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Wednesday, November 8, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Commission Meeting

Amador County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Chambers, First Floor
810 Court Street
Jackson, California

GENERAL BUSINESS

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- 1 • Roll Call 1.1

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Bergeson at 2:10 p.m. on November 8, 2006, at the Amador County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California.

Roll call was conducted. The Commissioners in attendance were as follows:

Members Present: Marian Bergeson, Chair
Bob Alvarado (Arrived at 2:20 p.m.)
Jeremiah Hallisey
John Chalker
James Ghielmetti, Vice Chair
R. Kirk Lindsey
Joe Tavaglione
Esteban Torres
Larry Zarian

Members Absent: Senator Alan S. Lowenthal, Ex-Officio
Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza, Ex-Officio

Chair Bergeson congratulated everyone for the success of the bonds passing on the November 7 election and asked if the Commissioners had any remarks. There were no comments, just applause.

- 2 • Welcome to Amador County 1.10

Chair Bergeson expressed the Commission's appreciation for Amador County's hospitality and introduced Richard Vinson, Chair of Amador County's Board of Supervisors. Mr. Vinson welcomed the Commission to the Tri-Counties (Amador, Alpine and Calaveras) and Amador County.

- 3 • Report on Amador County's Transportation Plans and Programs and Tri-Counties Partnership 1.11

Richard Vinson, Chair of Amador County's Board of Supervisors introduced Frank Tortorich, Retired Educator and Author, who reviewed Amador County's history.

Kome Ajise, Director Caltrans District 10, spoke about the Tri-County MOU.

Charles Field, Executive Director ACTC, gave a brief summary of Amador County's transportation plan and funding strategies. Mr. Field reported that \$110 million of state highway improvement needs in Amador County

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Meetings are planned with Commissioners Chalker, Hallisey and Zarian, the Executive Committee, and staff to discuss the State and Local Partnership issues. The results of those meetings will be shared at the December 13-14 meeting in San Francisco. Also, more information will be provided at the December meeting regarding the STIP Augmentation, the Fund Estimate, and the Trade Corridor Investment Fund issues.

Mr. Barna asked the Commissioners to begin forming a guidelines work group for the Trade Corridor Investment Fund before the December meeting.

Mr. Barna reported that he and Director Kempton were guest speakers on Commissioner Zarian's radio talk show on November 2. They spoke in support of the transportation bonds.

Mr. Barna presented Mary Lea Filbert, CTC Staff, with an award for serving 25 years with the State of California. Ms. Filbert thanked the Commission and informed that she has worked 20 of the 25 years with the Commission, and has served with 4 of the 5 Executive Directors and 43 of the 56 Commissioners.

- 5 • State and Federal Legislative Matters 4.1
 *The Commission may consider bills or resolutions newly introduced, recently amended, or calendared for Legislative committee or floor action, subsequent to publication of this agenda. For further information, call Executive Director John Barna at (916) 654-4245.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the highlights of the "November 2006 Election Results" handout, which was distributed as a pink at the meeting. Five of the twelve local tax measures on the ballot were approved or renewed. The successful tax measures were in Fresno, Madera, Orange, San Joaquin and Tulare Counties. Proposition 1A and 1B were approved and Proposition 90, the eminent domain initiative, was defeated.

- 6 • Adoption of Corridor Mobility ~~Investment~~ Improvement Account (CMIA) Guidelines 4.2
 Resolution G-06-17

Chief Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed the statutory requirements for the adoption of Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Guidelines. The Commission is required to adopt the guidelines to implement the program by December 1, project nominations are due by Caltrans or regional agencies by January 16, and the Commission is required to adopt an initial program by March 1, 2007. The Commission may update the CMIA biennially thereafter.

The first draft of the guidelines was discussed at the October meeting in Santa Rosa. The November book item, dated October 25, reflected changes made since the October meeting. Mr. Brewer referenced the pink handout "Revision to Section 17, Draft CMIA Program Guidelines," which added numerical target dates. Mr. Brewer recommended the Commission approve the resolution in the book item to adopt the guidelines for the CMIA program.

The following individuals appeared before the Commission to comment on this item:

Lisa Rheinheimer, Regional Agency Moderator, extended the regions' thanks to the Commissioners and staff for putting the guidelines together and asked for the Commission's patience in solving any problems they have so that they can deliver their projects.

Director Kempton thanked the Commission's Director, staff and the Department for their enormous efforts in preparing these draft guidelines for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program. These efforts have strategically reached out to and involved regional partners, the Department, and a wide variety of transportation stakeholders.

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The draft guidelines are strategic, capturing the intent of the CMIA, a major component of the Governor’s Strategic Growth Plan (SGP). The CMIA funded improvements will reduce congestion and delay on urban corridors and improve connectivity on interregional corridors statewide.

The guidelines include critical elements needed to implement the program successfully and achieve the desired improved mobility outcomes, including an expectation for corridor management plans to be prepared in order to preserve benefits from investments and manage the corridor for the highest sustained mobility outcomes.

Director Kempton said that the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, as well as many other provisions of the transportation bond act, provides an historic opportunity to enact the strategic change necessary to achieve the mobility results the Department desires. Corridor management plans, once complete, should drive the investment decision long after CMIA dollars are spent.

The Department will be looking to the blueprint planning process to ensure that it is establishing the working relationships and processes with the regional partners that ties land use and transportation decision together into comprehensive regional approaches. Regional blueprint planning should become a factor in the evaluation of future transportation investments in those areas where plans are underway.

Director Kempton stated that the Department strongly encourages using whatever technology is necessary to be able to demonstrate analytically the need for the proposed investments, and to continuously monitor the performance of that investment. Technology is mandatory to managing the productivity of corridors so that the benefits of these costly investments are not quickly eroded. Technology is less expensive compared to other alternatives, and the Department strongly supports its use.

Director Kempton encouraged the Commission to consider more explicit language in the guidelines to address these elements: The blueprint planning process, the use of technology or Intelligent Transportation Systems, and the extent to which this new corridor focus will be translated to the future project allocation process.

In conclusion, Director Kempton stated that the Department looks forward to working with the Commission, its Executive Director and staff and regional agencies and stakeholders to implement the CMIA program.

Commissioner Lindsey thanked everyone for being so engaged with this process. He commended Chief Deputy Director Brewer, Executive Director Barna and the Commission staff for their hard work. Commissioner Lindsey stressed to the members in the Central Valley that they need to get more involved. He also challenged the trucking industry to participate more in the CMIA and Goods Movement portion.

Jim Bourgart, BTH, thanked the Commission members, staff, Executive Director, and local/regional agencies for their tremendous efforts in putting together the guidelines in a very short timeframe. They faced the challenge of finding the balance between providing both specific guidance and flexibility in putting together the CMIA program.

The CMIA supports the Governor’s Strategic Growth Plan. The Corridor System Management Plan is the most important component of the Guidelines, because it will assure that investments deliver maximum benefits.

The Corridor System Management Plans will include the elements of capacity expansion, operational improvements, application of technology to monitor and manage the corridor and demand management considerations.

He acknowledged that the Regional Blueprint Planning process will help inform the implementation of CMIA. The Blueprints are well underway in the major regions and more areas will be covered in the coming year.

The Blueprints will comprehensively tie together transportation, land use, resource and environmental planning. Director Kempton said he expects that the regional Blueprints will be taken into account in future programming and allocation processes, including the CMIA.

Commissioner Ghielmetti thanked Chief Deputy Director Brewer and staff, adding that the hard work is just beginning, and the Commission is ready for the task.

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Commissioner Chalker stated that he was pleased with the guidelines but wanted them “tightened up.” Executive Director Barna responded that since the bonds passed and the money is there, we can ask for more specificity. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

- **At the December meeting, bring back ideas regarding the State/Local Partnership Program. (December Agenda Item). Convene the Trade Corridor work group prior to the December meeting. Convene a session with Regional Agencies in Sacramento the week after Thanksgiving regarding the CMIA/STIP Augmentation.**

ACTION: John Barna/David Brewer

Chair Bergeson stated that the bonds passing and the adoption of the CMIA Guidelines are historical events. She cautioned that a system of accountability must be in place. Chair Bergeson stated that the people who do the right things will be rewarded.

Commissioner Zarian informed the Commission that Director Kempton and Executive Director Barna were guest speakers on his November 2 radio talk show and did a masterful job promoting Propositions 1A and 1B.

Commissioner Zarian moved to adopt the guidelines for the CMIA program, as modified with the target dates. Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

7 • 2006 STIP Augmentation Draft Fund Estimate 4.4

Following Item 8, Chief Deputy Director David Brewer introduced the Department’s presentation of the draft fund estimate for the 2006 STIP augmentation. He noted that this fund estimate would cover the same period as the original 2006 fund estimate, through 2010-11. Commission and Department staff had agreed to generally follow the same assumptions used originally, except to update revenue estimates for the current year budget and prior year expenditures. For STIP Augmentation development purposes, it was agreed to assume that the entire \$2 billion in bond proceeds would be available in 2007-08.

Steven Keck, Caltrans Capital and Finance Chief, gave a PowerPoint presentation, “Draft 2006 STIP Fund Estimate (FE) Augmentation,” which focused on Proposition 1B funding. The final 2006 STIP FE Augmentation will be adopted at the December 2006 meeting.

Commissioner Lindsey questioned why the assumptions were changed for the spillover funds. Director Kempton responded that the Legislature is allowed to make changes, as needed.

After further discussions, the followings actions were taken:

- **For further clarification of SHOPP funds in the Fund Estimate, show a line for the \$250 million for local projects.**

ACTION: Norma Ortega

- **Provide information to Commissioners and staff on the number of Tribes which have compacts that contribute tribal gaming funds to the State Highway Account revenue stream.**

ACTION: Ross Chittenden

Director Kempton commended Mr. Keck for doing an excellent presentation, and filling in on a moment’s notice for Norma Ortega, Caltrans, who was scheduled to make the presentation but was ill.

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- 8 • Adoption of Schedule for 2006 STIP Augmentation 4.5

Chief Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed the staff recommendation for the adoption of a schedule for the augmentation of the 2006 STIP, a special programming cycle to program the \$2 billion made available to augment the STIP under Proposition 1B, without waiting for the 2008 STIP. With the adoption of the Fund Estimate in December and the STIP adoption in June, the ITIP and RTIP projects for the STIP Augmentation would be due April 2.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Regional Agency Moderator, reported that there was a lengthy discussion at the RTPA meeting regarding the compressed schedule. No consensus was reached at the meeting; therefore, the following individuals addressed the Commission with their concerns:

David Yale, Director of Regional Programming, spoke on behalf of Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties and expressed their concerns over the April 2 RTIP deadline and asked for a four-week extension. Mr. Brewer responded that he understood Mr. Yale’s concerns, but that time would be needed to hold the North and South hearings that are required by statute. Mr. Brewer added that there are no easy solutions. Executive Director Barna suggested that staff work with Mr. Yale, as well as the other regions and counties, to establish a process and schedule that works for everyone.

Commissioners Alvarado and Zarian emphasized that the Commission needs to set goals but remain flexible.

Ross McKeown, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), stated that the proposed schedule matched the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, which is due July 1. If the schedule were to get pushed back, it would be difficult for the MTC to meet their federal requirements.

Commissioner Torres moved to adopt the schedule at the December meeting. Commissioner Ghielmetti seconded the motion, which carried 8-1. (Commissioner Alvarado voted no.)

Commissioner Lindsey emphasized that the public wants the Commission to spend the dollars; therefore, the schedule is necessary so that the State Budget can include the funds required for allocation. Chair Bergeson agreed with Commissioner Lindsey.

- 9 • Update on Route 99 Business Plan and Presentation of Proposed Route 99 Guidelines 5.2

Due to time constraints, Item #9, originally scheduled to be heard on November 8, was heard on November 9.

Executive Director Barna briefly reviewed this item and introduced Kome Ajise, Caltrans District 10 Director, who gave a PowerPoint presentation, “State Route 99 Business Plans Update and State Route 99 (SB 1266) Bond Program Draft Guidelines.” Handouts of the final draft of the October 24 guidelines were distributed at the meeting.

Ted Smalley, Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), spoke in support of Caltrans and the draft guidelines, and asked that the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) include State Route 99 projects.

Andy Chesley, Executive Director for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), thanked the Commission for their support and Commissioners Lindsey and Alvarado for their visits. Mr. Chesley stressed the importance of the State Route 99 program. SJCOG plans to continue to work with Caltrans on program process and timing issues.

Commissioner Lindsey congratulated everyone who worked on the original State Route 99 Plan. He added that the coalition of groups was marvelous and the future depends on everyone being united. Commissioner Lindsey

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- 10 • Approval of Minutes for October 11-12, 2006 Meeting 1.2

Chair Bergeson asked for approval of the October 11-12, 2006 meeting minutes. Commissioner Alvarado moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

- 11 • Commission Reports 1.4

Commissioner Ghielmetti reported that the Real Estate Advisory Panel (REAP) held a telephone conference on Monday, November 6. Bimla Rhinehart, Caltrans, and Deputy Director Robert Chung provided information regarding this meeting in their reports.

Commissioner Chalker attended a Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (TACA) meeting and advised that the committee structure may change. Aeronautics and aviation are getting more attention due to recent legislative hearings by Senator Kehoe.

- 12 • Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation 1.5

Chair Bergeson requested approval of the October 2006 Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation.

Commissioner Lindsey noted a correction. He did not attend the Expert Review Panel on October 31.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the October 2006 Meetings for Compensation, as modified. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION & HOUSING AGENCY REPORT

- 13 • Report by Agency Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary 1.6

Jim Bourgart, BTH, reported that Secretary McPeak was in Mexico, and conveyed her appreciation for the Commission's accomplishments. Secretary McPeak completes her tenure on November 30. Mr. Bourgart provided an update on the sales tax measures. The five measures that passed will provide \$14.5 billion for funding transportation, and the five that didn't pass totaled \$4.5 billion. Mr. Bourgart attended a Self-Help Counties meeting, where they discussed program delivery issues and the promises that were made. Caltrans has been referred to as a "delivery machine," for getting the work out at record levels.

Mr. Bourgart spoke about industry expansion and the importance of this issue to Secretary McPeak. Commissioner Ghielmetti asked if it was possible to estimate the concrete and asphalt that will be needed. Director Kempton responded that once the projects are more specific, this information will be available.

CALTRANS REPORT

- 14 • Report by Caltrans' Director and/or Deputy Director 1.7

Director Kempton reported that the successful passage of the bonds was a tremendous boost for transportation around the state, and noted the huge challenges ahead. He thanked everyone in the room who helped with the transportation bonds. The voter approval for Proposition 1B was 60 percent and Proposition 1A was 76 percent.

On November 8, Director Kempton signed a partnership agreement with major construction partners. The last time a partnership agreement was signed was in 1988. Emphasis was placed on project delivery. Director Kempton said the voters have placed their confidence in Caltrans, and they are ready to deliver.

Director Kempton reported that the Department has been instrumental in improving small business opportunities and that the race neutral program continues to emphasize the need for supporting disadvantaged business

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INFORMATION CALENDAR (#18-22)

IC

Deputy Director Stephen Maller presented the Information Calendar, Agenda Items #18 through #22, and stated individual presentations on the items will not be made unless a Commissioner had questions.

Commissioner Lindsey questioned the addition of new work to two old projects under Item #18; asking why the new work was not done as a new project. Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded that additional slides occurred at locations where the Department was able to use the same contractor that was already working on the original slide project.

- 18 IC • Informational Report on Emergency G-11 Allocations. 2.5f.(1)
Six Projects totaling \$2,675,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 19 IC • Informational Report on SHOPP Safety G-03-10 Allocations. Six Projects totaling \$20,722,000. 2.5f.(3)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 20 IC • Informational Report on Minor G-05-05 Allocations. Five Projects totaling \$2,187,000. 2.5f.(4)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 21 IC • Monthly Report on Local Assistance STIP Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded 3.2

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 22 IC • Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action 3.4

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

END OF INFORMATION CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR (#23-45)

CC

Deputy Director Robert Chung recommended approving the Consent Calendar, Items #23 through #45, with changes, as noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda” for Items #27, #33, #36, and #37. Item #27 is a Resolution of Necessity that requires six affirmative votes. See Item #33 for Commission direction to Caltrans regarding project outcomes and benefits.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as modified and recommended by staff. Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

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- 23 CC • TCR Program Application Amendment: The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) is requesting to amend the applications for two TCRP projects. For Project #32.3 – Completion of rail line from Willits to Arcata, NCRA is requesting to redistribute a total of \$600,000 from PS&E to PA&ED, revise the scope, and update the project schedule and funding plan. For Project #32.9 – Long-term stabilization, NCRA is requesting to redistribute a total of \$4,609,000 from PS&E, R/W and Construction to PA&ED, and update the project schedule and funding plan. *(Related Item under 2.6e.(2).)*
Resolution TAA-06-60, Amending Resolution TAA-02-03 2.1c.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 24 CC • Environmental Matters – Approval of Projects for Future Consideration of Funding: Approval of New Public Road Connection: Interstate 10 in the County of Riverside – Roadway Improvements near Thousand Palms (ND). *(Related item under 2.3b.)*
Resolution E-06-31 2.2c.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 25 CC • One New Public Road Connection to Interstate 10 at Bob Hope Drive in the County of Riverside. 8-Riv-10 PM 43.0 (KP 69.1). *(Related item under 2.2c)*
Resolution S-729 2.3b.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 26 CC • One Relinquishment Resolution - 4-SCI-237-PM 7.1 Route 237 in the City of San Jose Resolutions R-3650 2.3c.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 27 CC • ~~43~~ 12 Resolutions of Necessity 2.4b.(1)
6 AYES Resolutions C-19512 through ~~C-19524~~ C-19523

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified.

Resolution C-19524 was moved to 2.4b.(2) under Item #47, as noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.

- 28 CC • Airspace Lease Direct Negotiations - Airspace Lease Renewal - Norman’s Nursery 2.4c.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 29 CC • Director’s Deeds - Items #1 through #14 Excess Lands – Return to State: \$2,790,400 Return to Others: \$0 2.4d.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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Corrections to the Agenda Vote List and to the book item attachment for Project #2 were noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

- 37 CC • Financial Allocation for Four Locally-Administered STIP Transportation Enhancement Projects totaling \$8,077,000, plus \$15,907,800 from other sources. Resolution FP-06-40 2.5c.(5)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified.

Corrections to the Agenda Vote List for Projects #3 and #4 were noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

- 38 CC • Financial Allocation for Six Locally-Administered STIP Planning, Programming and Monitoring Projects totaling \$575,000. Resolution FP-06-41 2.5c.(6)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 39 CC • Financial Allocation for One Locally-Administered STIP Regional Rideshare Project for \$181,000. Resolution FP-06-42 2.5c.(7)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 40 CC • Financial Allocation to Reimburse One Previously Approved AB 3090 Reimbursement Project for \$861,000 for STIP Planning, Programming and Monitoring. Resolution FP-06-43 2.5c.(8)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 41 CC • Financial Allocation for Three Locally-Administered Rail/Transit STIP Projects totaling \$54,507,000. Resolution MFP-06-10 2.6a.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 42 CC • Financial Allocation for One State-Administered Rail STIP Project for \$906,000. Resolution MFP-06-11 2.6a.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 43 CC • Financial Allocation Amendment to De-allocate \$21,030,000 from One Previously Approved TCRP Project. Resolution TFP-06-26 2.6e.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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- 44 CC • Technical Correction to Resolution MFP-06-02, originally approved July 20, 2006, for \$27,247,000 for four State-administered STIP projects. A technical correction is needed to correct the project title/description for Project # 5 – Southern California Regional Rail Authority rollingstock acquisition request (PPNO 0079E). 2.9

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 45 CC • Advice and Consent on Transportation Development Act (TDA) Regulations Resolution G-06-18 4.3

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 46 • Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity 3.1

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reviewed the problems encountered with the submarine cable construction contract from Oakland to Yerba Buena Island and indicated the cable must be done before the Oakland Touchdown contract can proceed. Mr. Maller reported the Skyway portion of the SFOBB east span project is 95% complete and 85% of the bike panels have been hung on the bridge. The prefab welding work on the self-anchored suspension span is being done in Shanghei, China. The South/South detour design work is proceeding. The west approach to the SFOBB in San Francisco is scheduled to be finished by 2008.

- 47 • **1 Resolution of Necessity – Appearance** **2.4b.(2)**
 6 AYES **William Roll and Ralph Roll, Successor Co-Trustees**
11-SD-125/905-PM 0.5/PM 10.69
Resolution C-19524

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reviewed the statutory authority for Item #47, which involved a 76-acre vacant parcel on State Routes 905 and 125 in San Diego. In adopting a Resolution of Necessity, the Commission must determine that (1) public interest and necessity require the project, (2) the proposed project is planned or located in a manner that is most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury, and (3) the property described in the resolution is necessary for the proposed project. Under State law, the Commission does not determine the amount or value of compensation.

Chair Bergeson asked if there was anyone in the audience interested in addressing the Commission on this item. There was no response from the audience. With no one wishing to appear, Mr. Maller recommended that the Commission approve the resolution of necessity.

Commissioner Zarian moved to adopt the resolution of necessary. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. A roll call vote was taken:

- AYES: Commissioners Marian Bergeson, Bob Alvarado, Jeremiah Hallisey, John Chalker, James Ghielmetti, R. Kirk Lindsey, Joe Tavaglione, Esteban Torres, Larry Zarian (9)
- NOES: (0)
- ABSENT: (0)

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versus an advancement of funds and to place a condition on the two allocations that would require the NCRA to obtain Department approval on project scope prior to beginning work. There were no issues with Projects 3 and 4. Staff also recommended that the four requested allocations be approved, with the stipulation that these allocations be under contract within six months.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to deny NCRA's request for a cash advance, approve progress payments, and approve the allocations with the conditions and stipulations as recommended by staff. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

- 51 • 2006 Annual Real Property Services Report 3.5

Deputy Director Robert Chung briefly reviewed this item and introduced Bimla Rhinehart, Caltrans, to present the Department's 2006 Annual Real Property Services Report. Ms. Rhinehart presented information on the airspace leases, wireless program, and the excess lands sections of the report. She also reviewed the operating expenses and presented highlights of the Real Estate Advisory Panel (REAP) meeting. She noted that Assemblyman Todd Spitzer scheduled a hearing for November 14 in Southern California regarding Caltrans' property management practices. The Department's goal is to keep only those properties that are needed for transportation purposes and dispose of the remainder properties. Several agencies have already been contacted to contract this work out. Ms. Rhinehart reported that efforts are being made to upgrade its very antiquated data base. A new system will be available for use in January 2007 that will enable Caltrans to generate the reports faster.

Director Kempton announced that a hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, November 14 in Orange County with Assemblyman Todd Spitzer to discuss their issues. Activities are presently underway to upgrade the property management system. Director Kempton expressed his appreciation for REAP's support and helpful recommendations.

Ms. Rhinehart informed that the 2006 Annual Real Property Retention Review will be presented at the December meeting. The Department identified 524 properties that are no longer needed. The 2007 real property review will begin in January, at which time the entire inventory will be covered. Ms. Rhinehart concluded that the Department realizes it has much work ahead but was confident they are up for the task.

Director Robert Chung informed the Commission that the REAP suggested that efforts continue for a "global fix" on the 710 corridor excess properties issue, and that the revenues generated by the sales of excess properties should flow from the State Highway Account to the Public Transportation Account.

Commissioner Ghielmetti congratulated Ms. Rhinehart and her staff for doing a great job.

- **Send letter, from Chair Bergeson, to Assemblyman Spitzer regarding Caltrans efforts to revise their property management and excess lands procedures.**

ACTION: Robert Chung

- 52 • ~~2006 Annual Real Property Retention Review~~ 3.6

This item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the Commission meeting, as noted on the pink – "Changes to CTC Agenda.

- 53 • Excess Land Sales Delegation 4.7
Resolution G-06-19

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed this item and recommended that the Commission, on a six-month trial basis, delegate limited authority to its Executive Director to approve Director's Deeds conveying surplus landlocked property with an estimated market value of \$100,000 or less, in an effort to reduce time and paperwork necessary to dispose of low-value surplus property. Chair Bergeson asked if the Commission would receive notifications, and Mr. Chung responded that they would.

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Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the limited authority for the Executive Director to approve the sale of excess property as recommended by staff. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

- 54 • Report on Investments to State Highway System by Outside Funding Sources 4.8

Karla Sutliff, Caltrans, presented the Department's annual report on investments to the State Highway System (SHS). In FY 2005-06, \$907 million in local funds were used for construction, with 60% of these funds coming from self-help or measure counties, and \$1 billion is estimated for FY 2006-07.

Commissioner Lindsey said it was a good report, but asked if there was a thought process of how more counties could help and asked if the Commission could be of any assistance. Director Kempton emphasized the need for a statewide policy. Commissioner Ghielmetti suggested that we should provide statewide education. Commissioner Lindsey recommended a policy statement or resolution stating that we want participation from all of the California counties. Commissioner Ghielmetti asked Director Kempton to take this information back to the next Committee meeting to work on a solution.

Status of Construction Contract Award, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria and Resolution G-06-08

- 55 • Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for Local Assistance STIP Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria and Resolution G-06-08 3.3b.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed Items #55, #56, and #57 together and recommended approval as presented.

Commissioner Lindsey congratulated Caltrans and their regional partners for doing a great job and asked if there were any indications of slipping backwards. Ms. Twomey responded that monthly numbers have been consistent or shown a slight improvement.

Commissioner Ghielmetti questioned the Avenal time extension under Item #55, noting their award deadline was several days ago. Ms. Twomey explained the process for extension requests; that they come to the next Commission meeting after their award deadline. Commissioner Ghielmetti questioned where the money goes for the 29 projects under Item #56. Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded that that money goes back to SHOPP allocations.

Changes to the book item and book item attachment were noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

- 56 • Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for State Highway Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria and Resolution G-06-08 3.3a.

This Item was presented under Item #55.

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- 57 • Status of Construction Contract Award for Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria and Resolution G-06-08 3.3c.

This Item was presented under Item #55.

- 58 • Financial Allocation for SHOPP Projects that Exceed 120 Percent of the Programmed Amount. One Project for \$15,876,000. Resolution FP-06-44 2.5d.

-- 07-LA-210 – SHOPP Project in Los Angeles County. Current programmed amount of \$10,322,000 and current estimate of \$15,876,000, for an increase of 54% over the programmed amount.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Ghielmetti stated that he supported technology, but objected to paying 50 percent more to “put in a television.” Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded that the increase was due to a programming issue and not an estimation error, adding that the project was originally estimated at \$10 million in 2003 and is long overdue.

Chair Bergeson asked for progress reports that show projected outcomes. Commission Lindsey warned that these procedural errors need to be solved. Director Kempton agreed to supply performance-based data.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 8-1. (Commissioner Ghielmetti voted no.)

Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award

- 59 • Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for One STIP Project for \$2,281,000, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria. Waiver-06-40 2.8b.(1)

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the contract extension. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

- 60 • Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for 12 Locally-Administered STIP Projects totaling \$2,262,000, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria. Waiver-06-41 2.8b.(2)

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed Projects #1 through #9 and recommended approval.

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Commissioner Torres moved to approve the contract extensions for Projects #1 through #9. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed Items #10 and #11 and recommended approval. Ms. Twomey expressed concerns regarding the extension request for Item #12, as it appeared there were changes made to an approved project.

Bill Fernandez, Contra Costa County Public Works Department, spoke in support of a six-month extension for Project #12.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve all project extensions as requested, except to change the extension for Project #12 from six months to four months. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 8-1 (Commissioner Lindsey voted no.)

- 61 • Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for 2.8b.(3)
One Locally-Administered STIP Project for Kings County
Area Transit Agency for \$340,000, per FY 2005-06
Allocation Plan Criteria.
Waiver-06-42

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the extension request. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

JOHN F. BARNA, Jr., Executive Director

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS
from
November 8-9, 2006 Meeting

- 6 (4.2) John Barna/David Brewer – At the December meeting, bring back ideas regarding the State/Local Partnership Program. (*December Agenda Item*). Convene the Trade Corridor work group prior to the December meeting. Convene a session with Regional Agencies in Sacramento the week after Thanksgiving regarding the CMIA/STIP Augmentation.
- **The State/Local Partnership Program policy will be discussed under December Tab #11, Agenda Item 4.2. The Trade Corridor work group will convene in the near future. A meeting was held on December 1 with Regional Agencies and interested parties regarding the CMIA/STIP Augmentation, and this will be reported on at the December meeting under Tab #6, Agenda Item 1.3.**
- 7 (4.4) Norma Ortega – For further clarification of SHOPP funds in the Fund Estimate, show a line for the \$250 million for local projects
- **This will be done.**
- 7 (4.4) Ross Chittenden – Provide information to Commissioners and staff on the number of Tribes which have compacts that contribute tribal gaming funds to the State Highway Account revenue stream.
- **This will be done.**
- 9 (5.2) Ross Chittenden – Provide to Commissioners and staff the details on the Route 99 north of Sacramento shared funding plan. (*December Agenda Item*)
- **This will be discussed under December Tab #7, Agenda Item 5.2.**
- 33 (2.5b(4)) Ross Chittenden – Beginning in January 2007, for all programs include outcomes and benefits of the project.
- **This will be done on an ongoing basis starting in January 2007.**
- 51 (3.5) Robert Chung – Send letter, from Chair Bergeson, to Assemblyman Spitzer regarding Caltrans efforts to revise their property management and excess lands procedures.
- **This has been done.**