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Michael Errante, Executive Director

**On-Line Meeting
MINUTES**

DATE: August 18, 2021

9:01 a.m. Steven Muchovej called the meeting to order.

ITEM NO. 1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Steven Muchovej
Doug Thompson
Rick Pucci
Celeste Berg
Jennifer Roeser
Jose Garcia

Others present:

Phil Moores, ESTA
Deston Dishion, City of Bishop
Mark Heckman, Caltrans
Adam Weitzsmann, Caltrans
Jenny Park, IMAH
Michael Errante, Executive Director ICLTC
John Pinckney, Staff ICLTC
Cynthia Browning, ICLTC Secretary

ITEM NO. 2 Public Comment- None

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 3 Secretary of the Local Transportation Commission - Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2021.

*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Roeser and seconded by Commissioner Pucci. All in favor 5.

ITEM NO. 4 Request Commission consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-12 that 1) approves ESTA's State of Good Repair project list and 2) authorize the LTC Executive Director to sign documents related to the State of Good Repair program for FY 2021-2022

*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Roeser and Seconded by Commissioner Pucci. All in favor 5.

ITEM NO. 5 Request Commission receive and review Caltrans Draft 2021 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan and give staff direction and or authority to submit a comment letter on your behalf.

*John Pinckney said the comments on the ITSP will not affect funding level but we have an opportunity to comment on how these funds are prioritized.

*John read to the commission a summary discussion and shared on screen the appendix that explains the scoring criteria. John went on to say that he would like to propose writing a letter stating that higher priority is given to safety and evacuation.

*Commissioner Thompson stated he would like to see Hwy 6 addressed. John Pinckney said Hwy 6 is not defined in the corridor and would be a separate discussion in regard to altering the corridor.

*Commissioner Muchovej said everyone was in agreement for John to address a letter making the suggestion emphasizing that safety should be scored on Par with the other metrics and to include a statement at the end asking them to consider adding Hwy 6 to this strategic region.

*Commissioner Roeser asked John what the deadline for comments is and John answered September 10, 2021

*No public comments

*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Muchovej and seconded by Commissioner Garcia. All in favor 5

DISCUSSION ITEMS None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 6 ESTA Report

*Phil Moores of ESTA submitted an itemized report in the packet and gave a short highlight on his report. He said that staffing is doing very well in Bishop but Mammoth is suffering. He went on to say that he is 7 drivers down at present and is looking for ways to improve recruitment. One issue, he said, is the lack of people looking for work. Phil also said that they are looking to get more vehicles and that he expects to get the first electrical vehicle for Bishop Dial-a-ride in 2022. He reported that their Reno and Lone Pine routes are fully recovered and moving.

*Commissioner Muchovej asked if ESTA is still doing a certification employee testing program with the DMV. Phil said that yes that is still in effect.

ITEM NO. 7 Tribal Report- None

ITEM NO. 8 DVNP

*John Pinckney said that Jane Mercer emailed him and said she has no updates on the bicycle trail and due to another conflict she would not be able to attend.

ITEM NO. 9 Caltrans Report

*Mark Heckman said that he wanted to extend to this commission an invitation to participate in “Clean California”, a new program implemented by the State of California as an initiative to clean up California. He said that Mono County along with Kern County is setting up a day to do a community cleanup. Caltrans will bring out giant dumpsters. Mark said he would like to extend the opportunity to Inyo County. He suggested a cleanup around Shoshone and or Lone Pine. He said he will send the information to John Pinckney. He said this is a 3-5 year program so there is no rush.

Mark went on to report that the Public information officer has provided to the public that the Manzanar Pavement and the cross sections are available for comment. These are also on the Caltrans District 9 home page, Mark added. He stated that Adam Weitzmann can provide the story map links to Manzanar and Fish Springs. Comments are due on Sept 1st. Mark also said that the Lone Pine Sidewalk project is also out for review and will be released sometime this week. Adam will provide story map links. Comments are due Sept 6th.

Mark went on to report that the Bishop Pavement project environmental comments has closed and into the design phase.

*Commissioner Muchovej asked that the commissioners use the links provided by Adam and submit comments.

ITEM NO. 10 City of Bishop Report

*Deston Dishion said that he has nothing to report but suggested to Mark Heckman of Caltrans that if there is a lot of money in “Cleaning up California”, the Sierra Trash Eliminators and other groups are struggling to find places to get rid of the trash they pick up. Deston asked Mark if it is possible to find a location that Caltrans can place a large dumpster for them to use.

ITEM NO. 11 Executive Director’s Report

*Mike Errante reported that the North Round Valley Bridge is underway. He also said that last week the FAA inspector came out and looked at the Bishop Airport. Mike said that it is on track to get our 139 certification which allows the airport to receive commercial airlines.

*John Pinckney added that there is a CTC meeting this afternoon and tomorrow. They will be approving the STIP guidelines. John went on to say that he will bring to your commission at a later date, the topic of what to do with the COVID relief money that we received through STIP allocation.

Reports from all the members of the Inyo County LTC

*Commissioner Roeser commented that one of the things she's involved in with the County is the issue of open sourced broadband. She said that anytime there is a construction project going on she's looking to find a strategy to work together to utilize any kind of digging or construction, to make sure a coordination to install water lines or conduit takes place. She asked Mike Errante if there is a policy in place.

*Mike Errante said that there is not a policy in place per say, but anytime he touches a project, utilities are one of the things he looks at in regard to water lines or broadband.

*Mark Heckman said that Caltrans had an executive order implemented in 2020 that requires Caltrans to consider putting in an empty conduit pipe.

ADJOURNMENT- 10:31 a.m.