

## AGENDA

### Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Location:** City of Rancho Cordova City Hall  
2729 Prospect Park Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA

**Date:** Friday, October 23, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time that it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public complete Speaker Card, submit it to the Clerk of the Board, and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of the discussion.

#### Call to Order / Roll Call

Directors Hume, Mikulaco, Nottoli, Sander, Starsky

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Any person wishing to address the Board on any item not on the agenda may do so at this time. After ten minutes of testimony, any additional testimony may be heard following the New Business Items. Note, under the provisions of the California Government Code, the Board is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not on the agenda.

#### 1. Executive Director's Report

#### Consent Agenda

#### 2. Minutes of September 25, 2015 Board Meeting

#### New Business Items

#### 3. Public Hearing on Environmental Document a) Staff Report

#### Closed Session

#### 4. INSTRUCTIONS ON RIGHT OF WAY NEGOTIATIONS AND ACQUISITION ON SEGMENT D3 Agency Negotiators: Tom Zlotkowski and Nancy C. Miller

## Adjourn

The Board may take action on any matter, however listed on this agenda, and whether or not listed on this agenda, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Staff Reports are subject to change without prior notice.

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Capital SouthEast Connector Board of Directors

Item # 1  
Receive and File

October 23, 2015

### Executive Director's Report

**Issue:** An Executive Director's report is filed every month on current JPA activities

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Discussion:** The following is a brief status report on some of the more significant issues and activities currently being pursued by the Connector JPA staff.

### Administrative

- It is expected that Director Hume will not be available for today's meeting.
- It has been brought to our attention that several JPA Board Members have conflicts for the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. That meeting is critical to the D3/E1 segments in that comments for the IS/MND are due November 13<sup>th</sup>. With that, it is important to approve the Environmental Document soon after that date. We would like to recommend combining the November and December meetings into one meeting which will be held the first week in December. We request the Directors work with the JPA Clerk on confirming whether Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> will work in your calendars.

### Project

- On October 1<sup>st</sup> Governor Brown signed AB 1171 (Linder) allowing regional transportation agencies, including the Connector JPA, to use the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) procurement method. This legislation will likely cut planning and construction costs and will help deliver the project more quickly. Staff is strongly considering the use of CM/GC on Segment D3/E1.
- As reported last month, the JPA has concluded successful negotiations with CH2M for the Segment D2 contract. JPA staff submitted the proposed contract and all required federal forms to Caltrans for review and unfortunately it was returned with comments. Staff resubmitted the paperwork on October 15<sup>th</sup> and the 30-day review period was restarted. Upon receipt of a Conformance Letter from Caltrans, we can move forward with executing the contract and initiating project work.
- Staff has made final edits on a Memorandum of Understanding between the JPA and the City of Elk Grove on a funding swap for Segment B2. In addition, staff has worked with SACOG on the necessary MTIP and MTP/SCS amendments and SACOG staff indicated that the amendments could occur administratively and may not need to go to their Board for approval. Once the MOU and amendments are processed, staff can request permission to release an RFP for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation later this year.

- On Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, staff made a general information presentation on the D3/E1 segment to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. Highlights of the presentation included an update on recent Connector JPA activities, an update on recent project activities on the El Dorado Segment, and the status of project funding on the El Dorado Segment.
- El Dorado County staff has initiated discussions with JPA staff on amending the County's General Plan to incorporate the Connector Project. The County anticipates that the necessary revisions will be presented to the Board of Supervisors before the end of the year.
- SACOG Grant Application Update - The City of Folsom and the Connector JPA submitted a joint application for funding under the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Regional/Local Program. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, recommendations were presented to the Regional Planning Partnership and the Connector was recommended to receive \$7.5M. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the SACOG Transportation Committee recommended that the SACOG Board release at its October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting a draft project list for public review, in anticipation of a Board action on the final funding recommendations in December. These funds will be used for the Folsom Segment (D3) planning and construction work along White Rock Road between Prairie City Road and the Sacramento / El Dorado County line.

### Fiscal

- There are no items of significance to report this month.

### Media

- Village Life
  - October 5, 2015 – More decisions to be made for Capital SouthEast Connector – Dawn Hodson
- Mountain Democrat
  - October 7, 2015 – Governor Brown signs legislation benefiting Connector – Dawn Hodson
- Sacramento Bee
  - October 13, 2015 – No 681 Public Notice to Contractors - Bryan M. Gold
- Elk Grove Citizen
  - October 16, 2015 - Possible savings ahead for major expressway - Bryan M. Gold

### Miscellaneous

- Development Fees D2/D3 – A progress report on the update to the Connector Plan of Finance that includes a recommendation on a revised development fee strategy will be presented at the November Board meeting.
- State Special Session on Transportation Update – There has been no activity of interest from the State special session. Hearings have been held covering the transportation funding challenges confronting California and reviewing the administration's revenue package, as well as Republican proposals. Staff will keep the Board apprised of any relevant information that comes from the Special Session.

- Federal Long-Term Transportation Legislation Update – The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee released details of its version of a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization bill, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (STRRA). The bill is a proposed six-year authorization, however, the House Ways & Means Committee has yet to identify where the additional revenue will come from to fund the full six years. Staff will keep the Board apprised of any relevant information that comes from these federal efforts to pass a long-term bill.
- The signage for the D3/E1 segment that was approved at the April, 2015 Board meeting, will be installed once the adoption of the IS/MND has been finalized. This signage is intended to gradually raise the public profile of the Connector and the substantial accomplishments of the Connector JPA in anticipation of final design and construction. Potential locations could include one sign at the White Rock Road/Prairie City Road intersection within County right of way, and/or one sign at the White Rock Road/Placerville Road intersection within County right of way.
- The Executive Director will be attending the annual “Focus on the Future” conference in Southern California on November 15-17.
- The first meeting of the “Professional Advisory Group” formed to assist the STA staff on a possible 2016 Sacramento County Transportation Sales Tax measure was held earlier this week to discuss possible variations on an expenditure plan that includes both “fix it first” maintenance components as well as selected capital projects. Monthly meetings of the group are planned between now and an anticipated report to the STA Board of Directors in spring, 2016.
- The Connector JPA Quarterly Newsletter was mailed this week to the Connector e-mail database and was also posted on the Connector’s Website.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom Zlotkowski  
Executive Director

Capital SouthEast Connector JPA Board of Directors

Item # 2  
Motion

October 23, 2015

**Action Minutes of the September 25, 2015, Meeting**

The Capital SouthEast Connector JPA Board of Directors met in regular session on September 25, 2015, in the City of Rancho Cordova City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA.

**Call to Order:** Chair Hume called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Directors Hume, Sander, Nottoli  
Absent: Director Starsky

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

There were no comments from the public on non-agenda items.

**Item #1: Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Zlotkowski, the Executive Director of the Authority, summarized his Executive Director's Report. Highlights included: staff will be checking with Board member holiday schedules over the next month to confirm that meetings on November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> do not need to be rescheduled; staff continues to work with the City of Elk Grove and SACOG on a funding swap for Segment B2; staff met with the Project Development Team and discussed the possibility of using the development fee arrangement between Sacramento County and the City of Folsom as a way to secure development impact fees for the Connector; the JPA has concluded successful negotiations with CH2M for the Segment D2 contract; staff anticipates making a general information presentation on the project D3/E1 segment to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors on October 20<sup>th</sup> and will work with Director Mikulaco on the details; at its September meeting, the SACOG Board of Directors adopted revised Regional Funding Targets for the 2015 Flexible Funding round that create a two tier list for projects in anticipation of a roughly 35% reduction in local/regional funds for distribution.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included:

- Item #2: Approve Action Minutes of August 28, 2015, Board Meeting
- Item #3: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP) Memorandum of Agreement
- Item #4: Update on Ongoing Connector Corridor Construction Projects

It was moved by Director Nottoli, seconded by Director Sander, and passed by unanimous vote that:

**THE CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2015,**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SOUTH SACRAMENTO HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (SSHCP) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, UPDATE ON ONGOING CONNECTOR CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

No public comment was received on the Consent Agenda.

**New Business Items**

**Item #5: Authorize the Release of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Segment D3/E1 for a 30-day Public Review Period**

Mr. Zlotkowski introduced the item and provided a brief summary of the staff report. Mr. Zlotkowski introduced Dokken Engineering's Environmental Manager, Namat Hosseinion, for a presentation of the Draft IS/MND. The presentation included an overview of biology and federal permits, description of traffic conditions at baseline - 2025, 2035, and beyond, project greenhouse gas analysis, and a cultural resources assessment. Mr. Hosseinion also discussed the release and availability of the Draft IS/MND. A brief discussion ensued.

It was moved by Director Mikulaco, seconded by Director Nottoli, and passed by unanimous vote that:

**THE CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SEGMENT D3/E1 FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

No public comment was received on Item #5.

**Item #6: Update on Governmental Relations**

Mr. Zlotkowski introduced DJ Smith with Smith Watts & Co. who provided a brief summary of the Governmental Relations in 2015 thus far. The presentation was intended to provide information regarding state legislation on transportation revenues and an outlook on other potential funding sources and their viability.

No public comment was received on Item #6.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Approved By:

Attest:

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Director Hume  
Chair of the Board

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Tom Zlotkowski  
Board Secretary



## Capital SouthEast Connector JPA Board of Directors

Item # 3  
Public Hearing

October 23, 2015

### Public Hearing to Accept Comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Segment D3/E1

**Issue:** To provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Segment D3/E1, which was released for a 30-day public review period beginning October 13, 2015.

**Recommendation:** To accept comments from the public on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).

**Background:** The environmental review process for Segment D3/E1 began in February 2015, with background research and field studies, resulting in the release of an IS/MND for public review on October 13, 2015. The purpose of the IS/MND is to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed projects to determine ways to reduce or avoid potential environmental damage that may be caused by the proposed alignment of Segment D3/E1. CEQA requires that each public agency mitigate or avoid the significant environmental effects of a project whenever feasible.

CEQA also requires that a public agency provide the public with an opportunity to comment on an IS/MND and the environmental impacts and proposed mitigation or avoidance measures identified therein. On October 13, 2015, the JPA released the IS/MND to the public to provide this opportunity. An ad was placed in the Sacramento Bee to notify the public of the availability of the document for review. In addition, notices were filed for posting with the Clerk/Recorders of Sacramento and El Dorado counties, copies were delivered to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to interested agencies, and the document was made available through the JPA's website. Copies are also available at the JPA's office and at the Sacramento County Library, Folsom Branch, and the El Dorado County Library, El Dorado Hills Branch. Paper copies of the IS/MND can be purchased for \$15 each, or a CD copy can be provided free of charge.

Staff provided an informational update on the IS/MND to the Board of Supervisors in El Dorado County on October 20, 2015. This update was not intended to be the actual public hearing for the IS/MND, but information was provided regarding the JPA's public comment/hearing process during the update.

In addition to oral or written comments received at this hearing, the public has the opportunity to provide written comments to the JPA any time during the public comment period which extends from October 13, 2015, through November 13, 2015. The full IS/MND and supporting technical studies can be downloaded from the JPA's website at [www.connectorjpa.net](http://www.connectorjpa.net). Written comments can be mailed to the JPA office at 10640 Mather Blvd., Suite 120, Mather, CA, or emailed to [marlank@connectorjpa.net](mailto:marlank@connectorjpa.net).

Following the close of the comment period, the JPA and its consultants will respond to comments received and incorporate changes into the final IS/MND, as appropriate. At this time, the JPA anticipates that the Board will be

presented with a final IS/MND for its consideration at its planned November/December or January meeting, depending upon the availability of Board members for upcoming meetings.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Zlotkowski". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tom Zlotkowski  
Executive Director



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# Purpose of the Public Hearing



## Invite

Today, the Connector JPA invites comments on the Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Segment D3/E1 (Folsom-EI Dorado)



## Hear

Hear public comments so that the Connector JPA (Lead Agency) may respond to them in a Final IS/MND



## Respond

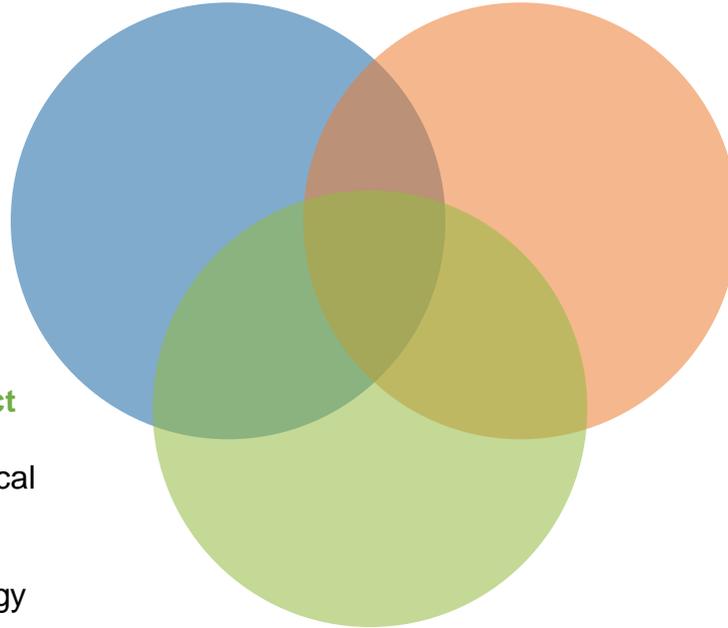
Both written and spoken comments will be included in the Final IS/MND with responses

# Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration

**No New Impacts**  
Greenhouse Gas

**Less Than Significant Impact**  
Mineral Resources

**Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation**  
Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological and Cultural Resources, Geology, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Population, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities



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## Mitigation Measures

- Total of 64 Mitigation Measures in 14 specific resource areas
- Mitigation to be addressed by the Connector JPA in the Final Design and Construction phases
- A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan will be created and put in place

# How to Comment

## Submit written comments

10640 Mather Boulevard, Suite 120, Mather, CA 95655

## E-mail comments



MarlanK@ConnectorJPA.net



## Comment verbally this morning

Comments are recorded



## Review at the JPA office or website

[www.ConnectorJPA.net](http://www.ConnectorJPA.net)

# Schedule

