

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

Held: July 13 2020

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on June 13, 2020, via video and teleconference as authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Orders issued during the state of emergency as a result of COVID-19.

CALL TO ORDER:)
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President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL:)
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The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

Steven M. Ruettgers joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Also present were Rose Marie Tantillo Mankoff, a member of the public; Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Bernard C. Barmann, Jr., District Legal Counsel.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS)
& COMMENTS)
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None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
June 8, 2020)
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On motion of Commissioner Marchbanks, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8 2020, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Nothing new to report.

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

Project Funding Sources. The County of Kern was not successful in their grant application for federal funding from INFRA for the Morning Drive project. It is anticipated that the County will reapply in future funding cycles. The State continues to shift their transportation focus from road construction to pedestrians, bike and transit facilities. Additionally, a decrease in STIP and SHOPP funding is anticipated due to decreased gas tax revenues. Local funding is currently unstable due to COVID 19, however, the general goal is to have a project "shovel ready" should infrastructure stimulus funds become available.

High Speed Rail Project. The 2020 draft business plan is to be approved by the State Legislature in December, 2020, delayed from September, 2020. If the F Street station is not approved, interim improvements affecting crossings along the BNSF may be implemented. Mr. Schuler also reported that Diana Gomez, former HSR Central Valley Regional Director has been named District 6 Director of Caltrans.

Specific Plan Lines. Mr. Schuler is coordinating with City Public Works and Planning Departments regarding Renfro/BNSF. Paul Johnson has been named as the new Planning Director. The Kratzmeyer/BNSF project has been tied into the KernCOG KARGO study by Public Works Director, Nick Fidler. Mr. Schuler is working to split it out as a separate project.

Morning Drive Project. Relinquishment legislation AB 2006, is moving forward. Federal grant, INFRA, for \$5 million was unsuccessful. HSR is investigating a revised design alternative and the County is doing initial right of way assessments.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. No news.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No news.

CPUC Nominations 2020-2022. Beale/Truxtun/Baker now higher in priority than Morning Drive.

Cherry Ave. & Los Angeles St./Beech Ave. @ BNSF. Mr. Schuler is continuing discussions with Shafter, Caltrans and CPUC regarding closure of Los Angeles St. at BNSF, associated with Santa Fe Way/SR 43 Roundabout, which would shift traffic to the Cherry Ave./BNSF crossing. HSR coordination also continues regarding the project.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for May, 2020, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Marchbanks, seconded by Commissioner Murray, 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
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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Budget Committee: A meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. on July 24, 2020, with staff to review the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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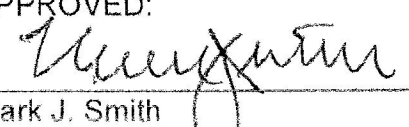
Arrangement Letter dated May 12, 2020 from Daniells, Phillips, Vaughn & Bock: outlining audit services for FY 2019-2020. The letter was approved and the President was directed to sign on behalf of the District.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Murray seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The Commission will next meet at a special meeting on Monday, July 27 2020, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING JULY 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - June 2020	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - June 2020	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - June 2020	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - June 2020	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - June 2020	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - May 2020	\$	1,087.10
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - June 2020	\$	<u>3,250.00</u>
		\$	<u>4,837.10</u>