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SPECIAL AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022 at 3:00pm

In-Person Meeting

48 Yaney Avenue, 3rd Floor
Public Works Department, Conference Room 3-A

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The public may speak on any item not on the agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of the Minutes of the November 15, 2021
- B. Staff Reports

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. State of the Roads Report preview

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Committee is to serve the Board of Supervisors by reviewing, commenting on and recommending new and/or modifications to existing policy related to 1) standards for road design and construction, road capacity, traffic modeling, and related drainage facilities; 2) maintained public road system; 3) county service areas (CSA's) and permanent road divisions (PRD's); 4) regional transportation plan; 5) traffic mitigation fee program; and 6) the public transportation system.

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PRESENT: Chair Ryan Campbell; Vice-Chair Kathleen Haff

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Blossom Scott-Heim, Supervising Engineer; Denise Zitnik, Engineer II; Eric Pearson, Engineer I; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Rod Brown, Fehr & Peers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting of November 15, 2021 to order at 3:05p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Campbell asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Committee during this portion of the meeting to speak on any issue not on the agenda.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Chair Campbell closed the public forum.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting of the August 16, 2021

Vice-Chair Kathleen Haff asked for an update on grading and encroachment violations as requested at the last committee meeting.

Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works provided a brief update.

Ms. MacFarlane asked if the Committee wanted to see the proposal before it was presented to the Board.

Vice-Chair Haff said that she would like updates as they become available but does not want to hold up the process.

Chair Campbell express confidence in staff to decide what needs to come to the committee.

Chair Campbell did not make any changes to the August 16, 2021 Minutes, but requested that the topic be on the next agenda for further discussion.

Ms. MacFarlane added that Public Works is working closely with the Community Development Department and Code Compliance and agreed to provide an update at the next scheduled meeting.

Minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting were moved by Vice-Chair Haff and seconded by Chair Campbell Haff to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2021 as presented.

Motion carried 2 – 0 – 0

B. Staff Reports

Blossom Scott-Heim, Supervising Engineer gave an update on the Parrotts Ferry / SR49 project.

Ms. Scott-Heim explained that the project was postponed due to weather initially but that they're hoping construction will begin soon.

Discussion ensued regarding the current traffic issues on Parrotts Ferry / SR49 project site.

Chair Campbell asked if there were any public comment, seeing none he asked staff to read Item No. 1.

ITEMS

1. Presentation on the Local Road Safety Plan

Denise Zitnik, Engineer II read Item No. 1 and introduced Rod Brown of Fehrs & Peers.

Rod Brown provided an overview of the Local Road Safety Plan and its development.

Ms. Zitnik concluded the presentation.

Vice-Chair Haff questioned the funding source and asked for details.

Ms. Zitnik explained that the Safety Plan is funded through Caltrans who requires the Local Road Safety Plan as a part of their Highway Safety Program. She further explained that the implantation portion can be funded through multiple different sources as stated in the presentation.

Vice-Chair Haff requested clarification for the public when it's presented to the Board.

Chair Campbell praised Ms. Zitnik and the engineering staff on a job well done.

Chair Campbell questioned if the public was able to submit comments and/or requests on areas they have concerns.

Ms. Zitnik explained that it's a part of the systematic approach, but a platform can be created for the public when the time comes.

Ms. Scott-Heim provided the current procedure: the public calls in to report an issue, it's

logged, and investigated.

Ms. MacFarlane informed the Committee that Public Works has continued communication with California Highway Patrol (CHP) regarding hotspots throughout the county.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Scott-Heim educated the Committee on the importance of real data vs anecdotal. She explained that notification of near misses can be useful but unfortunately, it does not help the county receive grant funding.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Campbell asked if there were any public comment, seeing none he and Vice-Chair Haff thanked Mr. Brown and staff for their presentation.

2. Discussion of Speed Limit Ordinance Change

Erik Pearson, Engineer I provided a presentation on proposed amendments to Chapter 10.04 Tuolumne County Ordinance Code "Speed Limits".

Mr. Pearson explained that after Advanced Mobility Group (AMG) collected traffic data to complete engineering and traffic surveys on fifteen roads throughout Tuolumne County, two roads had proposed changes: including Merrell Road in the Groveland area. He continued; at this time Merrell Road does not have a posted speed limit.

Mr. Pearson educated the Committee on how a speed limit defaults to 55mph when one is not established and posted along the roadway.

Chair Campbell and Vice-Chair Haff were surprised to hear that the speed limit of Merrell Road was 55mph and voiced their concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding the residential capacity of Merrell Road and if that would change the outcome of the survey.

Ms. Scott-Heim agreed to see if the AMG had collected any data regarding the residential capacity of Merrell Road before taking the item before the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Campbell asked what Mr. Pearson meant when he said, "complaint driven".

Ms. Scott-Heim explained that a concerned Merrell Road resident called to report unsafe conditions. She continued; the complaint was then logged and investigated.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Campbell endorsed the recommendation to amend Chapter 10.04 of the Tuolumne County Ordinance Code to implement traffic speed study recommendations.

Vice-Chair Haff voiced her concerns about Merrell Road, but agreed to endorse the recommendations and have the item go to the Board for final approval.

Ms. MacFarlane let the Committee know that staff is researching an assembly bill to help correct the current process.

Chair Campbell asked if there was any further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing none, Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim MacFarlane
Director of Public Works

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