

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

County Line Multi-Modal Transit Center Study

On March 25th, Transit mailed "Letters of Inquiry" to the owners of four sites considered as locations for the new transit center. By the April 15, 2019 response deadline Transit received two responses; Site 2 in Town Center West had been sold and the owners of Site 5 immediately south of Silva Valley Interchange replied they were interested in discussing sale of the property. Site 5 has topographic challenges due to an average 8% slope on most of the site and is somewhat isolated from activity centers in Town Center. The owners of Site 6, which is adjacent to the proposed Costco retail center off of Silva Valley Parkway, did not respond and it is likely the site will be utilized for commercial development associated with the proposed Costco. The owners of Site 3 did not respond but the project team learned that Site 3 is currently for sale. The site is comprised of 3 individual assessor parcels so it may be possible to purchase just one of the parcels. A follow-up letter of inquiry was sent to the owners of Site 3 and Transit is awaiting a response. The consultant team is using Site 3 as a template to develop a base set of concept site amenities that are also applicable to Site 5.

The second SAC meeting is planned to be held at the El Dorado Hills CSD Pavilion the third week of May, date and time pending availability of the Pavilion. The draft study is scheduled to be presented to the EDCTC Board and public at the June 6, 2019 EDCTC meeting.

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 Tech 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.

Tech Memo #2, *Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan Elements*, is scheduled to be released in June 2019.

Triennial Performance Audits

EDCTC is statutorily required to designate entities other than itself to conduct a Triennial Performance Audit of the activities of the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the Transit Operator to whom it allocates Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, in this case El Dorado Transit. The performance audit generally follows the guidelines established in the Performance Audit Guidebook for Transit Operators and Regional Transportation Planning Entities, published by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Mass Transportation. On November 1, 2018 EDCTC awarded the consulting contract to LSC. LSC will be presenting the draft Audit reports at this meeting. The final Audits will be presented for acceptance at the June EDCTC meeting.

Connect Card

Connect Card ridership is recorded each time a Connect Card is tapped onto the equipment in one of the vehicles. The number of riders is tracked to evaluate system usage. El Dorado Transit recorded 13,300 taps or 42.4% of all ridership in January 2019. In February 2019 the number of recorded taps

dropped to 11,299 but still represented 42.4% of total ridership. In March El Dorado Transit recorded 14,468 taps or 45% of total ridership, the highest percentage yet.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

2020-2040 Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

The Draft RTP Goals, Objectives, and Strategies have been finalized to include comments from previous meetings held with advisory committee members. Collaboration continues between SACOG, EDCTC, City and County staff regarding the lists of short- and long-term projects for the 2020-2040 RTP. EDCTC is working with SACOG to help meet required greenhouse gas reduction targets for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. SACOG conducted a second model run in early December to include additional El Dorado County projects which were not previously included in the discussion draft scenario. From an air quality standpoint, it appears that all El Dorado County projects will be eligible for inclusion in the preferred MTP scenario. Projects will need to be reviewed for fiscal constraint as financial projections for the RTP and MTP are still being developed. An additional meeting of the RTP Advisory Committee is going to be scheduled in the next three weeks. Work continues on Chapter development for the 2020-2040 RTP, the Introduction, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, Completed Project Lists, Organizational Setting, Regional Transportation Issues, and Physical Setting, including growth projections prepared by SACOG are currently in draft form.

Senate Bill SB 743 VMT Analysis

EDCTC staff was successful in securing Rural Planning Assistance grant funds to develop an SB 743 Vehicle Miles Travelled requirements analysis for El Dorado County and the City of Placerville. This will provide the City and County with an introductory strategy to update the necessary policies, travel demand modelling tools, and land use analytics in order to comply with SB 743. On March 1, 2018 EDCTC awarded a contract to Fehr & Peers to complete the work. EDCTC and the project team are finalizing the case studies for completion of the report. The draft report will be presented to the EDCTC in June. Furthermore, EDCTC is working with the team to determine the necessary updates to the County's Travel Demand Model. EDCTC submitted an application for Rural Planning Assistance grant funding to support the update to the County's model.

TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT

Transportation Demand Management

Planning work has begun for activities related to May is Bike Month 2019. On April 23rd, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors read a proclamation declaring May as Bike Month. The following events will be taking place during the month of May:

- May 8, Bike to School Day at Northside School and Valley View Montessori
- May 11, El Dorado County May is Bike Month Ride along the El Dorado Trail, 9-11am, El Dorado Trail Jacquier parking lot in Smith Flat
- May 13, Amgen Tour of California passes through the City of Placerville
- May 19, Apple Blossom Bike Tour

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.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

El Dorado County and City of Placerville Active Transportation Plans

Alta Planning and Design, the consultant under contract to perform the work on the plans, has provided EDCTC with the following deliverables toward development of the Plan: Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, Relationship to Other Documents Memo, Sidewalk Audit Methodology, Existing Conditions Report, a comprehensive map set, and web survey content. An online public engagement

tool was launched on April 25th to receive input on routes needing improvement, barriers to active transportation, and destinations. This tool is located at <https://eldorado.altaplanning.cloud/#/>. The project team facilitated non-traditional outreach at the Placerville Earth Day event on Saturday April 27th. More than 50 residents engaged the project team and provided input.

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. EDCTC will consider awarding the consultant contract to Fehr and Peers at the April 4, 2019 meeting.

Coloma Sustainable Community Mobility Plan

The Coloma Sustainable Community Mobility Plan will address safety, active transportation, and mobility deficiencies in Coloma, specifically on State Route (SR) 49 through Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park (State Park) and Lotus Road near Henningsen-Lotus Park. Community Workshop #2 was held on February 5, 2019 to receive public comment on layouts and drawings of proposed mobility improvements. Following Community Workshop #2 the project team began developing planning level cost estimates and a draft list of potential projects. EDCTC staff and the consultant met with State Parks staff on March 27th to review the proposed improvements on SR 49 through the State Park to ensure consistency between State Park's proposals and the Coloma Lotus Mobility Plan. The draft plan is scheduled to be presented to the EDCTC Board in August. The draft plan will also be posted on the EDCTC website well in advance of the August meeting.

CITY OF PLACERVILLE

Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2

The project was under winter suspension and no project progress was made during the extremely wet February and March weather. Work resumed on Monday, April 29th and construction is expected to last through the summer. During that time 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. The paving contract for Ray Lawyer Drive is scheduled to be on the May 14, 2019 City Council agenda.

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 will request 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 most recent PDT was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 and the next PDT is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Right-of-Way Utility Relocations and Design are the two critical path items.

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 August/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. The City placed bike counters at the intersection of Placerville Drive and Green Valley Road on November 26th. Regular PDT's will begin this spring. At the March 7th meeting EDCTC programmed \$680,303 in CMAQ to the project PA&ED/PS&E and ROW phases.

Main Street/Cedar Ravine/Clay Street Intersection Improvement Project

The City of Placerville is working on responding to comments received on the Environmental Document. Once the cultural analysis is done, the City will certify the Environmental Document and complete final design and prepare to release bid documents in summer of 2019.

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 last Caltrans Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 10, 2019. The first public workshop is being scheduled for late May. The schedule was delayed slightly due to the weather impacting Caltrans' ability to collect new traffic count data.

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, which was submitted March 4, 2019. This grant is highly competitive with only \$950 million available nationwide. EDCTC will continue to pursue any and all opportunities to secure funding for the project.

STATE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

State Transportation Funding

The next cycle of competitive SB 1 transportation funding programs will begin in early summer 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) funding has just begun the initial phase of developing guidelines for the competitive funding round. EDCTC staff is working with the City and County to identify projects to submit for these LPP funds.

State Transportation Legislation

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

- **AB 148 (Quirk-Silva D): Regional Transportation Plans: sustainable communities strategies**
 - Would require the Regional Transportation Plan to identify sites for emergency shelters.
- **AB 172 (Voepel R): Speed limits: rural areas.**
 - Would authorize a person to drive a motortruck or truck tractor having three or more axles, or a motortruck or truck tractor drawing any other vehicle, in rural areas at a speed of up to 65 miles per hour, instead of the current 55 miles per hour limit.
- **AB 252 (Daly D) Department of Transportation: environmental review process: Federal Program.**
 - Existing federal law allows for participating states to assume certain responsibilities for environmental review and clearance of transportation projects that would otherwise be the responsibility of the federal government. This applies to California until the provision expires on January 1, 2020. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions indefinitely.
- **AB 352 (Garcia, Eduardo D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment plan: Transformative Climate Communities Program.**
 - Makes several changes to grant programs that expands criteria and identifies priorities. Also allows applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to use daytime population numbers in grant applications.
- **AB 847 (Grayson D) Housing: transportation-related impact fees grant program.**
 - Transfers miscellaneous revenues used to for transportation debt service to cities and counties that have been certified by HCD to have met their very low income housing goals or low-income housing goals. Also creates similar preferences and bonuses in the ATP and SLP programs.
- **AB 905 (Chen R) Department of Transportation: Highway Design Manual: Fire prone areas.**
 - Requires Caltrans to update the Highway Design Manual to incorporate fire proofing in fire prone areas.
- **AB 1167 (Mathis R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: High-speed rail.**
 - Would no longer continuously appropriate 25% of the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for certain components of a specified high-speed rail project.
- **AB 1413 (Gloria D) Transportation: local transportation authorities: transactions and use taxes.**
 - Authorizes local transportation authority to impose a tax applicable to only a portion of its county or city and that the funds are spent in or to the benefit of that portion of the county or city.
- **AB 1568 (McCarty D) Housing law compliance: withholding of transportation funds.**
 - Requires HCD to report on compliance (certify) with housing production goals for each individual city or count to the Controller. Local Streets and Roads funding would be withheld from uncertified local agencies.
- **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.

- **SB 152 (Beall D) Active Transportation Program.**
 - Make the ATP program more local by allowing MPOs and RTPAs to select projects according to state guidelines.

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

The Administration and majority leaders met on April 29, 2019 to discuss a \$2 trillion infrastructure package. This plan would be focused around highways, railroads, bridges, and broadband. EDCTC will follow this plan closely as more information and detail becomes available.

One positive note on the Federal side is that the recent BUILD and INFRA grant programs, as well as discussions with the administration, have presented a clear emphasis on rural infrastructure needs by the administration. Consequently, EDCTC staff is working closely with our local, regional, and statewide leadership to take advantage of this rural focus and advocate for large transformative transportation projects that will likely rely heavily on significant Federal investment.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED *(since the last Commission meeting April 4, 2019)*

04/08	WPI Phase 2.2 – Caltrans
04/09	CTC/CARB meeting
04/10	Hot Spot Study SAC
04/11	Camino PDT – Caltrans
04/11	US 50 Hot Spots Next Steps
04/12	SACOG Retreat
04/15	Mike Luken, PCTPA
04/15	ATP Reform Legislative Conference Call
04/16	CFPG meeting
04/17	ATP Reform Legislative Conference Call
04/17	Barbara Van Bechtold
04/18	SACOG Board Meeting
04/18	Matt Carpenter, SACOG
04/19	Rafael Martinez, EDC DOT
04/23	Caltrans meeting re Camino Safety Project – Mike Visman
04/24	US Hot Spot Discussion Conference call
04/24	Status of D3 Recreation Hot Spots
04/24	Rafael Martinez, John Kahling, EDC DOT
04/26	CTC Road Charge TAC
04/29	Cap-to-Cap Team meeting
04/30	CTC 2020 LPP Discussion Workshop
04/30	CALCOG CDAC
04/30	Camino Safety Project Public Meeting
05/01	Agenda Review with Chair Borelli