

MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

September 19, 2011

Meeting of the Plumas County Transportation Commission (PCTC) opens with roll call at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Public Works Department. Commissioners in attendance are: John Larrieu, Sharon Thrall, Robert Meacher, Dan Wilson, Jon Kennedy and Susan Scarlett.

Public Attendees include: Bob Perreault, Executive Director, John Mannle, Associate Engineer/Transportation Planner, Scott White, Caltrans, Laura Rose, Caltrans, John Maxwell, Caltrans, Eric Orr, Caltrans, Jimmy LaPlante, Plumas Transit and Bruce Carpenter, California Highway Patrol, Quincy, Cinda Leonard, Recording Secretary.

1a. Public Forum.

There being no Public comment, Chairman Larrieu moves to Item 1b.

1b. Public Forum.

Commissioner Meacher comments on the closure of State Route 70 due to a fuel tanker over. There was a general lack of communication in relaying the news to travelers. Lt. Bruce Carpenter explains that there was need to close the highway during the offloading of the fuel due to the potential spark factor. He also stated that he would pass the comment on to Caltrans Traffic Operations

2. Approval of Minutes for August 15, 2011. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meacher, seconded by Commissioner Thrall, with unanimous vote.

3. **Resolution 11-19** Authorizing the Execution of 2011/12 State Transportation Improvement Program Planning, Program and Monitoring (PP&M) fund transfer Agreement and Authorizing Deposit of Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds **(\$23,000)** into District Planning Fund Number 2027. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Thrall, seconded by Commissioner Wilson with unanimous vote.

4. Bi-Annual Progress Reports for Projects on the State Highway System in Plumas County
Eric Orr, Caltrans Project Manager, gives a presentation on the progress of the projects in the state highway system in Plumas County. Mr. Orr gives a general overview of the funding of the projects. John Mannle comments that there is a possibility that the Greenville Rancheria may be able to assist with some funding.

Bob Perreault states that John Kolb attended a Greenville Streetscape Committee meeting recently and reminded the Committee that the utility problems need to be resolved so that

the project on Highway 89 can move forward. Mr. Perreault said Public Works will schedule a specific meeting with the Indian Valley CSD to discuss the timeline. There is general discussion by Eric Orr on the subject of how ornamental street lighting construction and electrical bills are paid for.

5. Draft State Route 36 Transportation Concept Report

Laura Rose, Caltrans, shares the draft Concept report with the Commission. Ms. Rose explains the process for the long range planning document for the route. There is a copy of the draft report on the Caltrans website for Public Comment. The deadline for comments is September 30, 2011,

There is general discussion on the placement of new Highway Advisory signs with flashing beacons in Canyon Dam and the Junction of SR89 and Hwy 36.

6. Regional Transportation Plan and EIR Update. Adoption scheduled for October, 2011
John Mannle gives a reminder that the adoption of the RTP and EIR will be on the next Commission agenda.

7. Recent Meeting (Thursday, September 15, 2011) and Discussion on Use of Biodiesel
Bob Perreault reports that there is a possibility of a pilot program using Biodiesel with Feather River College and the Transit buses. Feather River College and PRS will be preparing a formal presentation to present to the Board of Supervisors and the Transportation Commission. The Department of Public Works may be part of the pilot program.

8. Western Pacific Railroad Museum

- Transportation Enhancement Program – Application Status

John Mannle stated that he inquired with the Railroad Museum volunteers to see if they were going to submit an application for the Program. The application has not been submitted.

- Recent Fire at the old Railroad Hospital Building

There is general discussion on the recent fire that destroyed the old Railroad Hospital building.

9. Next meeting proposed for October 17, 2011.

10. Discussion and adjournment at 2:15 p.m.