

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

Held:

May 9, 2022

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on May 9, 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.

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	Present
Steven M. Ruettgers	Present
Terry A. Murray	Present
John Spaulding	Present
Jon Stuebbe	Absent

Also present were Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Robert G. Kuhs, District Legal Counsel, and Ben LeBeau an attorney with LeBeau Thelen LLP.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS _____)
& COMMENTS: _____)
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None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, _____)
REGULAR MEETING OF _____)
January 10, 2022: _____)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2022, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Nothing to report.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
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1. Project Funding Sources: Mr. Schuler updated the Commission on \$1 billion in federal CRISI funding for each of the next five years with application guidelines due out in the fall of 2022. It is also anticipated that the State will propose \$500 million in grade separation funding within the budget for next fiscal year, with guidelines due out in the summer of 2022. Emphasis will be on passenger rail crossings.
2. Project Funding Strategies and TY Lin Coordination: Mr. Schuler met with Gregg Strakaluse, the City of Bakersfield's Public Works Director. Craig Pope and Lynn Brooks retired from the County. Samuel Lux has been appointed the Interim Public Works Director. Mr. Schuler will bring Mr. Lux up to speed on strategies and coordination.
3. HSR: The HSR is moving forward with selection of a design consultant and geotechnical investigation for the Shafter to Bakersfield leg of the HRS project. Mr. Schuler stated that the local agencies have sent a letter to HRS identifying the Morning Drive/UPRR project and the desire to include construction of this project in the Shafter to Bakersfield phase of work.
4. Specific Lines:
 - Renfro: Ongoing coordination activities and interest with adjacent landowners.
 - Kratzmeyer/BNSF – no change.
5. Morning Drive @ UPRR: Received preliminary plans. Working to identify federal funding programs and obtain environmental clearance as part of HSR environmental document. Mr. Schuler will bring Samuel Lux up to speed.
6. Baker Street: - No change.
7. Rosedale Highway/Landco - SJVR: Mr. Schuler will bring Mr. Lux up to speed and follow up with Gregg Strakaluse on coordination. Train activity appears to be down, perhaps due to delayed refinery start-up.
8. Cherry Avenue: This project continues to be high on the City of Shafter's radar. KernCOG CARGO study II is pending.

9. CPUC Nominations: An evidentiary hearing was held on April 4, 2022. Mr. Schuler participated via teleconference and successfully e-filed nominations with the CPUC Docket Office.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for March/April 2022, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Spaulding, 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 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: Jon Stuebbe
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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Correspondence from SDRMA, including estimated renewal quote for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 was received and filed.

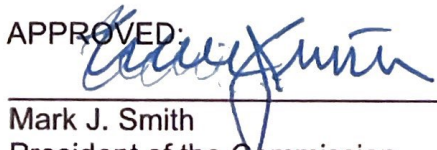
ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, and unanimously

carried, adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.


Terry Murray
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING MAY 2022

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

LeBeau Thelen	Professional Services - March & April 2022	\$ 1,210.33
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - March 1, 2022 thru April 30, 2022	<u>\$ 17,402.50</u>
		<u>\$ 18,612.83</u>