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**MINUTES**

**INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**On-line only meeting**

**June 16, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.** Commissioner Steven Muchovej called the meeting to order

**ITEM NO. 1** Roll Call

**Commissioners Present:**

Steven Muchovej  
Rick Pucci  
Doug Thompson  
Jennifer Roeser  
Jose Garcia

**Others Present:**

Michael Errante, Executive Director  
John Pinckney, Staff  
Cynthia Browning, LTC Secretary  
Phil Moores, ESTA  
Ron Phillips, City of Bishop  
Deston Dishion, City of Bishop  
Dennee Alcalá, Caltrans  
Mark Heckman, Caltrans  
Adam Weitzsmann, Caltrans

**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 April 21, 2021.

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

**ITEM NO. 4** Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2021-05, a resolution to 1) approve the Overall Work Program for the Inyo County LTC for FY 2021/2022, 2) authorize the Executive Director to sign related documents and 3) allow staff to make minor technical changes if required.

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

**ITEM NO. 5** Request Commission adopt and approve 1) Unmet Transit Needs Findings as presented by staff and 2) Resolution No. 2021-06, a Resolution regarding unmet transit needs.

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

**ITEM NO. 6** Request Commission approve 1) Resolution No. 2021-07 apportioning and allocating Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for fiscal year 2021-2022 and 2) give staff direction on future reserve requirement and allocation of excess reserves.

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

**ITEM NO. 7** Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2021-08 allocating all of FY 2021-2022 STA funds estimated as \$128,306 to Eastern Sierra Transit (ESTA) for public transit operating and capital expenses (\$121,459 unrestricted, \$6,847 capital restricted).

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

**ITEM NO. 8** Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2021-09 a resolution approving 1) the FY 2021-2022 Federal Exchange Program and State Match Program Agreement, Agreement No. X21-6134(031) with the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$122,525, 2) apportioning and allocating Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to the County of Inyo and City of Bishop based on population, and 3) authorize the Executive Director to sign the Agreement.

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

**ITEM NO. 9** Request Commission approve the fiscal audit cost quote from Price Paige & Company and authorize the Executive Director to sign both the 2020 Letter of Engagement and a contract for the next four years of fiscal audit services with Price Paige & Co.

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

**ITEM NO. 10** Request Commission approve allocating \$151,611 of HIP funds to SACOG in exchange for \$136,000 in 2022 STIP-RIP funds and authorize the Executive Director to execute MOU agreement with SACOG to effect the transfer of funds.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 11** ESTA Report

\*Phil Moores of ESTA started to give his update report but lost communication with the meeting

**ITEM NO. 12** Tribal Report

\*None

**ITEM NO. 13** DVNP Report

\*None

**ITEM NO. 14** Caltrans Report

Dennee Alcalá gave the Caltrans Report:

- Construction funds for the Olancho Cartago 4-Lane Project were allocated at the May CTC meeting. Prime construction anticipated to begin fall 2021. In the meantime, utility relocation and desert tortoise exclusion fence work will continue.
- The latest version of the D9 CAT Plan should be reviewed and commented on by the Commission. Link: <https://assets.adobe.com/public/34fd47a3-db6f-4c59-4c81-9573fbf1ddcc>. Comments due by July 9, 2021
- Clean California Proposal:
  - Provide Link: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/public-affairs/documents/clean-california/clean-ca-facts-revised-web-ally.pdf>
  - Within the state budget, Governor Newsom's Clean California Initiative proposes \$1.5 billion of investments in litter collection, community engagement, and education to ultimately transform unsightly roadsides into clean spaces.
  - 1/3 of the funding will go directly to cities, counties, tribes and transit agencies to clean local streets and public spaces. Caltrans would provide funding through a new grant program.
- Discuss "Innovative Concepts"
  - Caltrans cordially invites you to participate in Innovative Concepts effort. The call for Innovative Concepts is an opportunity to prepare for future potential

- investments in California's infrastructure. Innovative Concepts is a proposal from the proposed "America's Jobs Act" and could potentially develop new kinds of projects and solutions to California's transportation needs and align statewide efforts through partnership and creativity contingent upon Congressional approval. Contributors can work alone or collaborate to draft a single proposal.
- See the attached factsheet and presentation for more Innovative Concepts information.
  - Please note, proposals are due by COB July 16, 2021 and all proposals must be submitted through the [concept submission form](#).

#### **ITEM NO. 15** City of Bishop Report

\*Deston Dishion said that he submitted a report and would be happy to answer any questions. He added that the cooperation between the County, Caltrans, City of Bishop and DWP regarding the clean up on Hwy 6 has been great. Deston reported that Hwy 6 should have portable restrooms by July 1<sup>st</sup> and that Caltrans has offered to build asphalt pads.

Deston went on to say that the trash program has been going very well. The City of Bishop has been emptying trash cans three times a week and he said that Caltrans provided 55 gallon drums and lids. He also stated that he is working with Leanne Talbot of Caltrans, trying to navigate the Hwy 6 and Wye Road intersection because of a high volume of car accidents.

#### **ITEM NO. 16** Executive Director's Report

\*Michael Errante gave a short update on projects.

-North Round Valley Bridge Project to start next week and the goal is to be finished by this fall.

-Bishop Airport update: New truck to arrive this August. Airport staff has been increased to 4 and all 4 employees will be ARF trained for the new vehicle. Mike said that the environmental portion of operations have gone through the process. Mike also said that the Inyo County Board approved the sprung structure which is a temporary housing of commercial operations.

\*Commissioner Muchovej asked if there will be long term plans for traffic coming out of the Bishop Airport and requested that the LTC Commission be included in those discussions. Mike answered yes to both questions and stated that he is looking at several alternatives and will include this Commission in those discussions.

\*John Pinckney stated that there was one item on the Overall Work Program that was not in the original draft. On work element 400, item number 18, John had inserted, after discussions with Mark Heckman, the following: "Continue further research discussion and planning regarding traffic and truck patterns in Bishop California specifically as it relates to our upcoming RTP update and new commercial air service into the Bishop

Airport.” John said that we tried to accommodate this in the Overall Work Plan in the event additional work is needed.

John Pinckney reported that the name of the BUILD grant has been changed to the RAISE grant. Submittals are due July 12th. We can still try to apply for funding for the Olancha Cartago 4-lane Project in an effort to offset Inyo County’s negative share balance in the STIP . We are asking for 25 million dollars.

In regard to the Federal Earmark Process, John said, we have made it to the second round with a proposed 2 million dollars. We originally asked for 25 million dollars.

The CAPTI plan is moving forward and the final document will be out on July 15<sup>th</sup>. John stated that your commission directed that we submit a comment letter on Governor Newsom’s executive order. John said that this plan could drastically affect how we qualify for funding on rural roadways.

John continued stating that your Commission directed staff to write a letter in support of the Bishop Main Street Pedestrian Safety Project. John said we submitted a letter to Caltrans. Director Ryan Dermody replied, acknowledging the request and accommodated most of them. John said he will scan the document and send it to the City of Bishop and all of the Commissioners.

**ITEM NO. 17**            Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC  
**\*None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

\*None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 10:31am until Wednesday July 21, 2021