

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

Held: July 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on July 12, 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: _____)

President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL: _____)

The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
Jon Stuebbe

John Spaulding was absent.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS
& COMMENTS: _____)

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: _____)

On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray and unanimously carried, Mark J. Smith was elected President of the Commission. On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Murray and unanimously carried, Steven M. Ruettgers was elected Vice President of the Commission. On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers and unanimously carried, Terry Murray was elected Secretary of the Commission. On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers and unanimously carried,

John Spaulding, Jon Stuebbe, Sheila K. Plane and Robert G. Kuhs were elected as Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS)
BY PRESIDENT:)
_____)

President Smith appointed Committee Assignments as follows:

Right of Way:	(Ruetters, Murray)
Advance Planning:	(Smith, Spaulding)
Budget:	(Ruetters, Stuebbe)
Regulatory & Audit:	(Spaulding, Stuebbe)
Government Relations:	(Smith, Murray)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
MAY 10, 2021, AND)
ADJOURNED REGULAR)
MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021:)
_____)

On motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Ruetters, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2021, and the adjourned regular meeting of June 14, 2021, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Legal Counsel reported on Social Security Administration CalPERS letter dated March 31, 2021.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
_____)

Mr. Schuler reported as follows:

1. Project Funding Sources. The County and City are continuing their work on updating the Regional Traffic Impact Fee Program (RTIF) Mr. Schuler anticipates increasing funding levels for grade separation projects.

The State will probably allocate \$500 million for railroad grade separations from the General Fund surplus, however, approval of these funds is currently being held up in Governor-Legislator dispute regarding High Speed Rail funding

Mr. Schuler is working has expanded his historical perspective of project costs and funding challenges to include a timeline of all projects in the District's history.

2. High Speed Rail Project. Current Governor-Legislator funding dispute over use of \$4.2 billion bond funds
3. Specific Plan Lines.
 - A. Renfro – Jenkins – BNSF. Mr. Schuler reported on-going coordination with adjacent property owners
 - B. Kratzmeyer – BNSF. This project has been linked to the KernCOG KARGO study.
4. Morning Drive @ UPRR. SR 184 relinquishment is on hold. Need to revise funding strategy.
5. Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. No change.
6. Rosedale Highway at Landco. No change.
7. Cherry Ave. & Los Angeles St./Beech Ave. @ BNSF. Cherry Avenue may become part of a west Highway 99 bypass. A review of Cherry Avenue@BNSF will be made for inclusion in the CPUC nominations. The closure of the Los Angeles St/BNSF crossing would be considered for consolidation with Cherry Avenue grade separation.
8. CPUC Nominations F.Y. 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Nominations are due at the end of October of 2021. Mr. Schuler is proceeding with data collection and preparation of nominations. Mr. Schuler requested and received authorization to engage City Count for video data collection services for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for May 2021, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Stuebbe, 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
Jon Stuebbe

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Spaulding

ABSTAIN: None

BUDGET: _____)

The Budget is due August 1, 2021. Staff will meet with Commissioner Ruetters and Commissioner Stuebbe. A Special Meeting is set for July 26, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: _____)

Nothing to report.

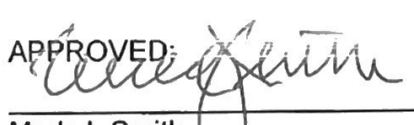
CORRESPONDENCE: _____)

Audit Arrangement Letter dated June 2, 2021, received from Daniels Phillips Vaughn & Bock. On motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the letter was approved and authorized for execution.

ADJOURNMENT: _____)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:53 p.m. The Commission will next meet at an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.


Terry Murray
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

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MONTHLY MEETING JULY 2021

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - May 2021	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - May 2021	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - May 2021	\$	100.00
LeBeau Thelen	Professional Services - April - May 2021	\$	912.00
LeBeau Thelen	Professional Services - June 2021	\$	256.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services -May 1 2021 thru June 30, 2021	\$	7,242.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering - Specific Plan Line 5/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	\$	<u>2,075.00</u>
		\$	<u>10,786.00</u>

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER: _____)
_____)

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

ROLL CALL: _____)
_____)

The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding
Jon Stuebbe

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS _____)
& COMMENTS: _____)
_____)

None.

APPROVE FISCAL YEAR _____)
2021-2022 BUDGET: _____)
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The Budget Committee presented the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for approval to the Commission. On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the fiscal year 2021-2022 Budget was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04)
ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR)
2021-2022 BUDGET:)
_____)

Resolution No. 21-04 Adopting Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget was presented to the Commission. On motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 21-04 was approved and adopted, and President and Secretary were authorized to sign. Staff was directed and authorized to file the budget and resolution with the Kern County Auditor-Controller on or before August 1, 2021.

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

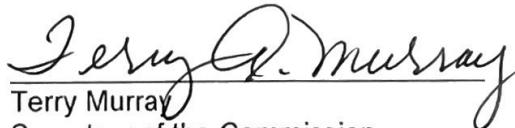
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT:)
_____)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The Commission will next meet at an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.


Terry Murray
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

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