

INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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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.

May 21, 2025

8:03 a.m. Open Meeting

- 1. Roll Call
- **2.** Public Comment None

Commissioners Present

Chair: Celeste Berg

Commissioner: Jennifer Roeser Commissioner: Jose Garcia

Commissioner: Stephen Muchovej Commissioner: Scott Marcellin

Others Present

Mike Errante: Executive Director

Justine Kokx: LTC Transportation Planner

Amy Cutright: LTC Secretary

Rick Franz: Caltrans

Gordon Moose: Inyo County Nora Gamino: City of Bishop Jill Tognazzini: Caltrans Alexia Williams: Caltrans

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consent Agenda from April 16, 2025 (no quorum present)
- a. Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2025.

- b. Request approval of Resolution No.2025-03: authorization for the execution of the Certification and assurances and allocations request(s) for the low carbon transit operations program (LCTOP) for the following project(s): Inyo County Electric Vehicle \$48,737.
- c. Request approval of the Letter of Support AB 496.
- d. Approve via Minute Order amendment to the ICLTC Organization and Procedures Manual to formalize 5% of Bicycle & Pedestrian Set aside of the Local Transportation Funds.
- **Approval of Action Item #1 motioned by Commissioner Muchovej and seconded by Commissioner Roeser. All in favor.
 - **2.** Additional Consent items for May 21, 2025
 - a. FY 2023-2024 LTC Fiscal Audit Engagement Letter
 - b. Request Commission consider approving the draft FY2025-2026 Overall Work Program as final, via Minute Order.
- **Approval of Action Item #2 motioned by Commissioner Muchovej and seconded by Commissioner Garcia. All in favor.
 - c. Request Commission consider reverting the Regular ICLTC meeting start time to 9:00 a.m. from 8 a.m. and approve via Minute Order. After discussion, the new start time will be 8:30 a.m.
- **Approval of the consent agenda motioned by Commissioner Muchovej and seconded by Commissioner Roeser. All in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Discussion:

Staff provided an overview of previous RTIP/STIP cycle and the ICLTC's list of programmable projects. Also reviewed the priority projects as identified in the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan. Many County projects will require PSR's in order to be programmed in a future RTIP. Commissioners emphasized completing PSRs, and requested a more refined, less open-ended list. ICLTC and the City of Bishop will be working together to update the project list.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. City of Bishop Report

Discussion:

Nora Gamino updated the Commission on the LTC commitment of match for the Silver Peaks affordable housing project. The scoring rubric doesn't assign additional points for matching funds, therefore there will not be a need to request STIP funds.

5. ESTA Executive Director's Report

• Executive Director's Report

None

6. Caltrans Report

• Caltrans Monthly Report

Jill Tognazzini introduced Alexia Williams, the acting Deputy District Director for Planning and Environmental. Ben Downard has been promoted to Senior Transportation Planner.

Earlier in the month the Caltrans Annual Workers Memorial was at the Senora Maintenance station and was well attended.

Current project updates, Olancha-Cartago: Continue paving and the north bound is 2 lanes. Google is still showing detours that are not there and are working on making that correction. Construction is still slated to wrap up in October.

Northern Inyo County- Mailers going out to all Bishop and Big Pine residents and videos available giving more details of the Fish Springs, Bishop and Meadow Farms. Construction starts in early June.

Southern Inyo County- The Lone Pine pedestrian crossing at McDonalds. Bids open on the 28th of the month to install a pedestrian hybrid beacon.

7. Tribal Report

None

8. DVNP Report

None

9. USFS Report

None

10. Executive Director's Report

Mike Errante introduced some new employees within the public works department. Amy Cutright, the new ICLTC Transportation Technician and ICLTC Secretary. As well as Gordon Moose, the new IC Road Superintendent.

Mike Errante shared that the ICLTC and public works team went to Lone Pine School for career day and went over several departments and career opportunities.

The Bishop Sunrise Rotatory asked Justine and Mike to present an update of local projects in the area and updates.

A question was brought up regarding the drainage and some flooding on South Lake Road. Gordon explained that due to the snowmelt and debris that comes with it, the draining system does get clogged with debris. The road department will be making sure that these culverts will be cleared and repaired as the snow melt continues.

11. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Commissioner Roeser:

- Wants to ensure that we are on track for the RTIP submission in November.
- Recently we were reached out to you by our advocacy representatives in Washington,
 D.C. with regards to the service transportation programs going to be reauthorized in the
 coming year, and it would be a good idea for the Commission to have an opportunity to
 weigh in on those kinds of things, and kind of considering the temperature in
 Washington.
- Asked Jill when the Sonora Wildlife crossing would be completed. Construction is due to be completed in July.

Commissioner Garcia:

• Expressed appreciation to Caltrans for maintaining Title 6 notice on Caltrans' on website.

Commissioner Berg

• Wants to ensure that we go over our lists of projects for RTIP. Justine stated she wanted to get together with Nora and bring it to the August meeting for refinement. It would then be worked on and brought back in October for final adoption in November.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT 9:50am

Adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, Inyo County Board Chamber

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

2025 Unmet Transit Needs Adoption FY25-26 LTF & STA Allocations Triennial Performance Audit of the ICLTC RSTP Exchange Rural Road Charge Pilot Update