriate landscaping.

Virgil Hank, Brentwood, a Summerset 2 resident, suggested that the traffic that would soon occupy the SR4 Bypass in that area would severely impact residents with greater noise impacts. He urged the Board to consider those impacts.

Jean Dean, Brentwood, President of the Summerset 2 Homeowners Association, supported the recommendation that residents of Summerset be allowed to participate with Authority staff in the consideration of appropriate means to address the issues. She noted that when the Authority had visited Summerset years ago there had been no indication at that time that there would have been a gap in the soundwall.

Center Case, Brentwood, a resident of Summerset 3, reiterated the concern of residents related to the lack of planting. He noted the discussion of some residents to plant trees beyond their properties with the need to seek some assurance from Caltrans that anything planted in that area would not be removed. He noted that residents were willing to do some planting on their own.

Director Piepho commented that landscaping had previously been discussed and that no decision had been made at that time.

Mr. Dennis verified that staff would be moving forward with the consultant and Caltrans to return landscaping concepts to the Board for discussion over the next few months. He stated that there was little funding for landscaping at this time. The contractor was currently building the roadway. The earliest that anything could be constructed would be fall or winter 2008. An overall concept landscaping plan would be considered and the funding would be pursued.

Director Taylor stated that he had visited the Summerset 2 and 3 developments and had affirmed that there would be impacts to the residents of those developments. He too invited members of the Board to see the impact that the gap in the soundwall would have on adjacent residents. Recognizing that the gap might not be able to be provided, he stated that appropriate landscaping would have to be considered.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. APPROVED Minutes of September 13, 2007 and October 11, 2007 meetings.
- B. APPROVED Contract Change Order No. 59 with De Silva Gates Construction, for an estimated cost increase of \$300,000 for Segment 3, and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign the change orders on behalf of the Authority.
- C. APPROVED Contract Change Order No. 96 with De Silva Gates Construction/FCI Constructors JV, for an estimated cost increase of \$60,000 for Segment 1, Package 2, and AUTHORIZED the Secretary or designee to sign the change order.

DETERMINATION ITEMS

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

Program Manager Dale Dennis reported with respect to Segment 2 that staff was moving forward with Measure J funded projects. He reported that the intersection lowering project was expected to be completed by the end of November and traffic was expected to be shifted to the final configuration in the next week or two. For Phase 1 Stage 2, the final design of the project was moving well with the 65 percent design to be completed at the end of December 2007, and with the completion of the full design by September 2008. Provided funding availability, the project could be under construction in 2009. He advised that staff was working with the developer and City of Brentwood staff for a potential savings in construction. For the four lanes from Laurel Road to Sand Creek Road, that project was in 65 percent design phase and subject to available funding could be under construction by spring 2009 as well.

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 between Segments 1 and 3, \$3.5 million in construction had been completed. He added that the last traffic switches had occurred. The controlling item was the electrical work. He reported that the contractual completion date was January 17, 2008. He did not see enough action from the electrician to see an earlier completion date.

Chair Freitas supported an earlier opening, before the holidays.

Dave Niese (FCI) explained that could not occur and stated that while an early opening had been considered, there had been too many issues to be able to open early. He stated there would be completion on time with good quality work.

Mr. Littell stated that the contractual completion date was January 17, 2008.

C. DIRECT Staff to Submit Letter to CCTA Formally Removing the Mokelumne Trail Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing Project in Segment 2 from Consideration to Receive \$1.5 Million of Funding from the County Portion of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (RBPP) Since the Authority Has Been Unsuccessful to Secure Matching Funding Sources Needed for the Balance of \$2.5 Million for the Project (*Total estimated project cost is \$4.0 million*).

Mr. Dennis stated that staff had been successful in obtaining a \$1.5 million grant which was conditional on \$2.5 million in matching funds. Working with all the agencies including Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the City of Brentwood, additional funding had not been secured. Also, given the economy, he stated it was very unlikely there would be additional fees to match the funds. As such, staff recommended relinquishing the funds for use on other projects in Contra Costa County.

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Mr. Dennis stated, when asked, that there was an obligation for the project and it would have to be provided.

Jim Townsend, Manager of the Regional Trails Program for the EBRPD, expressed his appreciation for all the conflicting demands and funding of the Bypass. He affirmed that the project was required as a mitigation measure under the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and would only become more costly in the future. He stated that Prop 84 would provide millions of dollars for park and trail projects in the Bay Area, that funding for Measure J would be available, and that the EBRPD would seek the renewal of its 1988 bond measure which could also provide funding. Before returning the funds, he suggested that the Authority develop an alternative strategy to build the project.

Chair Freitas asked if the funds could be retained pending the availability of those potential other funding sources. Mr. Dennis reported that Mr. Townsend had participated in meetings when several funding sources had been identified, although there were no commitments as to when those funds would become available.

Mr. Dennis stated with respect to the \$1.5 million that the Authority would have to move forward in 2007. He noted that the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) could program the funds for use elsewhere in the County.

Mr. Townsend stated that a major portion of the funding, if released by the Authority, would likely be dedicated to the Bay Trail Project in West County. He stated that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee had recommended that the project be funded and that East County receive its share of the bicycle funding.

When asked, Mr. Dennis estimated that the environmental process would cost \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Chair Freitas noted the Authority's current funding shortfall and questioned where the \$2.5 million shortfall for the subject project would be obtained. He asked staff to evaluate the additional potential funding sources and to return the item with that information to the Authority at its next meeting.

- D. APPROVE Modifications of Striping on Westbound Lone Tree Way from Shopping Center Drive to Canada Valley Road, to Provide Three Lanes in Lieu of the Two Lanes that Exist Today. The Current Roadway Width is Sufficient to Provide Three Travel Lanes Due to the Improvements Previously Constructed by the Authority

On the question of when the City of Antioch would accept the improvements, Mr. Dennis was aware of no obstacle at this point for the City of Antioch's acceptance of that roadway.

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On motion by Director Piepho, seconded by Director Nix, members of the Authority unanimously APPROVED modifications of striping on westbound Lone Tree Way from Shopping Center Drive to Canada Valley Road contingent upon City of Antioch acceptance of previously constructed Lone Tree Way improvements by December 31, 2007, to provide three lanes in lieu of the two lanes that exist today. The current roadway width is sufficient to provide three travel lanes due to the improvements previously constructed by the Authority.

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 Freitas adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M. to the next meeting scheduled for December 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Tucci-Smith
Minutes Clerk