

**California Road Charge Pilot Program Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes
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1. Roll Call

Jim Madaffer, Chair, convened the meeting of the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at 10:00AM. Anne Johnson, staff of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), conducted roll call.

Chair Jim Madaffer	Present	Loren Kaye	Present
Vice-Chair Stephen Finnegan	Present	Richard Marcantonio	Absent
Senator Jim Beall	Absent	Pam O'Connor	Present
Assembly Member David Chiu	Absent	Robert Poythress	Absent
Lisa Bartlett	Present	Eric Sauer	Present
David Finigan	Absent	Lee Tien	Absent
Gautam Hans	Absent	Martin Wachs	Present

Chair Madaffer noted the TAC does not have a quorum for this meeting.

Chair Madaffer thanked Supervisor Bartlett for hosting the TAC in Orange County.

Chair Madaffer provided a reminder that public comments are welcomed throughout the meeting.

Chair Madaffer announced that Susan Bransen has accepted the position of Executive Director of CTC.

2. Public Comment

No comments from the public were made for this agenda item.

3. Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2016

This item was deferred to the June 24, 2016 meeting.

4. TAC Members Report

Jim Madaffer, Chair opened the floor to an around the table open dialogue for the TAC members present at the meeting.

Mr. Sauer attended the California Trucking Association Annual Membership Conference where Chair Madaffer gave a presentation which helped secure some volunteers yet members shared their concerns on the pilot program and the gas tax alternative idea.

Councilmember O'Connor mentioned the City of Santa Monica's elected officials are excited to get started with the pilot program; she also mentioned the "disconnect" on how roads are funded and expressed concern with equity issues.

Mr. Kaye shared his concerns regarding the lack of commitment and priority that the Pilot Program has in the Administration.

Professor Wachs responded to the question of equity. Two studies that have used national data from the National Household of Travel Survey that the rural people are the winners because not only do they drive more miles but they also drive more fuel inefficient vehicles. He also stated that we are not trying to find a way to raise more money as much as we are trying to find a different architecture for raising money. Professor Wachs, Steve Finnegan, and Pam O'Connor made presentations before the LA Metro Board which were less favorably received and they are closely monitoring the actions of the Pilot Program. Professor Wachs represented the TAC at the Institute of Transportation Engineers on Friday, March 11th. They raised several good points and were very positive about the pilot program. They also seemed interested in signing up as volunteers.

Supervisor Bartlett was part of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association panel in Washington DC and spoke at the Advancing Women in Transportation on March 16th in Orange County. She mentioned that all the organizations she speaks at regarding the road usage and pilot program are getting engaged and realize that we truly have to find a replacement.

Mr. Finnegan – AAA published an article in their magazine which generated "skeptical" feedback including privacy issues and money out of pocket concerns. AAA's CEO wants to be fully involved with the pilot program and sent out communication to all employees encouraging them to volunteer. AAA will be using some claim vehicles to sign up as a "fleet" volunteer.

Chair Madaffer attended the Transportation Research Board, the Mileage Based User Fee Alliance, and the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association in Washington DC along with other transportation affiliates.

5. Workgroup Update

Mitch Weiss, CTC, provided an update of the Workgroup's efforts.

6. Update on Participant Recruitment Efforts

Brady Tacdol, Caltrans, provided an update on the Participant Recruitment efforts. He informed the TAC that the new webpage was launched on January 5, 2016 and there are 5,000 volunteers signed up as of today.

Caltrans continues to reach out to various agencies who have in turned helped with the outreach to the public.

Social Media is being introduced this month which includes a Road Charge Pilot Program Facebook page.

7. Update on Pilot Preparation Activities

Travis Dunn, D'Artagnan, provided an update on the pilot preparation activities.

The recruiting and technical aspects of account management section has been completed. Volunteers will be able to choose their account manager and reporting device.

The End-to-End testing is scheduled for May 16-20, 2016 in Sacramento.

Nate Bryer with Azuga and Gail Levario with EROAD were both present at the meeting and have been monitoring the system from the beginning.

8. Pilot Project Evaluation Plan

Brady Tacdol, Caltrans, reported that Caltrans has hired CH2M as an independent evaluator for the pilot program. There was a kick-off meeting with Caltrans, CH2M, and various partners and sub-contractors and they will continue to meet bi-weekly to discuss different deliverables that are moving forward, baseline project and deliverable schedule, and different categories the TAC recommended to evaluate in the pilot program.

Mike Warren, CH2M reported that they are the project management and has partnered with EMC Research, System Metrics Group, and Virtek.

9. Update on Caltrans effort to seek funding for Road Charge under the FAST Act

Mitch Weiss, CTC, provided an update on what is in the FAST Act in terms of funding for their type of activity and cause.

Carrie Pourvahidi, Caltrans reported that the FAST Act guidelines should be issued by March with applications due in May. This is a short turnaround time with no information yet on the guidelines and requirements of the grant program. Caltrans is considering it and feels they are in a good position to pursue grant funds.

10. Road Charge Policy Issues

Mitch Weiss, CTC, reported that this item lists the policy issues that agency will address in its final report along with other policy issues that arose during the TAC process. The TAC is not required to take action yet this can be used to inform the Agency and CTC.

Travis Dunn, D'Artagnan, provided an informational presentation on the road charge policy issues.

11. Review of Action Items, Parking Lot, Next Steps and Other Matters

- a. Find a better way to explain how a rural drive might benefit and coming up with some graphics that shows this a little clearer;
- b. Mitch Weiss to send out a weekly email to the TAC updating them on the number of volunteers to date and which areas are lacking;
- c. Look for a more general survey in terms of the Road Charge;
- d. Look into whether or not any raw data from the evaluation is going to be made public.

12. Public Comments

No comments from the public were made for this agenda item.

13. Adjourn

Next TAC meeting will be on Friday, June 24, 2016 in Sacramento, CA

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.