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INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION **Bishop City Council Chambers** **377 W Line Street, Bishop Ca** **8:30 a.m.**

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February 18, 2026

8:36 a.m. Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Commissioner's Present

Chair- Celeste Berg
Vice-Chair-Jeffery Ray
Commissioner Jose Garcia
Commissioner Scott Marcellin
Commissioner Stephen Muchovej
Commissioner Will Wadelton

Other's Present

Justine Kokx LTC Transportation Planner
Shannon Platt Inyo County
Ben Downard Caltrans
Nora Gamino City of Bishop
Brian Adkins Bishop Paiute Tribe
Hans Hoek Inyo County

2. Public Comment

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2026 Election of officers

*Commissioner Muchovej nominated Commissioner Celeste Berg as Chair and was seconded by Vice-Chair Ray. A vote was called and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Marcellin then nominated Commissioner Jeffery Ray as Vice Chair and was seconded by Commissioner Wadelton. A vote was called and approved unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2025.

*Motion made by Commissioner Muchovej and seconded by Commissioner Marcellin; all in favor.

3. 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing for Amendment no.1 to the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan

No Public Comment

4. Request Commission consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan via Minute Order.

Chair Berg requested incorporation of Project Status in all tables in the next RTP update

*Motion made by Commissioner Muchovej and seconded by Vice Chair Ray; all in favor.

5. Request Commission authorize via Minute Order 1) ICLTC staff and consultant time for developing a joint ATP grant proposal with the Bishop Paiute Tribe and a separate proposal for the City of Bishop, and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to make project refinement decisions jointly with the Tribe and City as needed to finalize the proposal.

Nora Gamino reported that the City will be re-submitting its Cycle 7 proposal with a slightly different scope since the successful Silver Peaks Housing Project will be funding a couple of those segments. Most of the grant is already written, it will need to be revised with the assistance of the selected consultants.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. FY2026-2027 Overall Work Program Draft

Commissioner Muchovej had a couple of questions regarding the 400.2 grants development Work Element; he wondered if \$50K was enough for that purpose. Justine replied that complementary Work Elements and PPM can be utilized to augment that amount. He also requested that public engagement regarding a truck bypass around Bishop be incorporated into the SS4A grant scope of work to develop the Safety Action Plan. Justine will ensure that the Scope includes a focused effort to obtain input and analyze the safety concerns regarding the City's truck volumes. He would like to make sure that there is scope in the overall work program for next year to incorporate those facets.

Commissioner Garcia requested that Caltrans provide an update to the LTC regarding the substantial truck traffic increase along US 395.

Commissioner Marcellin followed up with the issue of cut-through traffic impacting the Tribe as a direct result of the congestion on Main Street.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. FY23-24 financial audit report of the ICLTC

Justine explained the material weakness that resulted from funds being accrued into the incorrect fiscal year(s). Staff will coordinate with the Auditor's staff to ensure that funds reconcile with the SCO reports moving forward.

Commissioner Muchovej would like to resume discussions regarding a leveraging funds account/reserve, and to get a clearer picture of the types and amounts of funds that can be used for leveraging. He is thinking about setting ourselves up so that when we have these proposals come through, we're not always relying on our STIP for matching funds.

The LTC fund balance is comprised of LTF funds, which can be used for planning, grants, project development, and monitoring purposes, not as matching funds for construction.

8. Q1 & Q2 OWP Progress reports

Commissioner Muchovej asked for a justification as to why the Pavement Management Program funds have not been expended. Response was that PMP work resumed in Q3, so there will be costs reflected next invoice.

9. City of Bishop Report

Nora Gamino reported that the West Line Water Main Replacement Project is out for bid right now with completion expected before July. In addition to that, the South Warren Improvement Project is ready to be advertised. However, with the Bishop Pavements Project going on, and a water line replacement project going on, all within the same consolidated block in town, this will need be delayed until the water main project is complete. The Silver Peaks project was funded, so the transportation components that were in the previous ATP application will be funded (sidewalks on East and West Yaney Street, as well as Spruce Street near the Senior Center). Big improvements coming on the wastewater treatment front: The City just signed an agreement with the State Water Board for \$2.4 million to bring in the planning and design for the new, Bishop Area Wastewater Treatment Plant. Also signed an agreement with USDA Rural Development to bring in \$4.7 million for sewer collection system rehabilitation. Also discussed coordination with Caltrans with water line replacement on Warren street due to Bishop Pavement project.

10. ESTA Executive Director's Report

- Phil Moores' Executive Director Report

11. Caltrans Report

District 9 – Ben Downard provided background on his role as Branch Supervisor is to work with Regional Transportation plans, OWP's and grants. Requested that folks pay attention to District media reports as they will contain a lot of updates regarding upcoming projects, road conditions, construction etc. District 9 is launching an update to the SR 14 and US395-6 Corridor Plans. The effort will take up to two years and will be very comprehensive. The topic generated discussion by Commissioners regarding freight traffic volume and the need for updated data. Concerns regarding Ems providers where they are housed on Main Street were brought up as something to consider. Ben also discussed the variety of methods used to collect traffic counts, freight volume, ITS systems, big data, etc., all of which will be used to inform the corridor plans. Ben also brought up the new traffic law AB 382 that impact speed limits around school zones – from 25 to 20, and future reductions to 15 mph. Commissioners mentioned the relevance to Main Streets, specifically in Lone Pine.

12. Tribal Report

Bishop Paiute Tribe - Brian Adkins Tribal Urban Planner reported that his primary role to assist the Tribe with transportation, energy planning and zoning. He has been tasked with updating the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), which is a funding agreement with the US federal government and BIA to inventory and prioritize transportation improvements on the Reservation. It is connected to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Implementation Plan (TIP), which is a shorter term action item list of specific projects. He has also been working on a variety of transportation-related projects, including the SCE Charge Ready Schools program, and Clean Mobility Options program. These programs have installed EV chargers, purchased two new ZEV vans, and through the CA Indian Manpower Consortium, the Tribe can conduct workforce training on the installation and maintenance of charging infrastructure. Other Agencies if available. Finally, he is working on updating the LRTP, which last updated 2019, and the Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP), from 2013, with a Caltrans STPG grant.

13. Executive Director's Report

Justine Kokx reported on the status of the following grants and projects; SS4A, STIP – ATP-Tecopa and LP Town Streets.

Shannon Platt provided an update on the Brockman Bridge and Horseshoe Meadows Road.

14. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Commissioner Wadelton wanted to thank the County and Caltrans for all their plowing work.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:51 until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday March 18, 2026, at Bishop City Council Chambers.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Annual Unmet Needs Process/SSTAC and Public Hearing

TDA Claim

FY2026-2027 Final OWP