

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

Held: **November 14, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on November 14, 2022, at 1800 30th Street, Suite 260, Bakersfield, California.

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. Ruettggers	Present
Craig M. Pope	Present

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS)
& COMMENTS:)
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Commissioner Smith reported the passing of Commissioner Spaulding on November 8, 2022, and discussion occurred regarding his years of service to the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETINGS OF)
September 12, 2022)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Pope, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2022, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Robert Kuhs reported that he mailed correspondence dated November 8, 2022, to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding Commissioner vacancies. Mr. Kuhs also reported that he and Sheila Plane held a conference with Nancy Belton of Daniel Phillips Vaughn & Bock regarding the engagement letter. The Commission previously approved execution of the engagement letter in a form acceptable to legal counsel.

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 December 2, 2022. Mr. Schuler expects Notice of Funding to be issued early 2023.
2. Project Funding Strategies and TY Lin Coordination: Mr. Schuler met with Gregg Strakaluse, the City of Bakersfield's Public Works Director and Anthony Valdez, Assistant City Manager regarding alternatives for E. Truxtun/Baker/BNSF, and Rosedale/Landco. Mr. Schuler met with Samuel Lux and Greg Strakaluse regarding strategy for CalTrans engagement on Morning Drive and Rosedale/Landco. Mr. Schuler has a meeting planned with Caltrans and KernCOG for November 18, 2022.
3. HSR: The HSR is moving forward with the Shafter to Bakersfield leg and the HSR Authority has hired a design consultant and commenced geotechnical investigations.
4. Specific Lines:
 - Renfro: Ongoing coordination activities and interest with adjacent landowners. Schuler discussed potential federal funding with COB.
 - Kratzmeyer/BNSF – no change.
5. Morning Drive @ UPRR: Mr. Schuler reported his frustration that CalTrans failed to prepare for meeting.

6. Baker Street: - Mr. Schuler reported TY Lin made a proposal for analysis of alternatives which may lead to funding application. Waiting on COB staff re: coordination with Councilman Gonzales.
7. Rosedale Highway/Landco - SJVR: Mr. Schuler reported there is a need for greater City/County coordination. There is support for the project, but COB and County are looking to CalTrans to take lead, or perhaps a joint project. Mr. Schuler has a meeting with Caltrans on November 18, 2022. There are previously approved TRIP Program Documents which would cover preliminary engineering and environmental clearance for the project.
8. Cherry Avenue: This project continues to be high on the City of Shafter's radar as an element of potential West Bypass. Shafter may be looking to Wonderful for matching funds. Priority route with KernCOG.

FINANCIAL REPORT: _____)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for November 14, 2022, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed, vouchers to pay the bills from the District Expense Fund as noted in the report were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

Ayes: Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Craig M. Pope

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: _____)
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Deferred until next meeting when the District expects to have a full complement of Commissioners and the President will make new assignments.

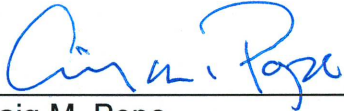
CORRESPONDENCE: _____)
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Following discussion, the following correspondence was received and filed.

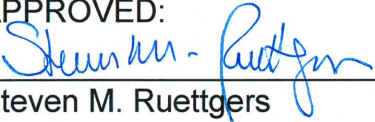
1. Letter of resignation dated October 10, 2022, from Jon Stuebbe.
2. CalPers November 7, 2022, Annual Information Request.

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 Pope, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:36 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.



Craig M. Pope
Assistant Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Steven M. Ruettgers
Vice-President of the Commission