

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

Held: September 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on September 14, 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

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)
AUGUST 10, 2020:)
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On motion of Commissioner Marchbanks, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2020, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Mr. Barmann reported that the Commission may have a regular meeting schedule that is less than once every month. Following a discussion, which included a suggestion that the Commission meet bi-monthly starting in January, there was a request that this item be placed on the Agenda for action in October.

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

Project Funding Sources. There are no active federal grant applications. State funding potential sources include SB1; grade separations may qualify for four programs. The Strategic Growth Council, disadvantaged community and environmental justice programs may also be a source of funding. The new District 6 Director for Caltrans is generally supportive of the Morning Drive project. Section 190 is also a potential source; three projects were awarded allocations in 2020. Mr. Schuler is continuing to investigate potential funding through Air Impact Fees and advanced funding of RTIF by developers for Kratzmeyer & Renfro.

High Speed Rail Project. No changes to report.

Specific Plan Lines. There is a push to complete the specific plan lines for Renfro-Jenkins-BNSF.

Morning Drive Project. Relinquishment legislation AB 2006 passed and is on the Governor's desk.

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 to monitor Caltrans and Shafter activity at the Los Angeles/BNSF crossing, which may result in a significant increase in traffic at the Cherry/BNSF crossing.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for August, 2020, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, 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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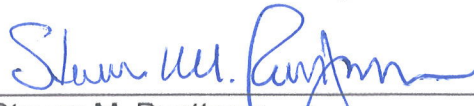
Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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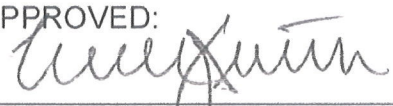
Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Marchbanks seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:24 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - August 2020	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - August 2020	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - August 2020	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - August 2020	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Legal Services - July 2020	\$	503.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - August 2020	\$	3,211.39
		\$	<u>4,114.89</u>