

Minutes – COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 20th, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

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Minutes:

1. Introductions

Tamera Leighton with Del Norte County and Stephanie Alward with Green DOT Transportation Solutions introduced themselves and the other Green DOT Staff before beginning the presentation.

2. Presentation – Draft Regional Transportation Plan elements – Policies, Action Element, Financial Element

Stephanie Alward gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The presentation included an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan, including the typical RTP process, structure, funding, and implementation. Stephanie Alward then displayed the current projects that have been identified and included in the RTP.

3. Open Discussion

Question: James Cipolla, 04:28 PM

Since the last RTP in 2016, what projects have started, made progress or been completed? How many of these address cycle and/or pedestrian transportation?

Answer: Tamera Leighton, 04:33 PM

We don't have all of this compiled yet. We have made significant progress in bicycle and pedestrian projects and reconstruction. I can make sure that this question is answered in the Regional Transportation Plan and to you directly if you would like to leave your contact information. If you would like to send contact information privately, you can send it to the panelists only or email it to me at Tamera@DNLTC.org.

Question: James Cipolla, 04:31 PM

How much money has been consumed by projects since 2016?

Answer: Tamera Leighton, 04:36 PM

I don't have an answer compiled for this question. All of the funding doesn't go through DNLTC so I'm not able to track this detail. The County of Del Norte and Caltrans receive funds directly in many cases.

Question: Colin Fiske, 04:33 PM

What is the CEQA process that will be followed for this RTP update? Are you planning another addendum to the 2002 Supplemental PEIR, or will there be a new EIR, MND or other document?

Answer: Jeff Schwein, 04:36 PM

Hi Colin,

We are anticipating an IS/ND, but will have a better idea if we need to go to a higher level after the Initial Study is developed.

Question: Colin Fiske, 04:45pm

Humboldt County AOG is in the process of RTP update – the board has formed a committee to look specifically at VMT and GHG reduction. He suggests looking at that example to setting specific targets instead of general suggestions.

Question: Stephen Lyon, 04:45 PM

Are you still considering potential projects? How much study has there been given to adding more streetlights to urban areas?

Answer: Stephanie Alward

I believe that we have some projects on there regarding streetlights. She suggests that if Stephen has specific suggestions, he should reach out to Stephanie and identify specific locations that are in need of this improvement.

Stephen Lyon: Some areas in the valley need more lighting. I am not sure what programs or who is responsible, but there are some major intersections that do not have streetlights. Another thing that was done in the Valley through Grants was the establishment of flashing pedestrian crossing lights. These in place flashing lights are very effective especially when it gets dark or foggy.

Tamera Leighton: The area Stephen is referring to has already been addressed in the RTP. There is a Caltrans project that is in partnership with the harbor to improve the inland side of Highway 101. It

would be similar to the pedestrian crossing that we have at the renter's station at the north end of Highway 101. It is already identified, funded, and will be anticipated to be built within the next 4 years.

Stephen Lyon: What kind of sidewalks will be constructed?

Tamera Leighton: Sidewalk improvements to have sidewalks be ADA compliant. The project is close to construction.

Typically, when a project is considered, we look at who owns the project. For example, Caltrans owns the sidewalk on the highway and therefore is responsible. So wherever the project takes place, we need to partner with the agency that owns the infrastructure.

Question: Janet Gilbert, 04:55pm

What is the status of STSA modifications on 199/197?

Answer: Tamera Leighton

They are in construction/litigation right now – it is always a topic of discussion, and we will continue to evaluate.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.