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MINUTES

INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Bishop City Council Chambers 301 W. Line St., Bishop, CA 93514

March 19, 2025

8:07 a.m. Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Commissioner's Present

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

Other's Present

Justine Kokx: LTC Transportation Planner
Mike Errante: Executive Director
Tina Chinzi: LTC Secretary
Phil Moores: ESTA
Nora Gamino: City of Bishop
Jill Tognazinni: Caltrans
Iphone Y1F47MKV70
Paula

2. Public Comment - None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2025

Discussion: Update minutes to reflect Jill Tognazzini as presenter of updates on upcoming construction and planning projects.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marcellin and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve minutes with changes; all in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. FY25-26 Overall Work Program Draft

Justine Kokx presented the FY 2025-2026 Overall Work Program (OWP) report that has been submitted and is currently under review with Caltrans. The OWP describes the tasks and work products that the LTC needs to implement to meet the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan. It also describes the uses of the planning funds for the next fiscal year and is a working document that changes every year with opportunities to amend during the next year. Justine will incorporate any comments and input before the final draft is presented before June of this year for the Commission's approval. Commissioner Roeser asked to have the CIP referenced via a link or included as figure in the OWP.

3. FY25-26 Transportation Development Act Fund Estimates (LTF & STA)

Justine Kokx provided an overview of the fund estimates for LTF and STA. Will bring back to the Commission for final approval by the June meeting.

4. Social Services Transit Advisory Committee 2025 meeting notes

Justine Kokx and Phil Moores jointly summarized the February SSTAC meeting. The takeaway was that residents of Darwin would like a Dial-a-Ride option to and from Lone Pine to facilitate access to services and necessities. Phil is considering this request as possibly meeting reasonable to meet criteria.

5. PUBLIC HEARING 9:00 a.m.

Unmet Transit Needs – No Public Comments

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. City of Bishop Report

Nora Gamino reported that the City is participating with UC Berkeley to develop a Complete Streets Safety Assessment. The assessment will take place on April 7th and will involve a review of four streets: Home, Sierra, Yaney and E. Line. The assessment will take into consideration crash data, circulation and safety issues, and will suggest strategies for improvement to bolster an ATP application. Staff are developing a grant application for the Silver Peaks affordable Housing project. A significant number of points could be garnered if they include a transportation component. The City may ask the LTC to consider committing matching funds (up to \$4.5M) in the upcoming STIP cycle. City Planner Ana Budnyk will provide more details at the next LTC meeting. Commissioner Garcia inquired about the remaining STIP funds owed by Kern Cog to Inyo; approximately \$3M is still owed to Inyo. Consider exploring the with Kern the possibility of a final payback. This will require diplomacy and a careful strategy. Nora continued that the

Bishop wastewater authority through the City will receive about \$2.5M on a wastewater treatment plant. A huge step forward in the consolidation of the two plants.

7. ESTA Executive Director's Report

Phil reported that the state of ESTA is good; they are getting their building project shovel ready with completed architectural plans. New vehicles are coming to replace the old ones. Phil has been conducting outreach with kindergarten age kids at the schools. They read a book, go for a bus ride, give the mascot a hug, and get some free tickets and brochures to bring home to the parents. Looking to expand Zone 3 Dial-a-Ride to include Round Valley, Wilkerson, Mustang Mesa. On track to break pre-covid numbers in terms of ridership.

8. Caltrans Report

Jill Tognazzini updated the LTC on recent activities and construction in District 9. The office of traffic/transit safety launched their Go Safely Ad Campaign which provided bicycle and pedestrian safety alerts to motorists from March 10th to March 14th. District 9 is recruiting for a student assistant (high school through college) to conduct a variety of activities related to surveying and engineering. Construction updates were provided for several upcoming projects: Fish Springs, Bishop Pavement, Meadow Farms, Manzanar, Manor Market complete streets, N. Lone Pine pavement and Keough pavement projects. A pedestrian signal project (near McDonalds in Lone pine) is "Ready to List."

9. Tribal Report

10. DVNP Report

11. USFS Report

12. Executive Director's Report

Mike Errante reported that he had recently attended a CEAC conference to interface with fellow county engineers. He provided updates on LTC projects; notification received that the HSIP cycle 12 grant was successful. It will install high friction surface treatment and chevron signage on ~3 miles of Trona Wildrose Rd. Finalized a PSR for west Old Spanish Trail and submitted a grant application to the Rural & Tribal Assistance Program to cover a portion of environmental and PS&E costs. Made offer to an applicant for the LTC Tech position. The LTC is undergoing a performance audit. Whitney Portal Rd will need to be closed temporarily near Lone Pine campground to address a failing culvert. Public Works has been invited to participate in career days at the Big Pine and Lone Pine High Schools.

13. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Commissioner Roeser reported that Inyo County is working towards adopting an intern program. Important for the trades and for the youth in our area. She appreciates Mike's advocacy in this area. She is involved with RCRC who is advocating for flexibility for rural counties in the Advanced Clean Fleets requirement to transition to zero-emission vehicles. SB 496 provides the framework to transition in a realistic manner. Finally, she reported that US Representative Obernolte is requesting that the DOT provide special training to tow providers and first responders for EV accidents.

Chair Berg echoed the need for trades training and internships and referred folks to the California Jobs First Program.

All commissioners weighed in regarding the Letter Regarding Highway Safety. Jill Tognazzini provided a handout that outlines Caltrans' policy for high profile vehicle wind notifications. Ideas and strategies, including education, signage at strategic locations and speed enforcement were brought up to address the higher-than-average semi blow overs. Invite the new CHP captain Cameron Broyles to the LTC meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Olancha Resident Regarding Highway Safety

Keep California Beautiful Program <https://cleanca.com/designation/>

ADMINISTRATIVE

FY2022-2023 ICLTC Financial Statements

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday April 16, 2025, Independence Board Chambers

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Unmet Transit Needs public hearing (April meeting)

FY25-26 Overall Work Program

FY25-26 TDA Allocations

Triennial Performance Audit of the ICLTC

RSTP Exchange