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Inyo County Board Chambers, 224 N. Edwards St., Independence

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July 16, 2023

8:36 a.m. Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Chair Celeste Berg
Commissioner Scott Marcellin
Commissioner Jennifer Roeser
Commissioner Stephen Muchovej

Others Present:

Mike Errante: Inyo County Public Works Director
Nora Gamino: City of Bishop Public Works Director
Justine Kokx: Inyo County Public Works/ LTC
Jill Tognazzini- Caltrans
Dawn Vidal: ESTA
Phil Moores, ESTA
Jose Garcia: via Zoom

2. Public Comment

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2025.

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

- B. Request Commission adopt 2025 Unmet Transit Needs via Resolution No. 2025-06.

***Motion to approve the unmet transit needs list was made by Commissioner Roeser and seconded by Commissioner Marcellin. All in favor.**

- C. Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2025-04 appropriating and allocating 2025 LTF estimate according to the TDA and the ICLTC organizational and procedures manual guidelines.

***Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-2024 was made by Commissioner Roeser and seconded by Commissioner Garcia. All in favor.**

- D. Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2025-07 allocating the FY2024-2025 RSTP Exchange funds between the City of Bishop and County.

***Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-03 allocating all of fiscal year 2023-2024 funds was made by Commissioner Roeser and seconded by Commissioner Garcia with condition that clerical error. All in favor.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2026 STIP fund estimate

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Carbon Reduction Program funding request to rehabilitate the path along South Barlow Ln. Justine presented facts regarding the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and how it may work for funding to rehabilitate the path along South Barlow Lane. The path has become uneven and breaking away from wear and tear, roots, tripping hazards etc. The program can be used on things that reduce carbon emissions, charging infrastructure, or anything that supports zero emission vehicle expansion. A lot of the project can start in house (grinding some of that out). The board believed this was a good project for the amount of funds available.
2. ICLTC RTPA Triennial Performance Audit
Justine discusses the LTC RTPA Triennial Performance Audit, which revealed three findings related to reporting requirements and audit deadlines. The main issue is that LTC's financial audits are chronically behind schedule, impacting funding for ESTA. Justine acknowledges the need to improve coordination with Phil on reporting ESTA audits to Caltrans and ensuring timely submission of the State Controller's report. The group explores options to address the audit delays, including potentially contracting directly with an auditor instead of using the county's procurement process. They note that while the findings are primarily procedural, they highlight the need for improved timeliness in financial reporting.

3. City of Bishop Report

Nora reported that she is working through the city's priorities, regarding projects they have to pipeline and what would like to be seen completed. Also, they are working on the water and sewer projects as they are in a rate of study currently looking at how the rates in the city are structured. She is having to focus on some road and street projects that are in the capital planning process that expires this year. They have been working along with Caltrans project and Bishop Pavements projects. They are in their 1st work area and had a few hiccups with underground utilities. She unfortunately expect those hiccups to continue as they move into the downtown core in the coming months. She has been attending their weekly construction meetings to be able to work along with them and respond as quickly as possible. She does state that they are moving along with construction and expect traffic congestion in the coming weeks.

4. ESTA Executive Director's Report

Phil announces that Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) is now operating seven days a week from Lancaster to Reno, which is expected to increase revenue. He also mentions a 3% increase in contract rates with various entities. Justine inquires about the Reds Meadow service for next summer, and Phil indicates that while construction will continue, there will be no road closures. The discussion then shifts to the allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) exchange funds between the City of Bishop and Inyo County, with Justine presenting various options for fund distribution based on population and outlying areas' impact on city streets.

5. Caltrans Report

Jill provides updates on several construction projects in the area. The Olancha project is nearing completion with final touches being made. A new wind notification system for vehicles is being implemented, with signs and flashing lights to be installed at strategic locations. The 5th Springs construction in Big Pine is expected to be completed within a month, while the Bishop pavement project is progressing to its next work area. Other ongoing projects include the Meadow Farms ADA construction, a pedestrian hybrid beacon in Lone Pine, and upcoming sidewalk improvements. Justine also mentions grant opportunities for transit-related agencies and congratulates Inyo County and the Bishop Paiute tribe on recent grant awards.

6. Tribal Report

Nothing to report.

7. DVNP Report

Nothing to Report

8. USFS Report

Nothing to Report

9. Executive Director's Report

They are going to the board next week to move the slurry program throughout the county or throughout areas. They are planning to do a slurring here in Independence and also have some Bishop and West Bishop areas. There'll be activities throughout Bishop. And here in independence. Our local county guys have been doing some overlays throughout the county as well. They did School Street couple weeks ago. Interesting Caltrans was working and detouring them to school streets.

Mike spoke regarding a new grant. The grant is called the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant. We received \$197,422 with our match. It'll come out to be a \$223,000 a grant in total. And our match could include staff working on it and assembling as well. It helps us create an evacuation. Evacuation route plan includes cataloging, assessing the evacuation routes throughout the county. It'll help us develop what's called climate adaptation, capital improvement plan, outlining of and prioritizing infrastructure

improvements over a 5 year period. It will include conceptual designs. Possibly up to 30% to aid project prioritization of future funding applications. It will build on existing roadway vulnerability data, integrate the latest climate science, also we'll get input from various stakeholders. Tribal partners, multi-jurisdictional agencies community outreach commissions as this one and this will help us working with our planning element to come up with the in your county safety element update. We will need to be working with planning. We're also going to probably have to infuse more funds as we put together an RFP. Because it will be rather comprehensive to do the entire county, and to get a consultant on board, Mike anticipates, probably need a little more funding, and we'll take a look at whether what planning has what we have. But it's exciting to be able to get this funding and start this very, very important plan that we need to have here for evacuation ingress and about the county. The county just completed our ME Wildfire protection plan, and it, fortunately, or it, it calls out every single community. The board asked regarding the slurry seal being done in house. They opened bids and are taking it to board to award it. They wanted to see if there being an opportunity with economies of scale, of like piggybacking on some of the slurry needs in in the city. Regarding the tight timeframe, its not currently but in the past we've had some discussions, but not recently.

Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Commissioner Roser: None

Commissioner Marclin- wants to thank for support of bike path.

Chair Berg- None

Commissioner Muchovej- Is looking forward to some of the upcoming agenda items, like the road charge pilot update.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until 9 a.m., Wednesday August 16, 2023

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- RTP and ATP project prioritization
- MOU and negotiations Inyo County LTC, Mono County LTC, and Kern Cog
- Appoint Vice Chair the LTC