

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

Held: August 10 2020

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on August 10, 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
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray

John Spaulding was absent.

Also present were 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)
JULY 13, 2020 AND SPECIAL)
MEETING OF JULY 27, 2020:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2020, and special meeting of July 27 2020, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Mr. Barmann reported that President Smith had asked him to look into whether the Commission could meet less frequently than once every month and promised to do so.

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

Project Funding Sources. There were no new developments to report. There are no pending federal grant applications. The state continues to shift focus to pedestrian, bike and other transit projects. Availability of local funding sources is currently unstable and unknown. There may be a new set of local priorities with a new Caltrans District 6 Director. Mr. Schuler is investigating the environmental justice avenue for possible funding.

High Speed Rail Project. The environmental document for the segment that includes Morning Drive is out for comment.

Specific Plan Lines. There are no changes to report.

Morning Drive Project. Relinquishment legislation AB 2006, is moving forward. HSR is moving forward with their environmental document.

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

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No news.

Cherry Ave. & Los Angeles St./Beech Ave. @ BNSF. Mr. Schuler is continuing discussions with Shafter.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for July, 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

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Spaulding

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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Letter from Ronald L. Batory, U.S. Department of Transportation, FRA dated July 14, 2020, received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:17 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - July 2020	\$	200.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - July 2020	\$	200.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - July 2020	\$	200.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - July 2020	\$	200.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - July 2020	\$	200.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - June 2020	\$	1,325.00
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - July 2020	\$	6,935.00
Ruettgers & Schuler	High Speed Rail - April thru July 2020	\$	<u>310.00</u>
		\$	<u>9,570.00</u>