



# INYO COUNTY

## LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

#### INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Inyo County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
224 N. Edwards St.  
Independence, CA 93526

**DATE: October 16, 2019**

**8:55 a.m.** Doug Thompson called the meeting to order.

**ITEM NO. 1** Roll Call

**Commissioners Present:**

Doug Thompson  
Mark Tillemans  
Laura Smith  
Rick Pucci

**Others present:**

Jill Batchelder, Caltrans  
Bryan Winzenread, Caltrans  
Deston Dishion, City of Bishop  
Brent Green, Caltrans

**ITEM NO. 2** Public Comment - None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 3** Secretary of the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) – Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2019

**\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mark Tillemans and seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci. All in favor 3 of 4. Laura Smith abstained**

**ITEM NO. 4** Request Commission receive a presentation on the proposed US Bicycle Route 85, including a specific route through Inyo County, and consider authorizing the Executive Director and chair to sign a Letter of Support for the proposed route.

**\*John Pinckney gave a brief description and presentation.**

**\*Motion to approve was made by Laura Smith and seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci. All in favor 4.**

**ITEM NO. 5** Request Commission consider a Nye County, NV request that we provide a letter of support for the upcoming 2019 Nevada Federal lands Access Program (FLAP) call for projects. Nye County intends to submit Bell Vista Road.

**\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mark Tillemans and seconded by alternate Laura Smith. All in favor 4**

**ITEM NO. 6** Request Commission ratify the attached Letter of Support as submitted to assist the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority in applying for an FTA 5304 grant. The grant application was due in early October and supports both ESTA's and LTC's stated transit goals.

**\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mark Tillemans and seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci. All in favor 4**

**ITEM NO. 7** Request Commission approve the Final Updated 2019 Inyo County Regional Transportation Plan.

**\*Motion to approve was made by Mark Tillemans and seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci. All in favor 4.**

**ITEM NO. 8** Request Commission receive a staff report and give staff direction on priorities for Drafting of the Inyo County Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP).

**\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mark Tillemans and seconded by Laura Smith. All in favor 4.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ITEM NO. 9** Request Commission receive a staff report on the Eastern California Transportation Planning Partner Meeting held on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Ridgecrest, CA.

**\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mark Tillemans and seconded by Laura Smith. All in favor 4.**

**ITEM NO. 10** Request Commission receive a staff report on the Final Invoice for Rural Planning Assistance funds in FY 2018-2019

**\*John Pinckney gave a brief description on the report. No questions were asked. No action required.**

**ITEM NO. 11** Request Commission receive a report on the South Lake Road Project request for early allocation to the California Transportation Commission (CTC)

**\*John spoke briefly on the report. No questions were asked. No action required.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**ITEM NO. 12 ESTA REPORT**

None

**ITEM NO. 13 TRIBAL REPORT**

None

**ITEM NO. 14 CALTRANS REPORT**

Brent Green commented on the public safety power shut downs (PSPS). He said that it shouldn't affect the transportation network and that they had several protocols in place.

Brent went on to say that Supervisor Kingsley had visited with Caltrans and the CHP. They discussed the concerns of Lone Pine pedestrians. Brent was not able to commit to a public meeting but he said that Caltrans, Supervisor Kingsley and the CHP are going to meet with a bunch of people in Lone Pine and talk about the overall vision for Lone Pine. For example: bikes, pedestrian features, ADA improvements etc.

Brent also mentioned that each year Caltrans does an external partner survey. An email will be sent out shortly to all their partners which includes the LTC.

Jill Batchelder gave an overview of the quarterly project report. She stated that the S. See Vee signal and the Town Pass Curve Correction Project are 100% complete. She also said that the Hwy 168 Safety Improvements Project for the W. Line Street area is at 95% design. Construction will start next year. The Talc City Slope Protection Project is going on with the erosion phase so there will be some delays while the cars are piloted in through the area. Jill mentioned a youtube pedestrian safety video that Caltrans partnered with the CHP. The video is about crosswalk safety and she encouraged all to watch it.

**ITEM NO. 15 CITY OF BISHOP REPORT**

Deston Dishion reported that the Seibu to School path project will be complete in less than a week. The City met with the Tribe and Deston said that on the first of November the Tribe will begin extending the path. Deston also stated that the Jay Street Extension Project will start on the 11th of November but will not be paved before winter. An extension was asked for the Spruce Hanby Sidewalks Project and will start construction in April.

**ITEM NO. 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mike Errante handed out a map of County projects and gave a brief update. Mike stated that the County is participating in the Jay Street project. He said that the project is using some RM/RA funds for the project in the amount of \$230,000. Commissioner Rick Pucci thanked Mike for the fog line on Barlow. He said it is very helpful in that it provides drivers guidance to navigate the road.

**ITEM NO. 17** Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32AM