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MINUTES

**INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Bishop City Council Chambers
301 W. Line St., Bishop, CA 93514
8:00 a.m.**

December 4, 2024

8:12 a.m. Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Chair-Celeste Berg
Vice-Chair-Jeffery Ray
Commissioner Jennifer Roeser
Commissioner Jose Garcia
Commissioner Scott Marcellin

Others Present

Justine Kokx: LTC Transportation Planer
Tina Chinzi: LTC Secretary
Mike Errante: Executive Director
Catherine Carr: Caltrans
Rick Franz: Caltrans
Nora Gamino: City of Bishop
Phil Moores: ESTA
Neil Peacock: Caltrans
Cindy Duriscoe: Big Pine Paiute Tribe
Dawn Vidal: ESTA
Nate Derr: Chief of Police - Bishop
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2. Public Comment

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2024

*Motion made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Ray; all in favor.

2. Approve the Master Fund Agreement between Caltrans and the ICLTC via Resolution No. 2024-08

We are currently operating under a current master agreement with the Caltrans Division of Planning that expires on December 31st. This agreement has to be in place in order to invoice for funds, receive funds, or claim funds. This is done every 10 years and if approved it will be good for another 10 years. County Counsel has reviewed this and had no concerns. If approved today we will submit the resolution and get that moving to get it signed before the end of the week.

Neil Peacock from Cal Trans added when you accept funding you accept rules, which is what the Master Fund Transfer is all about.

Chair Berg summarized that essentially this is the terms and stipulations that are set forth so that there is less administrative burden for every other funding source that falls under the umbrella.

Commissioner Ray stated that he does not disagree with the agreement, he sees why it takes so long to build a road or fix it, too many lawyers.

*Motion made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Roeser; all in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. LTC Funding Presentation – Justine Kokx

Justine presented a workshop “Inyo County Local Transportation Commission: Funding Sources and Strategies.” A link to the presentation slides has been added to the Inyo County LTC website [funding workshop](#)

Commissioners requested future workshops to discuss priorities and the process of funding projects with STIP money.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. City of Bishop Report- Nora Gamino

Nora invited Police Chief Derr to speak about the License plate readers (LPR's) and cameras that have been observed at Mahogany Meats. Chief Derr stated that we are behind the curve compared to other cities that already have drones, cameras, and LPR's and he feels these are the wave of the future. The cameras located on the Mahogany building are owned by Mono County and are on private property. As far as the privacy side of it goes, it is all on public right of ways and public spaces, and you have no expectation of privacy in any public space. It is no different than a law

Chair Celeste Berg, Vice-Chair Jeffery Ray, Commissioners: Jennifer Roeser, Stephen Muchovej, Jose Garcia, Scott Marcellin

enforcement officer driving down the same road you are on and running your plate. There is no invasion of privacy. Chief Derr hopes to get this technology up and running in the City of Bishop as he feels the benefit outweighs the intrusion. They recently used the footage from the Mono County camera to assist with the recent vandalism case they were investigating.

Nora updated the Commission that the East Line St Bridge project 30% design is in review with DWP right now.

5. ESTA Executive Director's Report- Phil Moores

- Phil Moores reported ESTA is starting to see pre-COVID rider numbers and expects to hit 900,000 riders this year.
- ESTA has purchased 3 new bus shelters which will be located at the Inyo County Jail, Diaz Lake, and the Lone Pine Senior Center.
- Phil mentioned that the road use charge program is probably going before the California Senate next year and he requests that the LTC keep track of that as transit should get a portion the funds. He stated that the TDA is somewhat based on fuel and with the efficiency of vehicles and moving towards zero emissions, that funding source is dwindling, and the road tax is intended to pick up where that is leaving off.
- The plans for the new ESTA building should be finalized in February.
- He also plans to propose adding Sunday to the Lancaster route to the ESTA Board in the Spring.
- Phil and Justine are currently working on a SB125 grant for a Zone 3 Dial-A-Ride service for Keough's, Round Valley, Rovana, Wilkerson, and Mustang Mesa.
- Another part of the marketing push is the All-Aboard Kids program. They have had a bus specially wrapped for it, purchased car seats and are planning to visit daycares to introduce them to the transit system. They plan to give them gift bags to encourage discussion with their parents as well.

6. Caltrans Report- Catherine Carr provided an update on traffic conditions and the status of ongoing highway projects:

Winter Closures: As we head into December, the public should anticipate storm and seasonal closures, depending on the weather. Caltrans PIO will be putting out traffic advisories on social media when these events occur. See Caltrans QuickMap website/app for road conditions

<https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

- PIO shared a public survey for the White Mountain - Truman Meadows CAPM Project, which is currently in the planning phase. This project will revitalize 35.57 lane miles of U.S. 6 in Inyo and Mono counties. The survey is accepting submissions until December 13.
- Olancho-Cartago Project Traffic Switch: Northbound traffic on U.S. 395 through the Olancho-Cartago area will switch to the new northbound lanes the week of November 20th. This schedule is tentative and subject to change based on weather.
- Within the Olancho Cartago 4-Lane Project, paving on the State Route 190 connector on the southern end of the project will continue this week. Crews aim to connect this new asphalt to old 395 and open it in the next few weeks.
- Flood damage repairs continue on State Route 190 in Death Valley National Park. Crews will work in two locations until December 20: Postmile 115.4 (Zabriskie Point)
- Postmile 79.2 (About 6 miles west of Stovepipe Wells near Emigrant Campground)

- They'll continue to place gabions, census loops, and work on culverts. There will be one-way traffic control in both locations 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and drivers may experience 20-minute delays.
- Caltrans District 9 held a workshop for the 2025/26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. Grant applications are due January 22nd, 2025.
- Bishop Pavement Project - The District will be seeking a supplemental funding at the January CTC meeting.
- Meadow Farms ADA Project – This project is out to bid. The bid opening date is 12/5/24

7. Tribal Report-Cindy Duriscoe

The Big Pine Paiute Tribe is currently writing an active transportation plan for the Reservation. Bishop Tribe and Big Pine won the Clean Mobility Options project funding. Bishop will be putting into service an all electric school bus and an elder shuttlebus that will specifically transport elders to events and local destinations. They will also be installing EV chargers to go along with those vehicles.

In January, the Big Pine Paiute Tribe will move forward with their plan to put into service a 14-passenger shuttlebus and a 9-person electric van. Phil and Cindy will be meeting soon to install 2 bus stops in partnership with ESTA. The projects will eventually include 4 runs per day between Big Pine and Bishop. The Big Pine shuttles will be available for transport when they are in Bishop. The tentative start date is January 15, 2025. There will be a flyer put out for it once the date is solid.

8. DVNP Report- none

9. USFS Report- none

10. Executive Director's Report

Mike Errante announced that the ATP Grant was approved by the CTC and he is looking forward to getting that project moving along to make the roads in Tecopa safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Whitney Portal Project is scheduled for final paving the week of December 16. They added 2-box culverts to help with climate resiliency and are waiting for the concrete to cure. Hopefully by Christmas we will have a new road.

The Lone Pine Streets are on target. STIP money has been freed up so there has been communication about how to best utilize the funds going forward. Mike reported that a new position was approved to help Justine in the future.

Commissioner Roeser inquired as to the possibility of having a workshop added to a future agenda to discuss the priorities of the Commissioners, and to further learn the process of how to move forward with the STIP funding and how to get the projects into the hopper for the County.

11. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:29am

Adjourned until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday January 15, 2024, Independence Board Chambers

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

SSTAC Unmet Transit Needs meetings

FY24-25 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 1

FY25-26 Overall Work Program Draft – due March 1st