



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



Wednesday, April 20, 2011
9:00 a.m.

El Dorado County
Folsom City Council Chambers
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

1. Call to Order

Director Morin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Director Knight, Director Sheldon, Director Morin and Director Nutting. (Director Nutting arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

4. Introduction of Guests

Individuals will introduce themselves as they present.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2011, meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Status of Active Development Projects and Long-Range Projects in Each Jurisdiction

A. Folsom Sphere of Influence and Pending Annexation

David Miller, Community Development Director, City of Folsom, presented. The EIR will be released for public review in early May. After the public review period, the next step will be certification by City of Folsom City Counsel. Tax sharing discussions have resumed with Sacramento County. This process is not anticipated to be lengthy. However, discussions with the special districts may take longer. Director Morin asked if the plan will be submitted to LAFCO before the end of the year. Mr. Miller replied in the affirmative.

7. Transportation Planning

A. Capital South East Connector Status

Jim Ware, Department of Transportation Director, El Dorado County, presented. The administrative draft EIR has been released for public review. Staff is working closely with impacted/concerned communities in various jurisdictions. Meetings have occurred in El Dorado County and a meeting will occur in Folsom. Staff also met with citizens in the Sheldon area. Director Knight added that the JPA is expected to certify the EIR later this summer. This certification must occur before any further steps. Community meetings will wrap up by the end of this week.

B. Status of 50 Mobility Coalition

Mr. Ware presented. Meetings with El Dorado County elected officials have occurred. The MOU will eventually move forward to County Counsel but funding remains an issue and needs to be resolved prior to County Counsel review. County TIM fees are already in place. Other revenue sources need to be identified. The County is exploring public-private partnerships. Director Morin thanked the County for their involvement and cooperation with private entities during this process.

8. El Dorado County Transportation Projects

A. Update on U.S. 50 Auxiliary Lanes

Mr. Ware presented. The project continues to move forward according to the schedule. The change order, made possible by excess project funds, did not add to the project timeline. Completion is still planned for late summer.

B. Silva Valley Parkway Interchange

Mr. Ware continued. The supplement to the original EIR has been completed and comments received. Staff is working on responses to comments. The goal is to take the revised EIR back to the County Board of Supervisors for recertification at the end of May. Design work is occurring concurrently to keep the project moving. Director Knight added that a host of challenges exist for this project, including power poles, cemeteries, historic towns, wetlands and more. Supervisor Knight believes the challenges can be overcome.

C. Saratoga Way

Mr. Ware explained that this project is indefinitely suspended until development impact fees recover and provide funding. El Dorado County has been working with the El Dorado Hills Community Services District and Jim Kinopka, City of Folsom, and private groups to develop a bike trail from Iron Point Road to Saratoga Way.

D. White Rock Road

Mr. Ware continued. The project to widen White Rock Road east through Greenbriar and to install a signal at Post Street has been awarded. The project is funded through a State and local partnership grant which requires matching funds. TIM fees from development projects in the area will eventually provide the matching funds.

Mr. Rackovan reported that no activity is currently occurring on the Sacramento County side of White Rock Road. There is a contract in place for shoulder work but the contract is currently on hold because of Connector progress.

9. Folsom Transportation Projects

A. Empire Ranch Road Interchange

Mark Rackovan, City of Folsom, explained the project is tied to the Folsom Sphere of Influence and Pending Annexation, which is hopefully nearing completion. The Empire Ranch Road Interchange assumes the Annexation will move forward as planned and will most likely occur in 2020 to 2030. Originally, it was thought that the Oak Avenue Interchange would be completed first. However, the phasing plan presented by the developers did not work economically. Instead, improvements along Highway 50, through residential areas, will occur first. The timing of the interchanges is dependent on financing from developer fees. There was general

discussion among Directors and staff regarding alignment and scheduling based on residential versus retail development. The point was made that the jurisdictions are working together to consider the best solutions for the region as a whole.

- B. White Rock Road and
- C. Rock Quarries on White Rock Road

Mr. Rackovan reported the draft EIR for Stoneridge Quarry is being reviewed and responses are due shortly. Richard Lorenz, Public Works Director, City of Folsom, presented a report on the truck management plan at a meeting of all three quarries. The last update from the group is that the current focus is on alignment of Prairie City Road to westbound Highway 50. Negotiations, phasing and financing activities are ongoing. The quarries meet again on April 29. In response to a question from Director Morin, Mr. Rackovan explained that the Teicher quarry is limited to production of three million tons annually from their Grant Line Road facility. Any production from the new facility would need to be conveyed to the Grant Line Road facility and transported from there.

- 10. Sacramento/Placerville Transportation Corridor JPA
Presentation by John Segerdell, CEO

Mr. Segerdell presented a brief overview of the history of the Transportation Corridor JPA. The JPA purchased the rail corridor in 1996 under the Rails to Trails Act. Four years ago, the JPA conducted public workshops to see if there was interest in developing the corridor. Public interest was expressed in excursion trains, nature trails, equestrian trails, hiking and biking trails, however, there was no funding for improvements. The JPA Board concluded, therefore, that they could proceed with the development of excursion rail services at no cost to the JPA or member agencies. In 2007/2008, the JPA developed parameters for excursion rail services and issued an RFP. The Folsom, El Dorado & Sacramento Historical Railroad Association (FEDS) was selected to develop a plan for excursion rail services between Folsom and Shingle Springs under a 20-year lease with the JPA. The term of the lease was to be 20 years. The process has gone slower than hoped. The JPA Board is stepping back and looking at taking smaller steps and has directed the FEDS to develop a five-year plan with short-term goals under a license with the JPA. The revised agreement will be presented to the JPA Board on May 2. The JPA Board is still considering multiple concurrent uses for the corridor but is moving forward with the excursion rail because it is the only no-cost option. Recently, El Dorado County has moved to set priorities for its portion of the corridor. Nothing formal has been presented to the JPA Board.

Director Sheldon commented that he has received inquiries regarding El Dorado County's decision to remove the rails. Director Knight suggested referring these people to the Minutes of the Board of Supervisor's March 28 meeting. The motion passed by the Board was to instruct staff to study the feasibility of removing the tracks and to return to the Board with a report of their findings. Director Nutting asked how many meetings have occurred with El Dorado County elected officials on this topic. Mr. Segerdell has not conducted specific meetings with El Dorado County officials, however, the JPA staff includes an El Dorado County representative and staff meetings occur approximately monthly. Director Nutting asked for details about the current five-year plan. Mr. Segerdell will send a copy of the plan to him. Director Nutting referred to the FEDS study that the roundtrip excursion trip should last approximately one to two hours. FEDS representatives told Director Nutting that the plan includes a restaurant and gift shop in Shingle Springs. No meetings have been conducted on this plan and Director Nutting feels the plan is not economically

feasible. Director Nutting also felt that substantial work must be done on the tracks before a train can operate. Director Morin suggested inviting the FEDS team to the July meeting to present their plan. Mr. Segerdell will extend the invitation.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Communications

There were no communications items to present.

13. Next Meeting

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for July 20, 2011, El Dorado County, Main Library, Conference Room, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667.

B. Agenda topics will include: Mather STAR update; FEDS presentation; Green Valley extension from Blue Ravine east to El Dorado County; and project status reports.