

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

Held: January 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on January 11, 2021, 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
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray (By phone)
John Spaulding (By phone)

W. Patrick Marchbanks was absent.

Also present were Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Robert G. Kuhs, District Legal Counsel.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS)
& COMMENTS:)
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None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
DECEMBER 14, 2020:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 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. There may be an influx of federal money for the HSR project. The State may include additional funds to the County as part of the State's relinquishment of SR184 from SR58 northeast to SR178. The County is considering funding a portion of Morning Drive grade separation project from regional traffic impact funds.

High Speed Rail Project. The State may need to re-route traffic on 7th Standard Road at the SR99 interchange during construction of this segment of the HSR. Still unclear whether the State is willing to contribute funds to the early delivery of the Morning Drive separation project.

Specific Plan Lines. An adjacent property owner to the Renfro/BNSF crossing has expressed an interest in moving the project forward. Still remains unknown whether the Kratzmeyer Road separation project will be included in Kern COG KARGO study.

Morning Drive Project. Ahron Hakimi of Kern COG is pushing CalTrans, the County and HSR for funding. Mr. Schuler plans to meet with Supervisor Perez within the next few months to discuss support for HSR and Caltrans funding.

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

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No change.

Cherry Ave. & Los Angeles St./Beech Ave. @ BNSF. Still unclear whether project is included in the Kern COG KARGO study. Continuing to look at funding options.

Sunset Branch @ Panama Lane and Berkshire Road. This is a City widening project in which the UPRR has requested a grade separation rather than widening. The UPRR opposes the project and the BNSF is ambivalent towards the widening. Further input from the CPUC is anticipated.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for December, 2020, 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 were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

AYES: Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

NOES: None

ABSENT: W. Patrick Marchbanks

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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None.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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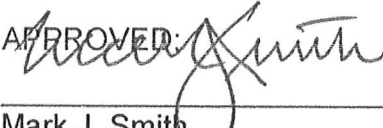
Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 2021

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - December 2020	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - December 2020	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - December 2020	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - December 2020	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - November 2020	\$	1,139.95
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - December 2020	\$	2,273.75
Ruettgers & Schuler	Specific Plan Line - December 2020	\$	712.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	High Speed Rail - Sept. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020.	\$	348.75
Daniells Phillips Vaughn & Bock	Audit for year ended June 30, 2020	\$	4,000.00
		\$	8,874.95