

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, November 5, 2013, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, and Mayor Nakanishi

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl-Olson

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information on the San Joaquin Council of Governments State Route 99 Lodi Operational Improvements Feasibility Study (PW)

Public Works Director Wally Sandelin and Juann Ramos of Dokken Engineering provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the State Route 99 Lodi Operational Improvements Feasibility Study. Donald Mascardo of San Joaquin Council of Governments also participated in the presentation. Specific topics of discussion included background and purpose, corridor characteristics, feasibility study, study findings, traffic operations, mainline and ramp collision data, project hot spots, aerial photographs, recommended alternatives, alternative comparisons, and funding.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ramos confirmed that the long-term goal is to make the highway six lanes extending to Sacramento County.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ramos stated all participants, including San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), is being conscious about how to improve the corridor for the long-term versus short-term fixes and the costs associated with the same.

A brief discussion ensued between Council Member Hansen, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, and Mr. Ramos regarding the challenges associated with speed and acceleration at the Turner Road interchange.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ramos stated the original purpose of the study was to identify short-term operational and safety improvements that could be completed within the next five years.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Deputy Public Works Director Charlie Swimley stated the goal of the Shirtsleeve Session today is to receive some input from the City Council on the various alternatives presented and the costs associated with the same.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Swimley stated staff previously chose Alternative 4 in order to apply for Regional Transportation Impact Fee funds, for which the City was not selected. Mr. Swimley stated staff is looking for feedback on all alternatives that appeal to the City Council currently, which SJCOG will also take into consideration for funding opportunities.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Swimley stated the final decision will be made by SJCOG and CalTrans and the City of Lodi is a stakeholder whose feedback will be considered

when the final decision is made.

A brief discussion ensued amongst the City Council regarding the qualifications and ability of the City Council to identify viable alternatives.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katakian, Mr. Mascardo stated SJCOG will continue to work with City staff and CalTrans to better define the alternatives and as the study nears completion SJCOG will attempt to gain specific funding for the various alternatives identified.

In response to City Manager Bartlam, Mr. Mascardo stated SJCOG would like to take advantage of any cost savings from current County projects to apply to the Lodi project, which is why it is attempting to identify viable alternatives currently.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Swimley stated roundabouts are inherently more safe than a four-way intersection and reduce the likelihood of accidents.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ramos stated Harney Lane improvements will likely happen with enhanced growth in the area whereas on Turner Road the improvements are needed currently.

A brief discussion ensued amongst Mayor Pro Tempore Katakian, Mayor Nakanishi, and Mr. Bartlam regarding Alternative 5.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Swimley stated there will be additional information provided in the future on the alternatives as SJCOG moves forward with the project.

Myrna Wetzel spoke in regard to the number of check marks listed for each alternative on the alternative comparison sheet and urged the City Council to consider the same when selecting an alternative.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk