

UpState RailConnect Committee

Dedicated to Completion of the Alternative Rail Route Feasibility Study

Meeting Announcement

September 11, 2013

10:00 AM

**Trinity County Public Utilities District Conference Room
26 Ponderosa Street, Weaverville CA**

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Review of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of minutes from July 31, 2013 meeting (action anticipated)**
- 5. Discussion on Feasibility Study funding progress (action anticipated)**
- 6. Discussion on Draft Scope of Work and Draft RFQ (action anticipated)**
- 7. Future meeting schedule discussion (action anticipated)**
- 8. Discussion on potential and scheduled presentations and events**
- 9. Reports**
 - a. Staff**
 - b. Humboldt/Eureka representatives**
 - c. Trinity representatives**
 - d. Tehama Representatives**
 - e. UpState California Economic Development Council representatives**
 - f. Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association representatives**
- 10. Task Assignments/Items for Next Agenda**
- 11. Next Meeting/Adjourn**

For information regarding this meeting, please contact the *Upstate RailConnect Committee* at landbridgealliance@gmail.com

Or see

www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/council/rail_study.asp

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July 31, 2013 Minutes (Subject to Approval)

Meeting held telephonically, as per Subsection 54953(b) of the Government Code via Teleconference

Teleconference Locations

**727 Oak Street, 2nd Floor, Room 203 (Red Bank Room), Red Bluff, CA
531 K Street, Room 207, Eureka, CA
11 Court Street, Room 230, Weaverville, CA**

12. Introductions

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM. The following

Committee Members were present: City of Eureka Councilmember Lance Madsen and Councilmember Mike Newman; Tehama County Supervisor Steve Chamblin and CAO Bill Goodwin; Trinity County Supervisor John Fenley and CAO Wendy Tyler; Upstate California Economic Development Council General Manager Alison O’Sullivan; Northern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association representative Nick Angeloff; and Representative David Tyson.

Committee Members Absent: County of Trinity Supervisor Debra Chapman; Upstate California Economic Development Council Board President Brynda Stranix and Humboldt County Supervisor Rex Bohn.

Staff: David Hull

Guests: Bob Martin; Kent Sawatzky; Larry Glass; Monte Provolt; Ken Davlin; Jim Cooper.

13. Public Comment – None

14. Review of Agenda

Motion by Fenley, Seconded by Tyson to approve the July 31, 2013 agenda. A Roll Call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Approval of minutes from June 26, 2013 meeting

Goodwin moved for approval of the June 26, 2013 minutes; Seconded by Fenley. A Roll Call vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion on Potential Funding Sources

a. Public Sources: David Hull reported that he is still awaiting the results of the CalTrans grant application for the Alternative Rail Route Feasibility Study. CalTrans has reported that the awards will be made in August 2013. It was also reported that other public sources of feasibility study funding continue to be explored.

b. Private Sources:

- **Land Bridge Alliance Update: David Tyson**, Chair of the Land Bridge Alliance (LBA), reported that LBA continues to receive donations for public education and outreach activities. In addition LBA is working on larger source donations to be used as match for the CalTrans grant. Tyson noted that the match requirement for the CalTrans grant is \$35,000. Tyson thanked Bill Goodwin, Alison O'Sullivan and Bob Martin for setting up potential supporter and donor meetings in the Sacramento Valley.

17. Discussion on Potential and Scheduled Presentations and Events

David Tyson reported that presentations are scheduled for Southern Trinity County on August 16; Arcata Rotary next week; and Eureka's Old Town Rotary was yesterday.

Alison O'Sullivan reported that she has started to make arrangements for presentations in other Northern California counties. Bob Martin added that he has also been tapping people in Tehama County for donations and possible venues for educational meetings. David Tyson noted that the response from the Red Bluff presentations have been very positive.

Chair Madsen noted that it is important to make it clear that the UpState RailConnect Committee is promoting the feasibility study at this point and not the actual building of an east west rail line when making presentations and attending meetings.

18. Reports

a. Staff: Chair Madsen mentioned that the UpState RailConnect Committee Summer Newsletter had gone out to all of those individuals and organizations that had written letters of support for the feasibility study and others that have shown interest in the study.

David Hull mentioned that the City of Eureka's website (including the weblink to the UpState RailConnect Committee information) is now printed on the RailConnect Committee agendas as per public comment at the last meeting.

Hull also noted that the Harbor District's rail study is out and was sent to RailConnect Committee members and is on the City of Eureka's website. Hull reviewed the staff report and read a letter to the Committee from Monte Provolt analyzing the Harbor District's rail report. Many RailConnect Committee members reacted favorably to Provolt's letter and its conclusions and thought that it should also be placed on the City's website under the rail link. Bill Goodwin asked that he get a copy of Provolt's letter for possible distribution in Tehama County. The RailConnect Committee members further discussed the educational value of Provolt sending his letter to the newspaper.

- b. **Humboldt/Eureka:** Nothing further to report
- c. **Trinity:** Nothing more to report
- d. **Tehama:** Nothing more to report
- e. **Upstate California Economic Development Council:** Nothing more to report
- f. **Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association:** Nothing more to report

19. **Task Assignments/Items for the Next Agenda:** The Committee agreed the following items should be discussed at the next meeting:

- a. Future UpState RailConnect Committee meeting schedule

20. **Next Meeting:** It was decided that the next meeting will be held in Trinity County on August 21, 2013 in Weaverville, CA.

21. **Meeting adjourned:** 3:05 PM
Approved:

Lance Madsen, Chair