

**DEL NORTE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: JULY 9, 11 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Kathryn Murray, City, Chairman
Commissioner Gerry Hemmingsen, County
Commissioner Rick Holley, City
Commissioner Chris Howard, County arrived later

Absent: Commissioner David Finigan, County, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Richard Enea, City

Also Present: Isaac Kinney, Transportation Department of the Yurok Tribe
Heidi Kunstal, Commissioner of the Technical Advisory Commission
Tamera Leighton, Local Transportation Commission
Bill Lonsdale, Public
Jason Price, Caltrans Information Planning
Brian Stone, Public
Kevin Tucker, Policy Advisory Member, Caltrans District 1

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order in regular session at 11:02 a.m.

2. Consider additions, deletions or changes to agenda.

No items were added, deleted, or changed to this agenda

3. Public comment period

The following person(s) addressed the Commission:

Eileen Cooper commented the attendance of the stakeholders meeting for Last Chance Grade was very productive and well attended.

4. Adjourn to the Policy Advisory Committee

Chairman Murray recessed the meeting and adjourned as the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission at 11:10 p.m. and immediately convened as the Policy Advisory Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine in nature and voted on in one motion: Consider public comments or requests to pull matters from the consent agenda for separate action.

a) Minutes of June 11, 2015.

Staff recommendation: By consensus, accept minutes of June 11, 2015.

b) Fiscal audit services contract.

TAC Recommendation: By polled vote, award Fiscal Audit Services contract to Hunter, Hunter & Hunt for years ending June 30 2015, 2016, 1017.

c) Triennial Performance Audit services contract.

TAC Recommendation: By polled vote, award Triennial Performance Audit contract to Michael Baker International for the three-year period of 2013-15.

d) Accept ADA Transition Plan

TAC Recommendation: By polled vote, accept ADA Transition Plan.

Chairman Murray wanted to compliment the ADA transition plan on being thorough and she thanked the team for all the work.

On a motion by Commissioner Holley, seconded by Commissioner Hemmingsen, with Commissioner Enea and Finigan, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved and adopted the consent agenda items 4. a-d, listed above, as presented.

POLICY and ADMINISTRATIVE

e) Impacts of Mt. Shasta eruption on transportation

Information and presentation by Brian L. Stone.

Discussion was held in regards to impacts of Mt. Shasta eruption. Brian Stone commented he would like to have an open discussion about the impacts of Mt. Shasta eruption. Mr. Stone commented that there are a couple of questions presented to the congressmen. One of the points to make is Mother Nature is very fickle; we can't predict when or where earthquakes will happen. Mr. Stone commented there is a larger problem when looking at the specifications of what is going to happen when Mt. Shasta erupts. When Mt. Shasta erupts it will take out I-5 and if that happens he believes that there will be congestion and pounding from larger trucks on Hwy 101. There is also the issue of travel from the Washington border to Mexico's border. Mr. Stone noted there was a handout that has a red circle on it and within that red circle 41 tiny tremors have occurred. One thing to understand is Mt. Shasta is a shielded volcano. Mr. Stone commented what happens is there subduction zone falls down under the mantel, pressure builds, and than the volcano blows. Mr. Stone suggested using this issue to find the funding to build a better more stable highway to travel on when Mt. Shasta blows. Commissioner Holley commented this issue was brought up at the Last Chance Grade meeting and there doesn't seem to be a concern for funding this right now. Commissioner Holley asked if there are other routes if I-5 gets taken out. Mr. Stone noted if Mt. Shasta blows to the eastern or western side it could go towards the Klamath way. Commissioner Holloway asked if the experts are expressing any concern about Mt. Shasta. Mr. Stone answered that no one is expressing any concern; this is his opinion of concern. Commissioner Hemmingsen asked if the earthquakes have started. Mr. Stone said these are continuous earthquakes. Commissioner Holley asked if there was a connection between Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen. Mr. Stone commented they are independent from each other. Eileen Cooper commented that it is interesting that we have one more geological catastrophe and the most immediate threat is the Cascadia zone. One more reason to be concerned about it for Hwy 101 and rather far fetched to have concerns for Hwy 199 and feels there are multiple cross routes to be used.

f) Consider Yurok Tribe request for \$110,000 for Klamath Boulevard project

TAC Recommendation: Award \$110,000 in RSTP funding to the Yurok Tribe, which is a 10% contribution for a \$1.1 million Klamath Boulevard project.

Discussion was held in regards to Yurok Tribe request for \$110,000. Ms. Leighton commented that this project came to the Technical Advisory Committee without detailed information, and that Isaac Kinney representative of the Transportation Department of the Yurok Tribe has some information for DNLTC to consider. He is here to present the background information for the project. Mr. Kinney referenced the formal letter with some details of the Klamath Blvd. Gateway Project. Mr. Kinney stated that there would be new sidewalks put in from the road closest to the river down to the bears, new center medians, and lighting. Mr. Kinney noted they will be expanding two crosswalks and making everything ADA compliant. Heidi Kunstal commented the County staff has worked with the Yurok Tribe to developing this project and are supportive of their request. Ms. Leighton commented that the match funds are a term used for grant funded projects and for Mr. Kinney's project it will be considered contributing funds rather than match. Commissioner Holley commented he was concerned because of the lack of detail regarding what is going to happen with the project. Chairman Murray commented that the additional information provided from Mr. Kinney included more detail and that she is impressed with the solar lighting that will be put in. The solar lighting will help when there are power outages. Commissioner Hemmingsen asked if they have already acquired the 90% of the project, and Mr. Kinney answered that yes, they have all funds secured. Ms. Leighton noted that she is appreciative of any organization that comes to the table with \$1 million and believes the Yurok Tribe is striving to deliver complete projects. On a motion by Commissioner Hemmingsen, seconded by Policy Advisory Member Tucker, with Commissioner Enea and Finigan, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved and adopted Yurok Tribes request for \$110,000 for Klamath Boulevard Project.

g) Consider City and County request for pedestrian facility maintenance in school zones.

TAC Recommendation: By polled vote,

- i. Award \$45,000 in RSTP funds to County of Del Norte for pedestrian facility maintenance within 1/2 mile of the Bess Maxwell and Joe Hamilton Elementary Schools within the County limits.

Discussion was held in regards to awarding \$45,000.00 of RSTP funds for pedestrian facility maintenance within 1/2 mile of the Bess Maxwell and Joe Hamilton Elementary Schools. Ms. Leighton commented this is a collaborative project between the City and the County for Safe Routes to School Program. Chairman Murray commented this is an excellent way to use the funds.

On a motion by Commissioner Hemmingsen, seconded by Policy Advisory Member Tucker, with Commissioner Enea and Finigan, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved and adopted awarding \$45,000 in RSTP funds to County of Del Norte for pedestrian facility maintenance within 1/2 mile of the Bess Maxwell and Joe Hamilton Elementary Schools within the County limits.

- ii. Award \$30,000 in TDA Ped/Bike funds and \$15,000 in RSTP funds to the City of Crescent City for pedestrian facility maintenance within 1/2 mile of the Bess Maxwell and Joe Hamilton Elementary Schools within the City limits.

Discussion was held in regards to awarding \$30,000 and \$15,000 for pedestrian facility maintenance within ½ mile of Bess Maxwell and Joe Hamilton Elementary Schools.

On a motion by Commissioner Holley, seconded by Commissioner Inscore, with Commissioner Enea and Finigan, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved and adopted \$30,000 in TDA Ped/Bike funds and \$15,000 in RSTP funds to the City of Crescent City for pedestrian facility maintenance within ½ mile of Bess Maxwell and Joe Hamilton Elementary Schools within the City limits.

h) Discussion items

- State highway project update:

Commissioner Howard arrived at 11:40 pm

- Highway 101 Pedestrian Crossing at North Gateway- Policy Advisory Member Tucker commented the sign was put in last Monday. Commissioner Holley commented with his experience there were four cars sitting there and three out of the four moved on through the light. Chairman Murray noted that the public doing car washes at the gas station by the light are pressing the button to get more cars in for business and someone needs to tell them they can't do that.
- Last Chance Grade update- Ms. Leighton commented the contract for the first set of meetings ends soon and that there will be a decision on whether or not to continue with the stakeholder process. Reports to date are that the process is productive. Policy Advisory Member Tucker commented the Last Chance Grade Study was finished on June 30th and is posted on lastchancegrade.com. Commissioner Holley commented that Chairman Murray and he attended the meeting and the process has come a long way with a decision that will be made. Chairman Murray commented she agreed with Commissioner Holley there was significant progress made. The stakeholders are taking this on as a sense of urgency and not a project that needs to be delayed. Ms. Leighton commented we will not be exempt of environmental laws and need to take time on the designing phase. Chairman Murray asked Public Advisory Member Tucker when will the monitoring device for Last Chance Grade be set up. Public Advisory Member Tucker commented the goal is to have it set up for this coming winter season. Public Advisory Member Tucker noted that there are maintenance crews traveling the roads, especially after storms, to make sure the roadways are clear. Bill Lonsdale commented discussions held like the one we just had are extremely useful. So the public can stay updated on where we are in progress. When the word doesn't get out there is rumor, half truths, and hysteria. Something needs to be done to counter that. The recommendation is to put the information out into Public Domain.
- Safe STAA on US Highway 199 update- Ms. Leighton does not have a project update at this time. Ms. Leighton commented she is concerned with

lack of information and progress on this project. Commissioner Holley asked about the timeline of the funding. Ms. Leighton commented she couldn't answer that question at this time because there are a lot of factors that will influence this. Commissioner Hemmingsen asked when the environmental report would be completed. Ms. Leighton has not received any information on the report yet. Chairman Murray directed staff to have a report for the commission next meeting.

5. Commissioner comments and reports.

None.

6. Action on the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Committee

Adjourned as the Policy Advisory Committee and reconvened as the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission, and by polled vote, with Commissioner Enea and Finigan absent, approve the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committee in items listed above.

Chairman Murray adjourned the meeting as the Policy Advisory Committee at 11:59 a.m. and immediately reconvened as the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission.

On a motion by Commissioner Holley, seconded by Commissioner Hemmingsen, with Commissioner Enea and Finigan, and unanimously carried on a polled vote, the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved and adopted the actions taken above in items 4. a-h as noted above.

7. Adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2015 at 11 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Murray adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamera Leighton, Executive Director
Del Norte Local Transportation Commission