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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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June 17, 2026

8:45 a.m. Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Vice Chair Jeffery Ray
Commissioner Scott Marcellin
Commissioner Stephen Muchovej
Commissioner Will Wadelton

Commissioners Absent

Chair Celeste Berg
Commissioner Jose Garcia

Others Present

Justine Kokx LTC
Ben Downard Caltrans
Jarett Chytka ESTA
Alexeya Williams Caltrans
Katherine Rzepczynski Caltrans

2. Public Comment - None

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2026

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

Regular Agenda

2. Request Commission a) adopt Unmet Transit Needs findings as presented by staff and b) approve Resolution No. 2026-02 regarding unmet transit needs findings.

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

3. Request Commission adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 apportioning and allocating Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Commissioner Muchovej requested clarification regarding the ability to allocate LTF for local streets and roads in the event of a finding of unmet needs remaining but not being reasonable to meet. The LTC may allocate LTF funds to local streets and roads in this scenario, consistent with the Transportation Development Act (TDA). He announced that in future years he would like the LTC to consider allocating a percentage (10-15%) of LTF funds to local streets and roads for leveraging purposes, provided unmet transit needs requirements continue to be satisfied.

Jarett Chytka ESTA Director provided an overview of the budgeting process and uses of the LTF funds, which include labor, operating costs, EV purchases, planning activities, and grant matching requirements. He also mentioned that there is some uncertainty in the transit community in terms of funding, and there may be a need to rely on reserves during FY 2026-27.

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

4. Request Commission approve Resolution 2026-04 allocating an estimated amount of \$170,883 in FY 2026-2027 STA funds to ESTA for operating and/or capital expenses.

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

5. Request Commission adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 to, a) execute the FY 2025-2026 Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program Agreement No. X26-6134(047) with the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$122,554, b) allocate the funds to

the City of Bishop and Inyo County, and c) authorize the Chair or Executive Director to sign the Agreement.

The Commission questioned and discussed how the population numbers were derived. The calculation is based on a formula intended to balance the County's greater lane miles with the City's higher concentration of roadway users and lack of SB1/RMRA funding.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. City of Bishop Report

- Commissioner Muchovej reported for the City: The City is getting ready for the water line project on South Warren Street. They are coordinating with Caltrans' upcoming 10-day closure to avoid compounding traffic impacts from simultaneous closures.

7. ESTA Executive Director's Report

- Jarett Chytka Executive Director Report: ESTA has recently hired 9 more drivers to cover Inyo and Mono. The additional staffing will allow ESTA to begin operating additional routes. ESTA is actively recruiting for the vacant position for the operations supervisor, which should be finalized by the end of this week. Have been meeting with our partners for unmet needs. They've been working directly with AFN, SCE, Red Cross and the MIHCC process for emergency evacuations planning. ESTA is preparing a feasibility study for hydrogen. Lone Pine Dial-a-Ride will be available on Saturdays starting July 11th. This is very exciting. That service enhancement resulted from the unmet transit needs process, and that includes Keeler. They are launching the Spare mobile application in Lone Pine as well. Jarett also reported on ridership numbers, which are generally trending up.

8. Caltrans Report

- Deputy District 9 Director Alexeya Williams updated the Commission on ongoing and upcoming Caltrans projects. Bishop Pavement Project - Paving began on June 14th on southbound lanes from Barlow to Jay St. Sidewalk drainage and electrical work is happening between Academy and Line Street. D-9 has been coordinating with Granite and City of Bishop on the Line Street closure from US 395 to Warren Street. Detours will be available. The closure is expected to take place July 13th through July 24th. Meadow Farms ADA sidewalk curb and gutter is taking place between Bishop Creek Bridge and Barlow Lane on the northbound side - estimated completion date is June 19th. Crews are currently constructing the curb ramps and underground drainage system in downtown Independence for the Manzanar Pavement project. They are on their fourth day of paving on the northbound lanes south of Independence. Lone Pine Sidewalks - construction

started on June 3rd. Crews are currently potholing, and there are two separate lane closures in place. Weekly construction updates are available on the Caltrans District 9 Facebook page. She also provided updates on recent grant awards and a reminder about the upcoming Local Assistance workshop. Finally, Caltrans D9 is offering a heavy equipment operator training that will take place September 28th through November 13th. Applications will be accepted from July 13th through the 31st. The program is highly competitive. Should the applicant get accepted, tuition will be covered by Caltrans. The seven-week course includes seven industry certifications and additional technical training.

9. Tribal Report

- Cindy Duriscoe – Big Pine Paiute Tribe Air Program Coordinator – reported on Big Pine Paiute Tribe projects. The Clean Mobility Options grant has funded their first electric e-transit vans. They hold 9 passengers. The Tribe is partnering with ESTA to receive technical assistance and ensure compliance with requirements for operating a shuttle service. The shuttle service will be ready to launch by the end of September. Their ATP grant funded project has been placed on hold until a full tribal council is appointed. They have obtained a 20-month extension from the CTC.

10. Other Agencies if available (DVNP, USFS)

11. Executive Director's Report

Marc Lucas reported on Public Works projects relevant to the LTC. The South Barlow bike lane was rehabilitated last Tuesday; one-half mile long and six feet wide. It turned out well. The Brockman Lane Bridge project is in the design phase and is moving forward nicely. The Horseshoe Meadows Rd widening project (at 8,200 ft) is also in the design phase with an anticipated construction next year.

Justine Kokx reported that the ATP application was nearly complete and would be submitted the following day. Staff held a kickoff meeting with CrisisReadyLab to develop the evacuation Route Resilience Plan. The EV Plan is nearly complete, will be presented to the BOS on the 23rd. FY2024-25 fiscal audit is nearly complete also, striving to meet the June 30th deadline for both.

12. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Commissioner Wadelton reported that he was able to tour the Fort Independence Tribe's recent improvements to the Travel Center. It's very impressive, with a full-service restaurant, drive-through, 3 different areas for fuel. The facility will offer diesel fueling, trailer fueling, and high-octane fuel. Will provide 80 parking spots for trucks in the evenings, so this will help with getting trucks off the highways near Lone Pine and Independence. Also planning for 20 EV chargers, showers, lounge, driver's lounge. Commissioner Wadelton described the facility as a significant improvement for the region.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:42 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at Bishop City Council Chambers.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Cancel July regular meeting

Amend the Regional Transportation Plan to include truck bypass project