

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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TO: EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following is an overview of the issues, projects, and coordination currently being advanced by EDCTC.

TRANSIT PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

Western El Dorado County Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan

On April 11, 2019 LSC provided EDCTC and Transit staff with the Draft List of Service, Capital, and Financial Alternatives for the Short-Range/Long-Range Transit Plan update. Alternatives were developed based on findings in Technical Memo #1, EDCTC, and Transit staff input, and public input. EDCTC and Transit staff provided comments and the alternatives list is being revised by LSC. Technical Memo #2, *Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan Elements*, was provided to EDCTC and El Dorado Transit on Friday, July 26th. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting #2 was held on Tuesday, August 27th at El Dorado Hills Fire Station 85 and Public Meeting #2 was held on Wednesday, August 28th at the El Dorado County Library, Placerville Branch at two times: noon to 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The draft plan is scheduled to be presented to the EDCTC Board at the October 3rd EDCTC Board meeting.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

2020-2040 Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

RTP Advisory Committee meeting #3 was held on August 7, 2019. Committee members were provided with a presentation and opportunity to discuss the streets and roads project list anticipated for inclusion in the 2020-2040 RTP. The following Chapters of the Draft RTP 2020-2040 were also presented to the Advisory Committee members: Chapter 1, Introduction/Completed Project Lists; Ch. 2, Organizational Setting; Ch. 3, Physical Setting; and Chapter 5, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. EDCTC staff has started work with the consultant team on the Environmental Impact Report for the RTP. In Fall 2019, EDCTC will release the 2020-2040 RTP Draft Policy Element for public review. The 2020-2040 RTP Policy Element will be presented to the EDCTC Board at the October meeting.

TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT

El Dorado County Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)

FSP operates from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM and from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday on US 50 from the El Dorado/Sacramento County line extending eastward to Greenstone Road. FSP is funded by the Capital Valley Regional Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and the Caltrans FSP program; no local funds are required. In August FSP drivers assisted 117 motorists.

US 50 Corridor Transportation Management Agency (TMA)

EDCTC staff has engaged with Sue Fry, the new Executive Director from the 50 Corridor TMA, who has expressed interest in EDCTC planning activities along the 50 Corridor in El Dorado County. A future meeting will be set up with Director Fry for additional details.

Walk to School Day

Planning has started for Walk to School Day on October 2, 2019. So far, Northside School in Cool, Sierra and Schnell Schools in Placerville, and Valley View School in El Dorado Hills have indicated interest in participating.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

El Dorado County and City of Placerville Active Transportation Plans

An online public engagement tool was launched on April 25th to receive input on routes needing improvement, barriers to active transportation, and destinations. The Active Transportation Plan Advisory Committee meeting #3 took place on August 15th at the Cameron Park Community Services District. Committee members were given the opportunity to review and comment on maps containing proposed active transportation improvements throughout the west slope of the county. The consultant is currently revising the maps and preparing the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan will be made available to the public in early October, at which time two additional public meetings are scheduled. Meeting #1 will be held at the Placerville Town Hall on Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Meeting #2 will be held at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District from 5pm to 7:00pm on Monday October 21, 2019. The Draft Active Transportation Plan is anticipated for presentation to the EDCTC Board at the November 2019 meeting.

COORDINATION, OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY

EL DORADO COUNTY

El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan

EDCTC worked with Caltrans to secure \$144,000 in State Planning and Research grant funds to support the El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan. The effort will be closely coordinated with El Dorado County and the El Dorado Hills Business Park Association to look at future traffic and circulation in and around the business park. An initial meeting with property and business owners is scheduled for Tuesday September 10, 2019.

El Dorado County SB 743 Implementation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

EDCTC staff is working closely with the City of Placerville and El Dorado County DOT staff to finalize the SB 743 Implementation Plan and related technical components. EDCTC released a request for proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals for the update of the County's Travel Demand Model to include the necessary inputs and analytical tools to comply with the requirements of SB 743. EDCTC secured state Rural Planning Assistance funding to support this effort. The proposals are due October 2, 2019.

CITY OF PLACERVILLE

Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2

During construction the intersection of Ray Lawyer Drive and Forni Road is closed, including access to and from the El Dorado Trail segment between Ray Lawyer Drive / Forni Road and Lower Main Street. Due to the traffic impacts of re-routed traffic during construction of WPI 2 the project will include a grind and overlay of Fairlane from the Sheriff's Office to Ray Lawyer Drive. Due to heavy spring rains that lasted until Memorial Day Weekend, construction is now scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving. However, through coordination with the construction team, the City was able to reopen the El Dorado Trail Friday August 30.

Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2.2

On May 16, 2018, the CTC awarded \$1,070,000 in LPP funds to the City of Placerville to advance delivery of the eastbound on-ramp for the Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2 project. The City released an RFP for Engineering Design and Environmental Consulting Services on January 16, 2019. On March 26, 2019 the City Council awarded the consulting contract to R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. At the same meeting the City Council also approved a \$400,000 budget appropriation from the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Fund to increase the budget for PA&ED.

The City of Placerville was granted a 12-month construction allocation extension of LPP funds at the June 26-27 CTC meeting. The new project schedule shows the construction allocation request being approved by the CTC in May 2020 with the construction contract awarded in November 2020.

Upper Broadway Bike Lanes Project

On October 18, 2017, the California Transportation Commission awarded \$1,886,000 in 2017 ATP Augmentation – Statewide and Small Urban and Rural Components funding for the Upper Broadway Pedestrian Connection Project that will provide strategically located sidewalks and additional pedestrian improvements and new transit stops on Broadway between Schnell School Road and Point View Drive. Project Development Team (PDT) meetings are regularly held on the third Tuesday of each month at City Hall. The CTC allocated the construction funds at the June 26-27 meeting with the construction contract likely to be awarded at the December 10, 2019 City Council meeting.

Broadway Sidewalks Project

The project improves pedestrian safety by constructing new curb, gutter, and sidewalk on four segments of Broadway between the Main Street/Mosquito Road/Broadway intersection and Orchard Lane where there are currently no pedestrian facilities. The project is funded by Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. On January 23, 2019 the City received an E-76 for \$40,000 of HSIP funding for additional PA&ED work. The project is scheduled to go to construction in September 2019.

Placerville Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Project

The project will design bicycle facilities and sidewalks along Placerville Drive from west of the US 50 undercrossing to Green Valley Road and sidewalk on the west side of Green Valley Road from Placerville Drive to Mallard Lane. In June 2016 EDCTC programmed \$1.1 million of CMAQ funds to the project. The consulting contract was awarded to Drake Haglan and Associates at the July 10, 2018 City Council meeting. At the March 7th meeting EDCTC programmed \$680,303 in CMAQ to the project PA&ED/PS&E and ROW phases. Environmental studies will be completed in fall of 2019.

Main Street/Cedar Ravine/Clay Street Intersection Improvement Project

The City of Placerville is working on responding to comments received on the Environmental Document. The City anticipates completing CEQA and NEPA in January and June of 2020 respectively. Once the environmental work is done, the City will complete the final design and prepare to release bid documents in summer of 2021.

Placerville Station II

The project is located in the gravel lot adjacent to the existing Placerville Station (Mosquito Park and Ride) north of U.S. 50. In March 2019, EDCTC programmed \$645,000 in CMAQ funds to the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2020. The project includes:

- Construction of a 50-car parking lot with lighting and landscaping
- Replacement of an existing water main and services
- Replacement of sewer connection
- Paving Mosquito Road between the westbound U.S. 50 off-ramp and Clay Street
- Improved connection to El Dorado Transit and Amtrak Bus Service
- Bringing the El Dorado Trail up to current standards
- Bicycle racks and lockers

SACOG

EDCTC is working closely with SACOG on the Advancing Innovative Mobility program. This effort will look at funding pilot projects throughout the SACOG region to explore new and innovative ways to move people and goods. SACOG is seeking a cross section of projects deployed throughout the urban, suburban, and rural communities in the region.

CALTRANS**US Highway 50 Hot Spot Study**

On August 28, 2017 EDCTC and City of Placerville staff met with Caltrans to form a plan to identify and analyze improvements to traffic and circulation along the US 50 corridor through Placerville. This effort was formalized through the Caltrans led US 50 Corridor Hot Spot Study. Caltrans is leading this

effort to identify issues and opportunities along US 50 from Placerville into the Tahoe Basin. The kickoff meeting was facilitated by Caltrans on October 28, 2018.

The first public workshop was held on July 29th at Town Hall in Placerville. Participants engaged with local stakeholders and the project team to help identify the desired path forward to improve congestion and safety on US 50 through Placerville. In addition to the public workshop, a survey was used to garner more input from those residents and visitors alike unable to attend the workshop. A second workshop will be held later this fall to complete the effort. EDCTC is currently working with Caltrans to expand the scope of the study to collect more traffic count data and provide planning level cost estimates for some of the proposed alternatives.

US Highway 50 Camino Safety Project

EDCTC has been working with Caltrans to develop a strategy to continue moving forward with the project. Caltrans has finalized the Project Report to include the first phase which will be the completion of the median barrier closure from Still Meadows Road to Upper Carson Road and a minimum undercrossing at Lower Carson Road. Caltrans, El Dorado County, and EDCTC will be developing a plan to deliver and fund the remaining elements. Caltrans held a public meeting on April 29, 2019 at Camino School to present the phased approach to the community members. EDCTC continues to seek out funding for the ultimate project to include an interchange at upper Carson Road. EDCTC worked with Caltrans and El Dorado County to submit an application for the next round of Federal INFRA grant funding but was unsuccessful in this highly competitive national program. However, in mid-July EDCTC submitted an application for the next round of Federal BUILD grant funding to support the preferred alternative. EDCTC will continue to pursue any and all opportunities to secure funding for the project.

STATE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

Governor Appointments

On September 3, 2019 Governor Newsom made the following appointments.

Toks Omishakin, 43, of Nashville, TN, has been appointed director of the California Department of Transportation.

James Davis, 54, of Davis, has been appointed chief deputy director of the California Department of Transportation.

Garin Casaleggio, 42, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy secretary for communications and strategic planning at the California State Transportation Agency.

Kristin Peer, 39, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy secretary and special counsel for water policy at the California Environmental Protection Agency.

State Transportation Funding

The next cycle of competitive SB 1 transportation funding programs will begin in the fall of 2019. EDCTC is working closely with City and County staff to develop a list of projects which are "shovel ready" to compete for these funds. The next round of Local Partnership Program (LPP), Solutions for Congestion Corridors (SCCP), and Trade Corridor Enhancements (TCEP) funding has just begun the initial phase of developing performance metrics for the competitive funding round.

The SB 1 programs are summarized below.

- Maintenance and Rehabilitation of the State Highway System: \$1.8 billion (directly to Caltrans)
- Maintaining and Repairing the State's Bridges and Culverts: \$400 million (directly to Caltrans)
- Repairs to Local Streets and Roads: \$1.5 billion (directly to cities and counties)
- Local Partnership Program: \$200 million

- \$100 to self-help counties/cities on a formula basis
- \$100 to TIM fee counties/cities on a competitive basis
- Active Transportation Program: \$100 million (competitive to cities, counties, and Caltrans)
- Freeway Service Patrol: \$25 million (directly to cities/counties)
- Transit: \$750+ million (directly to transit agencies)
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program: \$300 million (competitive distribution to goods movement/trade corridors)
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program: \$250 million (competitive distribution to heavily congested corridors)
- University Transportation Research: \$7 million
- Workforce Training Programs: \$5 million

State Transportation Legislation

Some proposed bills that we are currently tracking include the following.

- **AB 970 (Salas R) California Department on Aging: Grants for Transportation.**
 - Would require the California Department on Aging to administer a grant program to support transit trips for non-emergency medical trips via zero emission vehicles.
 - Ordered to Assembly
- **AB 1243 (Fong R) Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Act.**
 - Would create the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Program to address specific congestion and deferred maintenance. The Bill would provide for deposits of existing revenue sources into a standalone account.
 - Referred to Assembly Committee on Transportation
- **AB 1413 (Gloria D) Transportation: Local Transportation Authorities: Transactions and Use Taxes.**
 - Authorizes Placer County Transportation Planning Agency to impose a tax applicable to only a portion or sub district of Placer County and that the funds are spent in or to the benefit of that portion of the county. This would serve as a pilot to evaluate this application for other counties.
 - Ordered to third reading as amended
- **SB 127 (Wiener D) Transportation Funding: Active Transportation: Complete Streets.**
 - Would create an Active Transportation Asset Branch within the Transportation Asset Management Office and require the CTC to give high priority to increasing safety for and implementation of active modes.
 - Ordered to third reading
- **SB 137 (Dodd D) Federal Transportation Funds: State Exchange Programs.**
 - Allows federal funds allocated ("exchanged") to local assistance to be exchanged for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program funds.
 - Ordered to third reading
- **SB 277 (Beall D) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program: Local Partnership Program.**
 - Currently, \$200 million is appropriated to the Local Partnership Program (LPP), \$100 million directly allocated by formula to self-help counties and cities, and \$100 million awarded through a competitive process to those cities and counties with a uniform developer fee.
 - This bill would appropriate 85%, or \$170 million, to self-help cities and counties; and 15%, or \$30 million, for award through a competitive process for cities and counties with a uniform developer fee.
 - Suspense file

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

On July 29, 2019 the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) released their \$287 billion transportation reauthorization bill for Fiscal Years 2021-2025. On July 30, the EPW committee passed, what they are calling, the "most substantial highway legislation in history" by a vote of 21-0.

The bill includes some focus areas in addition to the general provisions and funding programs. These include:

- Resiliency
- Autonomous vehicles
- New bridge program
- Alternative
- New mobility impacts

The three Senate committees which have jurisdiction over the surface transportation reauthorization (banking committee for mass transit, commerce committee for safety and rail, and finance committee for revenue provisions) will likely take action on the various elements of the bill later this fall.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED *(since the last Commission meeting August 1, 2019)*

08/02	Mike Luken, Placer Transportation re AB 1413
08/06	Cameron Park Airport new manager introduction
08/07	RTP Advisory Committee meeting #3
08/08-13	ALF Class
08/14	CTC meeting, San Jose
08/15	David Turch, Advocate
08/16	Don Ashton, EDC CAO
08/20	US 50 Hot Spot Study
08/21	MTC/SACOG Interregional Corridors
08/22	Mike Luken, Placer Transportation
08/22	SB 743 Local Agency Working Group
08/22	SACOG Innovative Mobility meeting
08/23	CTC LPP Guidelines Working Group
08/27	Senator Brian Dahle
08/27	Commissioner Dennis Thomas
08/27	EDCTC TAC meeting
08/29	Express Lanes Discussion, MTC
09/04	SB1 Programs Performance Metrics Workgroup