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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2007

Commissioners Present

Bill Hall, Vice Chairman	Citizen at Large, City of Alturas
Ken Barnes	Police Chief, City of Alturas
David Bradshaw	County Supervisor, District III (Alternate)
Mike Dunn	County Supervisor, District II
Rodney Gately	Councilmember, City of Alturas

Commissioners Absent

Dan Macsary, Chairman	County Supervisor, District I
Sid Cullins	Police Lieutenant, City of Alturas (Alternate)
Terry Williams	Citizen at Large, County of Modoc

Staff Present

Pam Couch	Executive Director
Niki Witherspoon	System Manager
Cindy Imbach	Mobility Manager

Public Present

Dave Luscher	Caltrans DO2 – Regional Planning Liaison
Michelle Millette	Caltrans DO2 – Chief, Comm. & Reg. Planning
Chester Robertson	City of Alturas Director of Public Works
John Wistos	County of Modoc - Interim Road Commissioner
Steve Jacques	County of Modoc – Deputy Road Commissioner
Mitch Crosby	County of Modoc – Assistant Engineer

- 1. Call to Order** –Vice Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Alturas Council Chamber at 200 W. North St. Then, he led those present in the pledge of allegiance. Afterwards, he acknowledged each person present by name and affiliation.
- 2. Public Forum** – There were no public comments.

- 3. **Confirm Agenda** – Motion by Commissioner Gately to confirm agenda; second by Commissioner Dunn. All ayes; motion carried.
- 4. **New Business** – Director Couch presented 3/8/07 meeting minutes, and draft FY 07/08 Unmet Needs Finding and Local Performance Criteria resolution for separate consideration.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to approve 3/8/07 minutes as presented; second by Commissioner Barnes. All ayes with Commissioner Bradshaw abstaining; motion carried.

Couch explained that the Unmet Needs resolution is adopted annually. She said that the resolution is similar to those adopted in past years, except of one change that staff recommends - decreasing the elderly/disabled fare discount for local Dial-A-Ride service from 50 percent to 37.5 percent. Couch explained that increasing costs (especially fuel costs) combined with the fact that nearly three-quarters of Sage Stage passengers qualify for fare discounts, make it necessary to increase elderly/disabled Dial-A-Ride fares: with City of Alturas, from \$1.00 to \$1.25; to Modoc Estates, from \$2.00 to \$2.50; and to Cal Pines from \$3.00 to \$3.75 per one-way trip. Although fare increases often reduce ridership at least temporarily, Couch said that the public will be notified and offered opportunity to participate in a Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with June 2007 Modoc Transportation Agency meeting.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-05 for FY 2007/08 Unmet Needs Finding and Local Performance Criteria; to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign them; and to direct staff to forward appropriately; second by Commissioner Dunn. All ayes; motion carried.

5. **Regional Transportation Projects** – Modoc RTIP Submittal for 2006 STIP Augmentation Cycle –

Project Priorities		Lead Agency	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	Total
1	2176 – Warner Truck Route	Alturas	\$ 47	2,172				\$2,219
4	2265 - CR114 Rehab-North	County	1,772					1,772
8	2413 - CR61 Bridge 3C036	County		45		105		150
9	2414 - CR61 Bridge 3C037	County		45		105		150
10	2438 - CR55 Rehab, 4.3 mi	County			45	1,749		1,794
11	2463 - CR1 Rehab, 3.8 mi	County				20	1,463	1,483
5	3267 - CR87A Bridge 3C117	County		23	92			115
6	3268 - CR87A Bridge 3C123	County		23	92			115
7	3269 - CR1 Rehab, 11.5 mi	County		20	4,428			4,448
3	2051 – PP&M	MCTC	60	160	160	160	160	700
	2449 - TE Reserve	MCTC				206		206
2	2437 - Transit Facility	MCTC	150	50		157	1,100	1,457
Total								\$14,609

Alturas = City of Alturas; County = Modoc County; and MCTC = Modoc County Transportation Commission

Couch reported that just prior to submitting our RTIP to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), she was asked to prioritize projects to assist CTC staff in preparing its report to the Commission. Couch said that she ranked regional projects based upon her understandings of State funding availability and of regional transportation needs. Deputy Road Commissioner Jacques asked why Modoc County Road Department (MCRD) staff was not advised about the need for prioritization nor invited to participate in discussions before anything was submitted to the CTC. Couch responded that there was not time to do so. Jacques expressed his concern that the Transit Facility was identified as the region's second priority when many of the MCRD projects have been under development much longer. He said that MCRD staff does not want critical County road and bridge projects - in dire need of repair - to be postponed due to independent action by the MCTC Executive Director. Couch explained that STIP funding consists of two different types of State funding - State Highway Account (SHA) and Public Transportation Account (PTA). She remarked that only public or mass (moving people or goods) transportation projects like the Transit Facility are eligible for PTA funding, which does not 'compete' with SHA funding that supports infrastructure or streets and roads projects. Couch went on to explain that PTA funding is currently very 'flush'; because there are ample PTA dollars, urban politicians want to redirect surplus (unprogrammed) PTA funding to projects that address congestion relief and system expansion - essentially urban needs. Thus, our PTA project was identified as second priority. After brief discussion among Commissioners, consensus supported project prioritization as submitted by staff and identified need to call emergency meeting(s) if/when similar situation arises in the future.

Regional Project Updates - Couch then provided updates about the following projects:

- (1) CTAA Technical Assistance Project – Mobility Management Center Plan nears completion.
- (2) Trip Planning Tool Project / TRIMS Web – CALnections.com nears public release.
- (3) AVL/Smart Card Project is planned for implementation beginning June 2007.
- (4) Social Service Transportation Inventory and Credit Card Application project is delayed until FY 2007/08.

Main Street Light Project - Couch deferred to City Director Robertson who explained about the overwhelming support for the amber colored 70 watt high pressure sodium lights from the City Council that received a petition with nearly 200 signatures from local citizens. Robertson agreed to forward petition to Caltrans District 2 staff.

5. Staff Updates

Caltrans – Following a request during previous meeting, Regional Liaison Luscher reported that the Sage Hen Summit project in Lassen County is a safety project, scheduled to begin in May 2007. This safety project will 'smooth' two curves into one to enhance sight distance. Luscher also said that results of forensic testing on the US 395 Main Street project are not yet available.

Modoc County Road Department – Interim Road Commissioner Jacques reported that bids were opened for materials on the CR1 South rehab project; he reported that Larranaga Construction is the apparent low bidder. However, Jacques said that the bid is 10% higher than expected due to escalating oil and asphalt prices. As soon as weather allows, construction using MCRD crew will begin on the 3.66 mile project.

Alturas Public Works – Director Robertson informed Commission that installation of new street signs in downtown area has begun. He added that staff is working on request for bids that will be released during the next month or so.

Commission Staff - Director Couch reported that the selection committee designated by the Commission reviewed three bids received to conduct the TDA Triennial Performance Audit for Period Ending June 30, 2006, and identified PMC as the lowest qualified bidder. Subsequently, staff issued P.O. No. 260-0053 (not to exceed \$8,960) to PMC.

Tools for perpetual road maintenance - Couch told Commissioners that she asked Deputy Road Commissioner Jacques to enlighten all about two tools for perpetual road maintenance that will be identified in the forthcoming Regional Transportation Plan update, which will increase the County's maintained road mileage. Jacques explained that the Planning Commission recently approved two different strategies or mechanisms to provide for perpetual road maintenance in two subdivisions. Jacques advised that a Community Service Area (CSA) was established for the Heard subdivision (Hafer Hill Estates), which allows the County Tax Collector to assess and receive monies from subdivision property owners to support infrastructure maintenance. He said that another mechanism, Permanent Road Division (PRD), was used for the Solomon subdivision (Dorris Ridge). Differences between the mechanisms are (a) infrastructure definitions - for CSAs infrastructure is broader including roads, fire protection, emergency services, etc. assessments, while for PRDs just include roads; PRD roads do not come into the County Maintained system while CSA roads are accepted into the County system.

Calendar - Couch referred to items listed on the staff report showing meetings and events in chronological order for planning purposes:

- a. 4/14-4/18/07 FTA Workshop for National Research Grant Recipients – Washington D.C.
- b. 4/23/07 Caltrans HQ Sac – Rural Counties Coordination Plan Consultant Selection Panel
- c. 4/24 - 4/27/07 CalACT Conference and Expo - Fish Camp, CA
- d. 5/2/07 CTC - North STIP 2006 Augmentation Hearing - Sacramento
- e. 5/10/07 regular MCTC meeting at 3:00 p.m. City Hall (no MTA meeting)
- f. 5/19-5/25/07 – CTAA Conference and Expo – Reno, NV
- g. 5/28/07 – County and State Holiday (Memorial Day)
- h. 6/3 - 6/6/07 ITS America National Conference - Palm Springs
- i. 6/6 - 6/7/07 CTC meeting (Sacramento) - Adopt 2006 STIP Augmentation
- j. 6/14/07 regular MCTC and MTA meetings beginning at 3:00 p.m. City Hall

9. Adjournment – Vice Chairman Hall adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Witherspoon
Systems Manager