

MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday February 18, 2004
Time: 2:35 p.m.
Place: Madera County Government Center,
Board of Supervisor Chambers

Members Present: Chairman Frank Bigelow - Supervisor, Madera County
Vice-Chair Gordon Skeels - Councilman, City of Madera
Alfred Ginsburg - Councilman, City of Chowchilla
Ronn Dominici – Supervisor, Madera County
Gary Svanda - Councilman, City of Madera
Gary Gilbert - Supervisor - Madera County

Members Absent: Harlen Rippetoe - Unincorporated Valley
Jon Norby - Eastern Madera County
Darwin Shebelut - Incorporated Area

MCTA Staff: Patricia S. Taylor-Maley, Executive Director
Lester Koga, Planner I
Sheila Kingsley, Administrative Assistant

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for person(s) wishing to address the MCTA on items within the jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

There was no Public Comment.

III. Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2004

Upon motion by Director Dominici, seconded by Director Ginsburg, to approve the January 21, 2004 Executive Minutes as written. A vote was called and the motion carried.

IV. Administration

A. 2003-04 Annual Work Program – Amendment #03/04-4

The City of Madera requested to amend the FY 2003-04 AWP to reflect actual costs to complete the Cleveland Avenue – MA-CLE-07 (Granada Drive to Schnoor Avenue) project. The request was to reduce construction engineering to \$6,000 and increase construction to \$79,000, the total project cost remains \$90,000.

Action: Upon motion by Director Gilbert, seconded by Director Svanda to approve the 2003-04 Annual Work Program – Amendment #03/04-4. A vote was called and the motion carried.

B. Plans and Specifications: MA-CLE-05 and MA-ALM-02

The City of Madera requested the Authority's approval for plans and specifications on the Almond Avenue construction project (east of Schnoor Street to Pine Street) and Cleveland Avenue (Sharon to Raymond)

median landscaping project. City staff was available for any questions from the Authority. Plans & Specifications are available for review at the MCTA office.

Action: Upon motion by Director Svanda, seconded by Director Dominici to approve the Plans and Specifications for MA-CLE-05 and MA-ALM-02. A vote was called and the motion carried.

C. *Draft 2004-05 Annual Work Program*

The draft of the 2004/05 Annual Work Program was included in the Board's package. Per Authority policy the AWP is prepared annually and serves as the funding authority for projects advanced by the agencies. The program recognizes funds available for projects to include carryover of prior year balances, surplus revenues and interest. It also provides a line item, not to exceed budget for each project being advanced by one of the agencies.

Action: The Board moved to initiate review of the Draft 2004-05 AWP. A vote was called and the motion carried.

D. *Draft 2004-05 Measure "A" Expenditure Plan*

Included in the Board's package was the DRAFT 2004 Measure "A" Expenditure Plan. The Plan has been prepared based upon projects nominated by Chowchilla, Madera and the County in accordance with the "Implementation Procedures" adopted by the Authority. Measure "A" will have generated about \$51 million by the end of fiscal year 2003.

Action: The Board moved to initiate review of the Draft 2004-05 Measure "A" Expenditure Plan. A vote was called and the motion carried.

E. *Madera/Gateway/Almond Avenues at Freeway 99 – MA-MGA-01 Proposed Delivery and Funding Plan*

The City of Madera is requested that the Authority Board support the City of Madera's proposed delivery and funding plan for the Madera/Gateway/Almond Avenues at Freeway 99 project (MA-MGA-01). The City of Madera's letter of request was included in the Board's packet.

Background:

The current construction cost estimate is \$9,436,000. \$3,900,000 is currently programmed in the Regional State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In order to fund the project increase, the City allocated an additional \$500,000 of Measure "A" funds and \$2,400,000 of Regional STIP funds currently in the reserve. Approximately \$1,500,000 has been expended on the project design, environmental and right-of-way acquisition.

According to City staff, Caltrans District 06 staff has been working with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff over the past few months to find the best way to fund this project within the current CTC guidelines based on the State budget restrictions. The use of the reserve funds are necessary as the current allocation of Regional STIP funds for construction approved in the 1998 Regional STIP are insufficient to fund the current construction cost estimate.

This project is under a "use it or lose it" deadline of February 2004 for the CTC allocation of construction funds. CTC will take action on whether or not to preserve the projects existing funding, not including the \$2,400,000 identified in the STIP Reserves.

The probability of the CTC to fund the construction of this project in FY 2003/04, as originally programmed, is not too promising due to the state budget crisis. Therefore, the City of Madera staff is challenged with the responsibility of identifying alternative funding to deliver this project in its entirety or as two separate projects.

Proposed Delivery and Funding Plan:

The City of Madera staff is proposing to split this project into two projects, SR 99 / SR 145 Interchange and SR 99 / Gateway Drive Interchange. The plan would be to deliver for construction the SR 99 / Gateway Drive project in 2004/05 and to deliver the other project when RIP funds become available.

The construction cost for SR 99 / Gateway Drive is \$4,300,000. The City of Madera has \$3,200,000 of Measure "A" funds programmed and therefore needs an additional \$1,100,000. The City staff's first approach is to secure the additional funds by requesting the California Transportation Commission to increase Madera County's target for the Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds from \$341,000 to \$1,441,000 for FY 2004/05 included as a part of the MCTC 2004 Regional STIP submittal. Concurrently, the City will request that the County of Madera participate in funding the project by allocating Measure "A" funds for construction in FY 2004/05. This concurrent request is necessary as the City will probably not know if the State will approve the higher target until the State Budget is approve in August 2004 which would delay construction by 9 to 12 months. With a known funding source now, Caltrans could get the project on the Ready to Bid List in two to three months.

The City Council of the City of Madera approved this project delivery and funding approach at its February 4, 2004 meeting. The Council also directed staff to work with County of Madera and others to deliver this portion of the project as soon as possible. The City of Madera is requesting the Authority to support the City's proposed delivery and funding plan.

The Commission discussed this issue in detailed and concluded that no action be taken on the city's request.

Action: The Commission requested for staff to provide information at their next meeting regarding the allocation of interest from the Measure "A" funds.

V. Miscellaneous

A. Items for Staff

No Items from Staff.

B. Directors Report

No reports form Directors.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting set for May 19, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia S. Taylor-Maley, Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Authority