# RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting September 8, 1998

Meeting Began at:

8:00 a.m.

Meeting Ended at:

8:50 a.m.

Members Present:

Coleen Seng, Curt Donaldson, Linda Steinman, Dale Young,

Bernie Heier (Curt Donaldson was late.)

Members Absent:

Steve Svoboda

Others Present:

Roger Figard, Mike Michaelson, Larry McNeel, Michele Maly,

Kimberly Farabee, Public Works and Utilities; Dick Nuernberger, County Treasurer; William Kuester, Attorney; Kurt Macaque,

Accountant; Citizen

## Order No. 98-13

Coleen Seng called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the previous minutes. L. Steinman motioned to approve the previous minutes; D. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Coleen introduced Bernie Heier.

#### Order No. 98-14

Dick Nuernberger read the Treasurer's Report. The County Treasurer's balance for the District was \$931,000.21 as of July 31, 1998, and District's checking balance was \$1,316,580.99 as of August 31, 1998. L. Steinman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; D. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **Order No. 98-15**

Bernie Heier is the replacement for Council Member Darlene Tussing, who recently moved. The Officers elected are as follows: Coleen Seng, President; L. Steinman motioned to approve Coleen Seng for President; C. Donaldson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Linda Steinman, Vice President; D. Young motioned to approve Linda Steinman for Vice President; C. Donaldson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Dale Young, Secretary; L. Steinman motioned to approve Dale Young for Secretary; C. Donaldson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## Order No. 98-16

Roger Figard gave a brief overview of the budget, the highlights of which were; The difference in Total Operating Expenses from last year is due to a change in recording Engineering expenses, which are now being placed in Capital Improvements; The majority of the money within the CIP is coming from 'X' Street project and Antelope Valley; The CIP 6 year plan will need to be stretched out to keep the goal of 1.5 million in the bank. Linda Steinman informed us for public record that the County Board has approved the levy.

Linda Steinman questioned who would be responsible for knowing crossing sites which need overpasses and once we establish priorities within the county, will there be communication with the Roads Department. Roger is depending on Don Taute and his staff to let the District know their needs. A longer range vision plan would probably require the District to hire a consultant to work with Don. L. Steinman motioned that the Budget be approved, D. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Order No. 98-16

Roger Figard presented highlights on the 'X' Street Project, Amendment # 4. Engineering Drawings are being finalized and preparation is being made for a bid letting in Mid-October. With the delay, additional Engineering work and \$23,450 to finish up the design work, this will increase the total from \$601,906 to \$625,356. Roger suggested that we utilize the City Inspection Engineering staff, and continue to use Parson Brinkerhoff. A board meeting will be scheduled after bids are taken to award the contract and an Engineering Amendment.

After talking briefly about the current status of the pedestrian walkway being eliminated in the project and possible new locations mentioned by the board, Roger will mention at the Antelope Valley meeting, the suggestion of an underpass be located at the crossing on 14th Street. C. Donaldson motioned to approve Amendment # 4; L. Steinman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

# Order No. 98-17

Roger Figard presented 3rd and 'F' Street, Amendment # 3. The project needs additional money to finish plans and Construction Phase Services. The additional total of \$37,863 will be added to the original cost of \$116,508. L. Steinman motioned to approve Amendment # 3; D. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kurt Mecik presented highlights in the District's Audit. D. Young motioned to approve District's Audit; L. Steinman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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## Order No. 98-17 continued:

Roger Figard referred back to the 'X' Street Project. After going over the 6 million dollar project estimates and budget, there are a few pieces of work needed to be done; removing and building tracks, signaling is also involved. Harman Ind. has made some of the materials, which a portion has been paid, and is storing the materials for us. We will be receiving the materials when the project starts and at that time, the District will be receiving a new agreement for approximately \$475,000 for storage. Roger also added the fact that MCI has Fiber Optics cable along that right-of-way and they need to relocate them under Antelope Creek which will cost about \$75,000 and this agreement is on the way. Roger asked the Board to authorize the Board President and Executive Director to sign these agreement when they come in. D. Young motioned to authorize the officers to sign the two agreements; L. Steinman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Coleen Seng mentioned that at the last Advisory Committee of Antelope Valley Meeting a concern was brought up regarding 44th and Cornhusker and Adams crossing area. Roger will look at the crossing more closely in the master plan.

Following each update, Coleen Seng opened the floor to the public. There was no response.

Coleen asked for a motion to adjourn, L. Steinman made the motion; Dale Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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