## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 11, 2013** 

1. CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Frankel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

a. Present: Ameni Alexander, John Favors, Christina Frankel, Bruce George, Alvin

Vaughn, Daniel Ramey

b. Absent: Michael Carter, Mark Gainor, Shane O'Neill

c. Staff Present: Ed Lovell, Management Analyst II; Jayne Pramod, Transportation

Coordinator.

d. Recorded By: Jayne Pramod, Transportation Coordinator

3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Cindy Gustafson, Tracy Senior Advocacy Association, informed the Commission regarding the Sutter Hospital's Community Health Fair on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Many seniors are planning to attend the free screening and health service. Ms. Gustafson suggested that City should provide free bus service to the event.

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2013:

a) Motion to Approve: Commissioner Vaughnb) Second: Commissioner Favors

c) Abstain: None

d) Vote Approved by unanimous vote

- 5. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING ASPECTS OF BIKEWAYS IN TRACY: Staff requested this item to be moved to the next month's meeting due to the presenter being unable to attend.
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE: Ed Lovell announced the hiring of the new Public Works Director Mr. David Ferguson. He is currently Assistant Public Works Director for the City of Oakland and has been in public works management since 1988 between the cities of Hayward and Oakland, and has nearly 30 years overall experience. Interim Public Work's Director Mr. Rod Buchanan has accepted the Director position for the Parks and Recreation Department in Gilbert, Arizona.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Receive and Discuss Information on Transportation for County Residents: Ed Lovell went over the information discussed in the staff report. Diane Narez, of Tracy Volunteer Caregivers, addressed her concern on behalf of the county area seniors, regarding the TRACER Paratransit bus service discontinuing service to outlying county areas around Tracy. She requested that Commission look into this matter to resolve the issue and continue service to the county senior residents. Cindy Gustafson, Tracy Senior Advocacy Association, also addressed the same concerns and thanked Commission for the opportunity to address their concerns. Commission thanked the public for expressing their concerns. Commission and Staff discussed about the current service that is provided to the county residents by RTD. Commissioner Frankel stated that although this is a concern, the

area which is being discussed is outside of the purview of the commission since it resides outside of the Tracy city limits.

# b. Discuss Update on Transportation Advisory Commission Goals:

- **2.1** Commissioner Vaughn mentioned RTD, SJCOG, TRACER and Greyhound have confirmed their participation. Staff suggested Commission bring back the sign-up sheet to verify the task assignment.
- **2.2** Commission will be contacting the Agencies they are assigned to.
- **2.3** Commission discussed about the special meeting at the Tracy Airport prior to the regular meeting.
- **2.4** Staff from the Planning Division will be presenting to the Commission on the City's planning aspects regarding bikeways throughout Tracy.

## 8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

<u>Commissioner Favors</u>: informed that almost 2,000 supporters participated in celebrating the Tracy Municipal Airport during an open house and early Independence Day celebration on Saturday, June 29. The event included the national anthem and a skydiver, Rex Pemberton, who leaped from a small plane carrying a 1,000-square-foot American flag. The event was a success and sponsors were happy.

<u>Commissioner Frankel:</u> referred to the article in the newspaper regarding officials at San Francisco International Airport hired a herd of goats to toil on the airport property and engage in an environmentally friendly form of fire prevention.

#### 9. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- **a. Staff Report:** Ed Lovell informed that FAA notified City regarding the first round of Grant money to be issued shortly.
- **b. Airport Updates:** Ed Lovell referred the commission to the airport updates.
- c. Transit Updates: Transit Update on Year to Date Ridership for May was at 119,145 up 26,650 riders compared to Year to Date Ridership in May of FY11-12, an increase of approximately 28 %.

Commissioner Vaughn asked regarding the installation of security camera. Ed Lovell responded the preconstruction meeting is on July 17, 2013. Installation will be in three or four months. He also mentioned the plans to install the charging station during the security camera installation. The charging station will be able to accommodate two vehicles.

# 10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

### 11. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013

a. Motion to Approve: Commissioner Favorsb. Second: Commissioner Ramey

**c. Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote

**d. Time:** 8:08 p.m.