



## MINUTES

### El Dorado County/City of Folsom Joint Powers Authority Meeting



**Wednesday, April 4, 2007  
9:00 a.m.**

Folsom City Council Chambers  
50 Natoma Street  
Folsom, CA 95630

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I. Call to Order: Chair Baumann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Chair Baumann, Director Miklos, and Director Morin

Absent: Director Dupray

Staff present:

City of Folsom: David Miller, Community Development Director; Gail Furness dePardo, Interim Assistant Director, Community Development Department and Tom Garcia, Senior Transportation Engineer, Public Works.

El Dorado County: Larry Appel, Deputy Director, Development Services-Planning, Russell Nygaard, Deputy Director Transportation, Paula Frantz, Deputy County Counsel

IV. Introduction of Guests: David Miller, Community Development Director

V. Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2007: Moved by Director Morin and seconded by Director Miklos. Unanimously approved.

VI. New Business

A. Update: Broadstone

Gail Furness dePardo stated in regards to the Palladio Mall, there is currently some blasting that is occurring in preparation for their grading plans, with that groundwork happening in Summer 2007. The groundbreaking ceremony is anticipated for Spring 2008. Director Morin indicated that the groundbreaking ceremony for Kaiser was to be happening soon. Ms. Furness dePardo confirmed that it is scheduled for April 18, 2007, and it is for the Emergency/Ambulatory Room. Ms. Furness dePardo stated that Kaiser has a long-term build out plan that would eventually include a fully operational hospital. Director Morin requested that Kaiser's Master Plan, which would include information on number of beds, etc., for this location be provided to

them at the next meeting. Chair Baumann indicated that this project was very important to El Dorado County residents because currently many of them reside outside of the zip code of the existing facility.

B. Discussion: Teichert trucks utilizing White Rock Road

Director Miklos wants to ensure that the two jurisdictions stay engaged with the potential of the aggregate plants down in that area especially as the widening of White Rock Road progresses. He also suggested that the aggregate plants should be responsible for an extraordinary share of the impacts to that road due to the heaviness of the trucks and what is going to be going over it. There is a benefit to both jurisdictions of having the aggregate plants located in that area. Director Miklos would like to have Sacramento County condition their approvals subject to what the JPA feels is reasonable and responsible not only for the current roadway systems but also for future projects. Director Miklos and Chair Baumann agreed that staff should draft a letter for JPA signature that would request Sacramento County to place conditions in the approval process with suggested recommended conditions provided. Chair Baumann and Director Morin will review the letter, sign it and bring it back to the JPA for ratification.

David Storer suggested that Sacramento County be invited to conduct a presentation to the JPA regarding current applications that are pending for that area. He recommended sending a letter to Terry Schutten, Sacramento County Executive Officer, requesting Rob Sherry, Planning Director, to send a staff member to conduct a presentation at the next JPA meeting.

C. Discussion: JPA By-laws

Chair Baumann stated that she has been reviewing the JPA Resolution that dates back to 1991 to determine the best representation on the JPA. She feels that a partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova is something this JPA would encourage. Chair Baumann also stated that she had brought this conceptual idea to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and they supported it unanimously. Chair Baumann indicated that neither she nor staff has been able to locate any existing By-laws for the JPA although the Resolution states that the JPA “may” adopt By-laws. She also stated that due to the language in the Resolution, she is unclear as to whether or not By-laws are needed.

Director Morin suggested that Chair Baumann provide his staff with suggested changes to the Resolution so that it can be brought forward at a future City Council meeting for discussion, which would also include the possibility of adding the City of Rancho Cordova as a member to the JPA. Director Morin would like his City Council to review it no later than June since the next JPA meeting will be in July.

Paula Frantz stated there are two (2) types of JPAs: One that is active (i.e., spends money), and one that is a planning body. This JPA was originally set up as an “active” body, but as time progressed, it evolved into more of a “planning” body. Ms. Frantz explained that if it was the JPA’s intention to become more of an “active” body, then they would have to modify many of their practices and bring some of those into conformity. She stated that the first step would be for El Dorado County

and the City of Folsom to determine what types of items they want to do together and if the City of Rancho Cordova should be added as a partner in the JPA. Once this is completed, then a new Resolution would be created. Ms. Frantz explained that due to the wording of the current Resolution, it cannot simply be amended to add a new partner to the JPA. The entire document specifically identifies two (2) bodies and if a third body was added to the JPA, it would be simpler and easier to create an entirely new Resolution.

Paula Frantz also stated that By-laws were never adopted, but instead the JPA has Rules of Procedures that are attached to the Resolution, but appear to never have been formally adopted. These procedures are written similar to By-laws. Ms. Frantz suggested that the JPA should review these Rules of Procedures and determine how they would like to proceed.

## VII. Unfinished Business

### A. Status of Regionally Important Transportation Improvement Projects

1. City of Folsom: Tom Garcia provided information on the following projects:
  - a. Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Connector JPA. This new JPA has now officially been formed and the first meeting of the Board is May 2, 2007, at 8:30am in the Ranch Cordova City Council Chambers.
  - b. American River Bridge Below Folsom Dam. The groundbreaking for this project occurred in February 2007. Union Pacific is on-site, as well as the City's contractors. Director Morin stated that they had traveled to Washington DC a few weeks ago and their most pressing issue was getting the money delivery from the Federal government phased in with the pace of construction. With assistance from Congressman Doolittle, Assemblyman Lundgren, and Secretary Woodley at the Corps, they were able to get their appropriation increased from \$14 million to over \$48 million for 2007. For 2008, the City will receive \$14 million from the Federal government, and \$1 - \$2 million in 2009. Director Morin thanked the City staff members for their assistance in this endeavor. The City was also successful in the last go-around with SACOG, garnering \$6 million for the City portion of the project.
  - c. Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA. The Folsom-El Dorado Rail Group gave a tour last week that was very well attended. This was a prelude to some upcoming public meetings occurring in El Dorado County and the City of Folsom. The meetings will garner public input for the implementation of an excursion rail on the JPA line. The next step will be the creation of a small working group of the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA to issue Request for Proposals for implementation of excursion rail on the existing rail line. This project was initiated by an unsolicited proposal to place an excursion rail on the existing tracks. It was noted that some public concern has been brought forth at various meetings regarding this potential project and that the purpose of the upcoming public workshops was to provide the public with the opportunity to voice their concerns in an appropriate venue.

2. El Dorado County: Russ Nygaard provided information on the following projects:
  - a. Hwy 50 Mobility Partnership. This project received approximately \$22 million with the first phase of widening White Rock Road between El Dorado Hills and Rancho Cordova. The first project is four (4) lanes from Prairie City Road to Sunrise Blvd. The portion for the CMA funds goes from Prairie City Road to Grantline, with a new intersection at Grantline, and improvements to the Prairie City Road intersection. In addition to part of that project, there will be spot improvements on East Bidwell Street and where Old Placerville Road goes into White Rock Road by Geometrix. This is a very dangerous area and the spot improvements are designed to make it safer for people going up over the hill.
  - b. HOV. This project received approximately \$20 million for the first phase of continuing the HOV lanes up the hill from the County line, where they currently end, to close to the top of the Bass Lake grade.
  - c. Saratoga: The connection between Saratoga and Iron Point Road is still on target to distribute the EIR for public comment by Summer 2007. The design document is almost complete. Currently, the CIP shows this being built in 2009, but staff is reviewing funding in hopes of expediting project.
  - d. Green Valley Road: With the weather improving, construction will be continuing shortly with final paving and final striping.

Chair Baumann acknowledged the significant role played by Cathy Matthews in the success in obtaining funding for transportation projects. In addition, the County is looking into funding for “self help” counties. The County does not have a taxing mechanism and but has placed the burden on the development community, with over \$200 million to date being contributed to the Highway 50 Corridor. The County is trying to convince Southern California that this qualifies them as a “self-help” county.

B. Update: Mather Airport

Gail Furness dePardo indicated that there was no change in status on this item. The Notice of Preparation has not yet been released, but the Scope of Work to have the Environmental Consultant prepare the document is being worked on and it is anticipated that she will have an update at the next meeting.

Director Miklos stated that during their recent Washington DC trip, they met with the new Flight Operations Director and he was impressed with her attitude and knowledge regarding their issues. They informed her that FAA has a responsibility in their situation because they shifted it from Sac Metro to Mather and proper steps and mechanisms were not taken. Director Miklos stated that they also reminded her that their General Plan and the houses were planned before Mather was re-opened.

Chuck Coalson distributed documents (*on file with Clerk*) showing noise data for dates in February and March 2006 for Folsom. Mr. Olson stated that this was the last raw noise data that he has received and, in addition, he normally received data

for all four (4) sites, but was only provided one (1) site. He requests that the County and the City request the missing information from the County Airport System.

Glen Otey distributed the latest version of “The Mather Airport Information Book” (*on file with Clerk*). He summarized the information that is provided in the book. Director Morin stated that during their Washington DC trip, they had handed out a copy of the handbook to the FAA official that they met with.

Bill Bryant thanked City of Folsom staff for their Washington DC trip and stated that the report back is very encouraging. He also felt that the City is backing them up on this issue, which is completely opposite of the treatment by Sacramento County. Mr. Bryant said that he has also requested the latest noise tests from Sacramento County and was told to go to their website, which does not have sufficient data. He also said that the Airport System is going forward on a transfer or quit claim on the aviation easement that surrounds Mather.

Harriet Frietas thanked the City of Folsom for all of the years they have listened to their complaints, have considered them and have acted upon them.

C. Status of Development Projects of Regional Importance in the City and County

1. El Dorado County: Larry Appel provided information on the following projects:
  - a.. Rancho Dorado Residential Project: The EIR Scoping session would be scheduled with the Planning Commission for May 24, 2007.
  - b. Target Center in the Marketplace: This project is moving forward with some Building Permits being issued for their public improvement plan. The projected grand opening is September 2007.
  - c. Business Park: Staff met with representatives from an out-of-state developer and they are interested in developing 800,000 – 900,000 square feet in the park. The developer is coordinating with DOT staff and consulting with Army Corps to ensure the road improvements are located in appropriate places due to inter-connections and a riparian stream.
2. City of Folsom: Gail Furness dePardo provided information on the following projects:
  - a. Super Walmart: The application for a proposed Super Walmart at Iron Point Road and Hwy 50 has been withdrawn. They have directed their attention to expanding the existing Walmart located on Riley Street.
  - b. Mosque: The groundbreaking ceremony for this project will be occurring in a couple of weeks. This will be located at Levy and Sibley Roads.

D. Discussion: Consider Rancho Cordova’s Participation in the JPA

City of Rancho Cordova Councilwoman Linda Budge stated that in regards to expanding the JPA, there are several items that need to be taken into consideration, particularly the fact that this is now a completely different region than what it was in 1991 when the JPA was originally formed. There are more regions that are now

represented and many of the today's partnerships were not in existence back then. Councilwoman Budge also suggested that at some point they need to look at how many organizations are primarily doing the same thing and divide those by which have monetary authority from those that have planning/economic development authority. This will assist in determining what can be combined and what areas of the Scope of Work should be expanded. She also stated that the 50 Corridor Mobility Partnership is a classic example of how we make progress when we all work together. Chair Baumann agreed that the Partnership was an example of a very positive collaborative effort that works within other jurisdictions that focuses in on their own interests here and then brings that to the bigger jurisdictions.

E. Empire Ranch Road DEIR – Update from DOT

Gail Furness dePardo stated that the City Council had certified the EIR last week.

David Storer inquired as to the timing of the construction and the cost and funding availability for the Empire Ranch Road project. He also inquired about the 1<sup>st</sup> phase. Tom Garcia responded that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase will include all of the improvements for a two (2) lane structure over Hwy 50, a cul-de-sac on the South side of Hwy 50, with lanes from new Empire Ranch Road interchange to El Dorado Hills Blvd in both East and West bound directions, and West bound lanes from Empire Ranch Road to East Bidwell Street. The timing of the construction is dependent upon the funding available. Currently, design funding has been identified and earmarked and they plan to distribute a Request for Proposals for the design phase and have it awarded in July. Construction dollars are estimated to occur in 2011 – 2014, contingent on El Dorado County's successful completion of the HOV lanes and reconstruction of the El Dorado Hills Blvd. – Latrobe Road overpass.

VIII. Public Comments: None presented.

IX. Communications: None presented.

X. Next Meeting:

A. Next Meeting – July 18, 2007 in El Dorado County

B. Items for Next Agenda:

1. Kaiser's Master Plan Update
2. JPA Amendment/By-laws
3. Mather Airport Update
4. Election of Chair

XI. Miscellaneous: None presented.

XII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:24am