



# INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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## MINUTES

### INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### On-line Only

**September 28, 2022**

**9:04 a.m.** Open Meeting

#### 1. Roll Call

**Commissioners Present:**

Stephen Muchovej  
Jennifer Roeser  
Celeste Berg  
Rick Pucci  
Doug Thompson

**Others Present:**

Nate Greenburg Inyo County CAO  
Neil Peacock Caltrans  
Adam Weitzmann Caltrans  
Jenny Parks IMAH  
Michael Errante Inyo County Public Works

#### 2. Public Comment

No Comment

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 3. Consent Agenda

- a. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request your Commission authorize future meetings during a state of emergency to be conducted virtually, in accordance with AB 361.
- b. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2022.

- c. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request approval of the minutes of the Special AB361 meeting of September 14, 2022.

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

4. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request your Commission approve via Minute Order minor revisions to the ICLTC Organization and Procedures Manual, and to Appendix B, Claim for TDA funds.

Justine summarized the proposed changes to the Organization and Procedures Manual: Add a second efficiency test to the Appendix B for STA appropriations, change the deadlines for agenda items, and fix a typo.

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

5. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission – Request your Commission approve Resolution No. 2022-09 to re-allocate fiscal year 2021-2022 LTF Reserve funds in the amount of \$16,816 from ESAAA to ESTA.

Justine provided a summary of the reason this resolution is needed, to formalize the return by ESAAA of the prior year reserve distribution that was missed in Resolution No. 2022-08.

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

6. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission – Request your Commission approve Resolution No. 2022-10 distributing the year end FY21-22 LTF reserve fund balance in the same proportions as Resolution No. 2022-08.

Justine proposed allocating the LTF reserves to LTF claimants in the same manner as was done in FY21-22, while reserving 30% of the current year's LTF estimate in the fund.

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

7. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request your Commission ratify via Minute Order the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) and ratify the Executive Director's signing of the LRSP Certification Letter and any Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) related documents.

Justine discussed the need for the Commission to ratify the certification by the Executive Director of the final LRSP to meet important HSIP grant proposal guidelines. Commissioner Muchovej said that he thought the LRSP report was helpful and contained data that supported the anecdotal complaints of pedestrian safety problems along Main Street.

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Electric Vehicle discussion - Neil Peacock of Caltrans

Neil reported that the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program is ready for roll out at the federal level. Caltrans has received expression of interest from cities and counties in beefing up EV infrastructure. There are couple of items that need to be put on your radar that we'd like to work with staff on. As we understand program rules, charging stations must be placed within two miles of alternative fueling corridors, that they must be sited in conjunction with development that serves the travelling public. Because of the rural, even "frontier" like nature of our District, as well as interest off the Corridors, such as trailheads, we want to be prepared to seek exemptions from these conditions. Need to have a coordinated approach in terms of where the locations are, so that when a state vendor is selected, we can request those exemptions for those specific sites. We want to be prepared for these exemptions when the time comes. Commissioner Roeser added that she appreciates the heads up and the forward thinking. Corridor is great, but we want to be ready. What is the state mandate for EV stations by 2025? Neil will get back with details. We have some operating assumptions that it's not just the 395 Corridor, it's also that trailheads, resort areas are also important. Seeking political and executive direction for future updates.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **8. USFS 2013 Forest wide Alternative Transportation Study**

Justine explained why she put this on the agenda. Commissioner Muchovej noted that this report is useful, but is quite old, and a lot of the parameters have changed during the last five years. Does the Forest Service have any plans to update this? Chair Berg also wondered about this possibility. Justine will reach out to the USFS. Commissioner Roeser mentioned that the USFS partnering with ESSRP & Quantified Ventures is developing a business plan/study for campgrounds trailheads, looking at traffic patterns, parking, movement, and capacity. Might warrant our Commission to elevate this issue with the USFS to update their numbers. Commissioner Thompson brought up that the infrastructure in the report is still relevant. None of it has changed. Also, the County took over some of the ROW of some of the roads. Relevant to ESTA as well. Commissioner Muchovej stated that the study doesn't talk about the current state, which is lack of parking anywhere. He also mentioned that the County Public Works Dept has done some infrastructure improvements at the South Lake trailhead.

#### **9. FY 2021-2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) Invoice and staff report**

#### **10. ESTA Report – No staff report this month**

## **11. Tribal Report**

## **12. DVNP Report**

## **13. Caltrans Report**

Adam provided a report for Caltrans. SR 190 remains closed from Olancha to Stove Pipe Wells. Anticipate reopening on October 10<sup>th</sup>, and Towne Pass expected to reopen at the end of October. Talked about a need to improve communications between Caltrans Road maintenance and County maintenance crews for better coordination during storm events. Caltrans will be reaching out. The CA Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) is out for public comment. RTP guidelines are being updated. Regional Planning Handbook is also being updated. A one-time augmentation of 50 million for climate adaptation added to the Sustainable Transportation Planning grant program. A 1-billion-dollar augmentation for ATP Cycle 6. 50% will go statewide, 10% for rural. Applies to already submitted applications only, not new applications.

## **14. City of Bishop Report**

Commissioner Muchovej provided a report. Just hired a new Public Works Director Nora Gamino. She previously worked for the USFS and has expertise in water treatment, sewer infrastructure and grants management. She'll be a great addition. Getting ready to improve mobility for students to cross 395 at Lagoon using a federal earmark that the City recently received. The City approved a change order to the City Park project to add sidewalks around the senior center.

## **15. Executive Director's Report**

Mike expressed appreciation to the City for signing that change order. Yesterday he provided a presentation to the Board of supervisors on the Capital Improvement Plan for roads. He would like to make the same presentation to the ICLTC. Road dept. will begin slurry seal projects next week, near Manor Market in Bishop area, and in Big Pine in the Rolling Green/Knight Manor area. Flights ended after Labor Day. Will recommence December 15<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco, and Denver. LA flight didn't meet expectations. North Round Valley bridge continues construction, back filling, girders, bridge deck in the works. Target completion date remains mid-November. County budget was adopted, gained some needed new positions. Looking forward to working with Nora.

## **16. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC**

Commissioner Roeser wanted to introduce Nate Greenburg, the new County CAO, but he had to jump off. No other reports.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 10:02 until 9 a.m., Wednesday October 19, 2022

**UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

- MOU and negotiations Inyo County LTC, Mono County LTC, and Kern Cog
- Q1 RPA invoice for FY 2022-23
- Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2022-2023 OWP
- Amend LSC contract to update the 2015 Active Transportation Plan