



**INYO COUNTY
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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MINUTES

INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

On-line Meeting

DATE: April 15, 2020

9:06 a.m. Doug Thompson called the meeting to order.

ITEM NO. 1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Doug Thompson
Rick Pucci
Chris Costello
Steven Muchovej
Mark Tillemans
Celeste Berg

Others present:

Jill Batchelder, Caltrans
Mark Heckman, Caltrans
Phil Moores, ESTA
Michael Errante, Executive Director
John Pinckney, Staff
Cynthia Browning, LTC 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 February 19, 2020.

*Commissioner Pucci motioned to approve, Commissioner Muchovej seconded. All in favor 5

ITEM NO. 4 Request Commission approve resolution No. 2020-14, a resolution to 1) approve the Overall Work Program for the Inyo County LTC for FY 2020/2021. 2) Authorize the Executive Director to sign related documents and 3) allow staff to make minor technical changes if required.

*Commissioner Muchovej motioned to approve, Commissioner Berg seconded. All in favor 5

ITEM NO. 5 Request Commission adopt and approve A) Unmet Transit Needs Findings as presented by staff and B) Resolution No. 2020-05, a Resolution regarding unmet transit needs.

*Commissioner Muchovej motioned to approve, Commissioner Pucci seconded. All in favor 6

ITEM NO. 6 Request Commission receive a staff report on the expected decrease in LTF tax revenue and funding due to COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders and approve Resolution No. 2020-06 apportioning and allocating Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for fiscal year 2020-2021

*Commissioner Tillemans motioned to approve, Commissioner Pucci seconded. All in favor 6

ITEM NO. 7 Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2020-07 allocating all of FY 2020-2021 STA funds estimated as \$161,181 to Eastern Sierra Transit (ESTA) for public transit operating and capital expenses (\$160,095) unrestricted, \$1,086 capital restricted

*Commissioner Muchovej motioned to approve, Commissioner Berg seconded. All in favor 6

ITEM NO. 8

ITEM NO. 9

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEM NO.12 ESTA Report

*Phil Moores reported that they have authorized some administrative leave pay for the employees at home due to the Covid Pandemic. 2 to 3 of the dial-a-ride vehicles are running out of 5 and drivers are required to wear masks while driving. Phil said that there is an opportunity to apply for funds through the Cares Act. They hope to get reimbursed for some fare revenue, service losses and admin leave. Phil went on to report that the Bishop Creek shuttle is scheduled to run with its two trips a day. Ridership is down which is to be expected. *Jill Batchelder of Caltrans commented in regard to the reimbursement. Next year's formula funding is based on the current ridership, she said and future funding may be impacted. Jill then asked if there is an opportunity to seek reimbursement for future income loss? Phil answered that these are the kinds of questions being asked.

ITEM NO.13 Tribal Report- None

ITEM NO.14 Caltrans Report

*Jill Batchelder stated that 80% of their staff is working from home due to Covid. She went on to say that project delivery is still vital and it is a critical function that will continue. She said that they are expecting some loss in the gas tax revenue. She went on to say that they are working on an active transportation grant application for the extension of the 168 sidewalk/between Barlow and Meadow Lane, and it is anticipated to be a \$4 million project. Jill asked to have an updated letter of support from LTC.

*Ryan Dermody said that District 9 Director Brent Green is retiring May 1st.

ITEM NO.15 City of Bishop Report

*Deston Dishion reported on the Spruce Hanby Project. He said that process has been slowed down due to Covid but the hope is to have a 14 month extension.

ITEM NO.16 Executive Director's Report

- Kern Letter of Intent to cancel Tri-County MOU
- SHOPP Comments Letter as submitted
- USBR 85 – update – Letter of Support f/ Inyo County Board of Supervisors
- South Lake Rd. FLAP schedule update – STIP Match
- Olancha Cartago 4 Lane – INFRA Grant Application submitted

*John Pinckney stated that he sent the Kern Letter of Intent to cancel the Tri-County MOU to all the Commissioners and said he didn't know if we would be able to change Kern's mind. John said he got a commitment from CTC staff to facilitate a meeting between all parties and is thinking he would like to wait to do a face to face meeting and not a zoom meeting if possible. Pinckney went on to say that "with our negative share balance, we are not in position to move forward with the project (Freeman Gulch II & III)." Commissioner Doug Thompson commented that this is critical to our County and we need to relay this to the CTC and he suggested a letter of support from Kern County. Commissioner Pucci agreed with Doug and said

waiting for a face to face meeting is unnecessary and we need to move forward if possible. Commissioner Tillemans agreed with Commissioner Pucci that we should move forward in a timely manner. Commissioner Tillemans asked John to elaborate on the time line. John stated that the 2020 STIP is where this will be solidified. We will propose a new RTIP in 2021 and the MOU expires in 2022. Mr. Tillemans stated that he thinks we should formalize our case in a respectful manner and perhaps request a meeting to make sure the CTC is aware and move forward with other sources of funding.

Ryan Dermody of Caltrans added that the environmental portion is done and suggested that if we get the design and right of way done then we can be ready if funding happens.

*Mike Errante gave an update on South Lake Road and other projects. He reviewed the information in the agenda packet. No questions or comments were made.

ITEM NO. 17

CORRESPONDENCE- no comments were made

ADJOURNMENT 10:40 a.m.