

MINUTES
DEL NORTE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 28, 2016 11 A.m.

Present: Commissioner David Finigan, County, Chairman
Commissioner Gerry Hemmingsen, County arrived 11:10 a.m.
Commissioner Rick Holley, City
Commissioner Chris Howard, County arrived 11:09 a.m.
Commissioner Kathryn Murray, City
Commissioner Darrin Short, Vice-Chairman

Absent:

Also Present: Nicole L. Burshem, P.S. Business Services
Tamera Leighton, Local Transportation Commission
Kevin Tucker, Caltrans, Policy Advisory Member arrived 11:18 a.m.
Sabrina Valentine, P.S. Business Services

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Finigan called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. Public comment period

Anyone wishing to make public comments regarding matters either on or off the agenda and within the Commission's jurisdiction may do so at this time; however, the Commission is not permitted to act on non-agenda items.

The following person(s) addressed the Commission: None

3. Adjourn to the Policy Advisory Committee

Chairman Finigan adjourned as the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission and immediately reconvened at the Policy Advisory Committee at 11:06 a.m.

POLICY and ADMINISTRATIVE

a) Receive presentation of draft 2016 Regional Transportation Plan

Staff recommendation: Adopt resolution 2016 05 providing \$10,000 of funding for the City of Crescent City for assistance in developing a Cycle 3 Active Transportation Program grant application for Front Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Project.

Discussion was held in regards to Resolution 2016 05. Ms. Leighton reported the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission move forward with the staff recommendation in the agenda packet. We are having a special meeting on this topic because it gains us two weeks of time to create the most competitive application possible for the City's project. The County has elected to not submit an application at this time because they don't have a project that appears to be competitive per the grant guidance. Ms. Leighton noted the application the City is submitting would be different than the previous application. Commissioner Murray asked when the next round of Active Transportation Program grant applications. Ms. Leighton commented she doesn't

know how the State is going to elect to move forward with that program, it may not be for another two years. Ms. Leighton reported that the City mentioned in the Technical Advisory Committee meeting that they plan to submit a request for match funding for this grant. Chairman Finigan asked who was receiving the \$10,000. Ms. Leighton responded that the City is the recipient for this specific purpose.

On a motion by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Hemmingsen, and unanimously carried on a polled vote the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved and adopted the Resolution 2016 05 providing \$10,000 of funding for the City of Crescent City for assistance in developing a Cycle 3 Active Transportation Program grant application for Front Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Project.

4. Commissioner comments and reports.

The following Commissioners commented: Ms. Leighton reported there was another accident on Highway 199 and she contacted Caltrans this morning to see if there was any information on that location in regards to the accident in December. Ms. Leighton stated that Kevin Tucker informed her that Caltrans still has not received the accident report from the California Highway Patrol in regards to the prior accidents. Caltrans is still waiting on the accident report from December and they won't be able to conduct a study on that area until the California Highway Patrol releases all the accident investigation reports. Ms. Leighton reported the process that is followed is the California Highway Patrol investigates the accident and then sends the accident investigation report to Caltrans, and then Caltrans does a study on the area to see how they can make that location safer. Commissioner Holley commented that there are a lot of additional consequences to these accidents because people are continuing to question the 199/197 project. People are concerned that if passenger cars were going into that location how much worse would it be if trucks go into the river. Ms. Leighton passed out the STIP programming document that indicates the STAA access projects are not on this list because they are in the construction phase. There are certain funds for certain projects types and the funding cannot be exchanged to a different category or project. There isn't any data to support that replacing a bridge built in 1926 impacts accidents that are most often result from driving too fast for the conditions, which she believes is the case for US Highway 199. Holley noted the voice on the other side of the phone and newspaper is an organized voice trying to get us to swap money out. Ms. Leighton expressed its unfortunate that the newspaper is misleading the public because they print any information submitted to them without fact checking. Commissioner Hemmingsen commented that the misinformation perpetuates the concerns for what are called "larger" trucks. The trucks actually aren't larger they are only slightly longer. The trucks are not heavier, not higher or faster. Different countermeasures were discussed. Ms. Leighton noted that this is where the study comes in and that none of these accidents involved trucks. Commission Short asked if it would be beneficial for the Commission to draft a letter to ask

the California Highway Patrol to expedite their accident report. Ms. Leighton stated she could draft a letter. Commissioner Howard expressed his frustration due to the fact that there have been accidents in that same location for many years. Public Advisory Member Tucker reported Caltrans has a project that has been initiated based on previous collisions in that area and that Caltrans doesn't know if the current accidents have anything to do with the previous accidents. Commissioner Howard stated that there has to be something better than a fatality-trigger to get some attention to this location. He appreciates Caltrans is waiting for some recent data but he is receiving calls from the public requesting action. Chairman Finigan stated that by consensus the tone of the letter should highlight with the most recent accident the need to expedite the solution of that location. Commissioner Murray asked if David Morgan talked to the California Highway Patrol to expedite the accident report and if he has been up here to observe the area. Ms. Leighton commented safety funding is driven by data and based on the number of injuries and fatalities. Ms. Leighton affirmed that she will send a letter to California Highway Patrol to expedite the accident investigation reports.

5. Action on the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Committee

Adjourn as the Policy Advisory Committee, reconvene as the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission, and by polled vote, approve and adopt the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committee in items listed above.

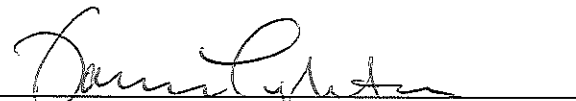
Chairman Finigan adjourned as the Policy Advisory Committee and immediately reconvened as the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission at 11:45 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Hemmingsen, and unanimously carried on a polled vote the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission approved the actions taken on above item 3. a.

6. Adjourn to the regular meeting scheduled on May 12, 2016 at 11 a.m.

With no further business before the Commission, Chairman Murray adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M., until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tamera Leighton, Executive Director