

For at least two years now this project has been listed on the 5-year Approved CIP Project List. Two down, 3 to go...and we're still no closer to getting answers to what already appears to be a "done deal." Historically DOT, the BOS and certain Department Heads have avoided constituent concerns as demonstrated during Open Forum and by the sampling of comments posted to this agenda item.

Upon examining the 44-page consultant agreement, there are several questions regarding the Mt. Murphy Bridge project that still need answers that can't be properly addressed via the government website:

- • Who is paying the \$550K consultant fees on this project, or is it funded totally by grants? *CH2M Hill \$683K - T.Y. Lin Int'l*
- By approving the blank consultant agreement, is the BOS approving the concept or actually implementing an undefined plan for this project?
- Is the bridge to be replaced, maintained for its historical significance, or both?
- What agency or department is tracking this project?
- • Photos labeled **Mik Visits Mt. Murphy Bridge March 17th** - Why Mik?
- • Kim Kerr & Don Spear attended the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge meeting February 7th, but I didn't see Mik or any other supervisors amongst the crowd at Grange Hall. We question why your name was associated with this project outside your district?
- • Several neighbors left early in disgust as indicated by the public remarks posted to this agenda item. The question arises as to why associated DOT-CIP issues in District #4 are perpetually obfuscated and diverted?
- • February 5th - **2013 Capital Improvement Program and Transportation Work Plan** was scheduled for 1 hr. but ran 3.5 hours due to Mik's questions. Good questions, but it deprived some residents the opportunity to address their concerns about this project. We attempted to schedule a meeting to discuss this matter, but it never came to fruition. Afterwards I was informed SOC requested Mik ask questions rather than rubber stamp everything. Mik your intentions were commendable, but are you aware how difficult it was to get neighbors to show up on short notice, and their frustration in not being able to voice their concerns?

- • Regarding the 4 bridge projects in Coloma, we question whether Supervisors Mikulaco or Veercamp are up to speed about the history of resident concerns involving inconsistent data, behind closed doors meetings, falsified records, the scandal concerning Jack Sweeney “giving away easements”, the eminent domain issues or the negative impacts to affected properties relevant to the projects?

During our meeting last month with Supervisor Briggs, Kim Kerr acknowledged the communication & customer service problem regarding inaccurate statistics, financial data & timeliness of information being disseminated to the public. Actually it goes beyond communication & customer service. Transparency and accountability, or lack thereof, is a concern to every conscientious citizen.

* Kim, as expressed previously, the CIP projects on the table in Coloma are reminiscent of the Amador County Grand Jury investigation. This isn't meant to embarrass you, but the public has a right to know about matters that concern them. Here is just a small sample from the recent Amador County Grand Jury letter to the Mayor of the City of Ione:

How have you improved the following:

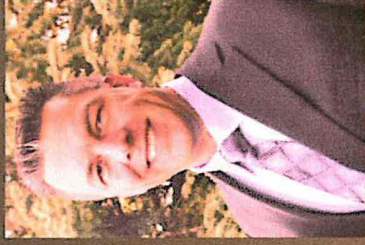
- Tracking of various contracts
- Reconciling past accounting irregularities
- Consultant work performance & payment process
- Tracking of Local Agency Investment Fund transfers
- Was any action taken to determine if former City Manager, Ms. Kerr, was acting illegally?
- Has the City pursued legal action against Ms. Kerr?
- If yes, what action was taken? If not, why not?

Madam Clerk: For the public record this February 20th Amador Grand Jury letter will shed a little sunshine on the topic.

* The last question is, can we expect this board to deal with these issues responsibly, or will you just rubber stamp them for the sake of expedience without due diligence?

Who'd like to take the first stab at open and transparent government?

Mik Visits



Mt. Murphy

Bridge

3/17/13

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I haven't had much time to research the proposed contractor for the Bucks Bar Bridge, but what I have found is disturbing.

Just as I have detailed the Delphi Technique used by CH2M Hill, the Mt Morphy Bridge project contractor, the same warning signs can be found with T.Y. Lin International.

T.Y. Lin International is a gigantic, global conglomerate corporation for whom bridge building is just a part. They have ties to China and other unfriendly nations. They use language that belies their corporate nature - "stakeholders", "sustainable", "communal", and so forth. These are key phrases to Agenda 21 and global governance.

Further, I submit a press release from their website that proves their connections at the highest levels to feeding off the public taxpayer - their very existence depends on government - that means taxpayer funding - of large capital projects. This means global governance is key to their survival. It's the ultimate Agenda 21.

A word about jobs...

These jobs will not be local - this money will vaporize and re-appear in corporate HQ in Singapore. Can't we find an American firm and keep our money stateside? How about requiring local labor - we have a steel

Fabrication shop on Mt Murphy road that builds bridge parts. How about really keeping some money this time, by contract, requiring local labor, skilled and unskilled.

Let's back up on this one and think it through while we have the chance. Let's avoid another Mount Murphy Bridge debacle. Put this item off - don't pass it - until we can address these concerns please.

Thank You
Mark E. Smith

Attachment: (1) page T.Y. Lin International "Jobs of the Future"
Press Release

(2) This 2 page handwritten statement

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— skills remarks —

Item 16 passed on consent, score 1 for government waste!

Item 17 (i) we could hire 5 engineers for the cost of Item 16 alone!
For 1.25 million dollars spent on Item 16, we could hire the talent needed in-house and save money, get more work done, be more transparent and accountable than any vendor will ever be.

This is the SAME as Item 16.

P.S. To Matt Smeltzer's comments - T.Y. Lin couldn't care less about our concerns - just look at their website.

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June 29, 2012 Share

T.Y. Lin International Joins "Jobs of the Future" Infrastructure Event at White House

ALL TAXPAYER FUNDED!

T.Y. Lin International Senior Vice President and East District Director Robert Medina, P.E., met this week with a group of key infrastructure stakeholders at the White House to discuss strategies for creating "Jobs of the Future" in the infrastructure and transportation sector. Medina was briefed by officials from the Department of Transportation and other agencies about relevant government policies and upcoming infrastructure projects, and had the opportunity to share his own best practices and thoughts for how to continue supporting job growth in the industry.

The Obama administration has named infrastructure investment and reform as critical to job growth, competitiveness, and "winning the future" in a global economy.

"Long-term and sustainable investment in infrastructure is crucial to economic vitality within communities both urban and suburban," said Robert Medina, Senior Vice President and East District Director for T.Y. Lin International. "A safe and efficient transportation system moves workers and goods to production and retail centers and is the engine of economic activity. The return on investment for transportation projects is realized many times over in both immediate jobs for planners, engineers, and contractors, and long-term job growth for those that manage, operate, and maintain transportation networks."

Mr. Medina is active in the engineering business community and is an advocate for disadvantaged, small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses. He is currently Chairman of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of NJ's Alternate Project Delivery Committee. He previously served as Chairman of ACEC-NJ's Small Firms Committee from 2005 to 2007, and was a Metropolitan Region Board Member of ACEC-NY from 2006 to 2009. He is also currently a member of the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Chairman in 2011, and a member of the PRIMER Network.

Attendees were encouraged to take what they learned and share the information with their colleagues. They also will continue a dialogue with the administration and other participants.

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Regular Chamber of Commerce not good enough to get special preferences!

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