

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
GREATER BAKERSFIELD SEPARATION OF GRADE DISTRICT

Held: June 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on June 10, 2019, at 1800 30th Street, Suite 260, Bakersfield, California.

CALL TO ORDER:)
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President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL:)
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The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

W. Patrick Marchbanks and Steven M. Ruetters were absent.

Also present was John D. Schuler, District Engineer; and Bernard C. Barmann, Jr., District Legal Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING)
MAY 13, 2019:)
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On motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2019, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Mr. Barmann reported that he and John Schuler were working on a proposed amendment to Section 190 of the Streets and Highways Code to be presented to representatives of the Governor's office when they visit Bakersfield this month.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
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Mr. Schuler reported as follows:

Project Funding Sources. Ahron Hakimi with Kern COG is interested in seeking a legislative increase in funding for the section 190 program. The County is submitting a request for Morning Drive funding and the public works department is interested in seeking oil and gas funds for grade separation projects.

High Speed Rail Project. Mr. Schuler met with HSR staff on May 14. HSR provided an update on its draft environmental document and discussed Morning Drive design alternatives. HSR will provide an estimate of the cost differences for the alternatives.

Specific Plan Lines. The City is reviewing the overall plat and defining final process steps for Renfro/Jenkins. The City is working on a funding mechanism for participation in specific plan line development.

Morning Drive Project. Mr. Schuler is working with County Public Works and Kern COG on funding requests, financing sources and strategy. Mr. Schuler has provided the County with traffic data and the WZI report. He is continuing to work with Sam Lux. Mr. Schuler has received mapping information from the utilities.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. No changes to report.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No changes to report.

CPUC Nominations 2020-2022 – Crossing data collection. Mr. Schuler's office collected and has processed video data. Based on an initial review, train volume is down and crossing delays were down. His office will cross-check with City signal information.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for May, 2019, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed, vouchers to pay the bills from the District Expense Fund as noted in part A(1) of the report and were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

AYES: Mark J. Smith
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

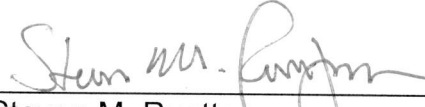
NOES: None

ABSENT: W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruettgers

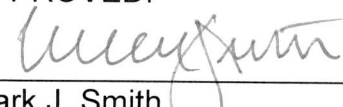
ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The Commission will meet next on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission