

**Final  
Sacramento County - Capitol SouthEast Connector  
April 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Pat Braziel, Ted Wolter, Tom Zlotkowski, Nancy Miller, Jennifer Gore, Dennis Haglan, Mike Penrose, Dean Blank, Leighann Moffitt, Cindy Storelli, Charlotte Mitchell, Jim Vietheer, Julie Jensen, Jim Perham, John Kautz, Dale Mahon, Jack Kautz, Herb Garms, Gary McEnerney, Joe Daehling, George Phillips

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide the opportunity for follow-up to the meeting of March 28, 2014, in which concerns were raised by the Sacramento County Farm Bureau and affected landowners regarding proposed amendments to the County's Circulation Element of its General Plan pertaining to the Connector (GPA).

Recap of additional discussions and progress made since meeting of March 28 was provided by George Phillips (GP). From discussions between GP and Tom Zlotkowski (TZ), the following tasks/commitments have been agreed to:

- JPA staff will bring an item before the Board of Supervisors either prior to or concurrent with the proposed GPA that asks the Board to ratify similar actions taken by the other JPA members requiring concurrence of the JPA member in order for the power of eminent domain to be used by the JPA within the jurisdiction of that JPA member.
- JPA staff will remove the reference to the ECOS settlement agreement from the JPA Design Guidelines for the Connector as part of other amendments to the Design Guidelines by the JPA board in August of this year.
- The JPA will hold a scoping meeting at the Cosumnes CPAC for any project level EIR(s) analyzing portions of the Project within or immediately adjacent to the boundaries of the CPAC to enhance local involvement in the CEQA process for the Connector.
- The JPA will provide a CD copy of the project level draft EIR(s) when released to each member of the Cosumnes CPAC and to landowners immediately adjacent to portions of the Connector being studied.
- The JPA will provide a CD copy of the final project level EIR(s) when released to each member of the Cosumnes CPAC and to landowners immediately adjacent to the portions of the Connector being studied.

Discussion of proposed changes to the draft General Plan policy language and draft findings distributed as handouts at the meeting of March 28. GP circulated to the group a redline version of both documents with suggested language modifications. Charlotte Mitchell (CM) proposed additional changes to the language which were agreed to by the group and are an attachment to these minutes.

TZ provided a brief description of the next steps in the JPA's outreach efforts on the Connector. Beginning in midMay, the JPA will conduct four outreach meetings with the ag community to solicit specific comments and concerns regarding the design of the Connector. Each meeting will address a specific segment of the Connector starting with the westernmost segment between I-5 and Hwy 99. Notices of each meeting will be

mailed to landowners adjacent to the segment which is the topic of the noticed meeting. A second round of meetings with the same individuals are anticipated between July and September of this year to allow JPA staff to respond to the comments and concerns received during the first round of meetings.

Dennis Haglan then reviewed the different segments of the Connector with the group. Segment A is the segment between I-5 and Hwy 99. Dennis identified the number of intersections anticipated for this section. He also noted that this is the Connector's one segment that involves constructing a section of road that currently does not exist. This missing segment is also the subject of a project and environmental document currently underway by the City of Elk Grove. This new segment will bisect a large property that will require design elements to allow this property to operate as a single agricultural operation, which may include grade-separated crossing(s) for farm equipment and/or farm animals. The western portion of this segment to Bruceville Road will be constructed as an expressway and as a thoroughfare east of Bruceville Road to Hwy 99.

John Kautz raised the question whether the JPA ever considered utilizing Dillard Road as the alignment for the Connector rather than Grant Line. TZ responded that Dillard was considered as a potential alignment a decade ago, but because of growth inducement issues (located beyond the USB) and physical challenges (multiple crossings of the Cosumnes), it was rejected as a potential route.

Segment B of the Connector lies between Hwy 99 and Bond Road. This segment will be constructed to thoroughfare standards. Dennis identified the intersections at E. Stockton Blvd., Waterman Road, Mosher Road, Bradshaw Road Elk Grove Blvd., and Bond Road. The road section through this section will be 6-lanes from Hwy 99 to Mosher Road and 4-lanes from Mosher Road to Bond Road. Dennis mentioned that no separated trail is anticipated in this segment, but will have Class 2 bike lanes in the road section itself. The question of whether the intersections will include a "south leg". In most cases, the answer was yes, but will be evaluated in detail as part of the project level design and environmental work.

Specific designs to address truck traffic in this segment were discussed. TZ was confident that ag truck traffic movements could be adequately addressed at the design stage of the Connector and could be addressed in more detail at the upcoming outreach meetings.

Dennis then described Segment C located east of Bond Road to Calvine Road. This segment passes through the Sheldon community and is viewed as a segment requiring special features due to numerous existing separate driveways and commercial uses. This segment will be a 4-lane segment. Questions were asked whether or not the 4-lanes would be a bottleneck. The answer was that the preliminary traffic analysis shows that the segment functions without becoming a bottleneck. Depending on community desires, there may be Class 1 separated bike/ped trail in this segment for which there is more room on the south side of the facility. Where a separated bike/ped path cannot be provided (due to space limitations), a minimum 6'-wide paved shoulder in this area would accommodate bicyclists. There is an "MOU" between the JPA and landowners within this segment. JPA staff will provide the group with electronic copies of the MOU or provide a link to it on the Connector website.

Segment D of the Connector is located from Calvine Road to the Sacramento-El Dorado County line. Most of this segment will be constructed to a 4-lane expressway standard. An additional 2 lanes will be constructed from Prairie City Road to Scott Road in Phase 2 construction of the Connector, as development occurs and additional lanes are needed. There will be a Class 1 bike/ped trail through this segment, but is anticipated to be located within the public right-of-way.

Dean Blank suggested that exhibits for outreach meetings clearly show the USB and applicable city limits with each segment. TZ also said that larger scale exhibits would be used for the outreach meetings allowing for greater detail in review and opportunity for comment from landowners.

Next steps: GP will circulate draft minutes of the meeting to all attendees on or before Monday April 14. Anyone wanting to comment on the minutes should do so by Wednesday April 16. JPA staff will agendize an Ag meeting update that includes the final minutes as an information item at the next JPA board meeting.

A meeting of the larger group, including Supervisors Nottoli and MacGlashan is set for Thursday April 24 from 12:30 to 2:30. The purpose of the larger meeting will be to confirm the commitments of all meeting participants leading up to the GPA going before the Board of Supervisors on May 28 at 2:45 p.m. The revised language agreed upon by the group at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be incorporated in the GPA for Board action.

Jim Perham (JP) asked that an update be provided to the public and other CPAC members at the next Cosumnes CPAC meeting of April 23. TZ agreed that JPA staff would attend that meeting if helpful to CPAC members and the public.

JPA staff indicated that they are working on a draft MOU with SACOG on the preparation of a land inventory required to satisfy the settlement agreement with ECOS. When ready for release, it will be distributed to the group, which is likely to be before the next group meeting of April 24. At the meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup>, the MOU and an outline of the work plan for preparing the land inventory will also be discussed.