

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

Held: January 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on January 10, 2022, via video and teleconference as authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Orders issued during the state of emergency as a result of COVID-19. The District's office at 1800 30th Street, Suite 260, Bakersfield, California was also open to the public.

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
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:)
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None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
November 8, 2021:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Stuebbe, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2021, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Legal Counsel reported that Sheila K. Plane sent a letter on November 9, 2021, in response to Social Security Administration CalPERS letter dated September 7, 2021.

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

1. Project Funding Sources. Mr. Schuler is following the federal Infrastructure Bill for potential sources of federal funding. Mr. Schuler notes that the State has a new emphasis on project "value propositions" similar to the federal cost-benefit analysis. The State is considering allocating as much as \$500M to grade separation projects. The City of Bakersfield may have some project funding available in the future. Discussions with the County of Kern are on hold pending return of Craig Pope.
2. HSR. No change.
3. Specific Lines:
 - Renfro. Important North/South connector between Stockdale Highway and Lerdo Highway, showing signs of activity.
4. Morning Drive. No Change
5. Baker Street. No Change.
6. Rosedale Highway. Mr. Schuler is working on a cost-benefit analysis and roughly estimates that at-grade peak delays can impact up to 4,000 cars per hour, with a potential impact of \$150,000 per event, and an annual impact of \$8-16M.
7. Cherry Avenue. Still a high priority on Shafter's list. Should move forward with Phase 2 Study.
8. CPUC Nominations. We should expect a response from the PUC by February. Mr. Schuler attended a workshop on the nomination formula and anticipates that future nomination criteria may include long-term block delay and disadvantaged community elements.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for November and December 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
John Spaulding
John Stuebbe

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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Nothing to report.

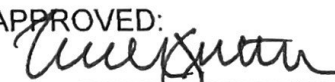
CORRESPONDENCE:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, all correspondence was received for filing.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:37 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, **March 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**


Terry Murray
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 2021

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

California Special District	RMS -Regular Member - 2022 CSDA Renewal	\$ 1,102.00
Daniells Phillips Vaughan & Bock	Financial Report Services - Audit Ending June 30, 2021.	\$ 3,000.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - March 2021	\$ 1,816.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - September & October 2021	<u>\$ 28,781.87</u>
		<u>\$ 34,700.37</u>