



**INYO COUNTY**  
**LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**



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Michael Errante, Executive Director

**MINUTES**

**DATE: August 19, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.** Chairman Doug Thompson called the meeting to order.

**ITEM NO. 1** Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Doug Thompson  
Rick Pucci  
Celeste Berg  
Steven Muchovej

Others present:

Jill Batchelder, Caltrans  
Mark Heckman, Caltrans  
Dennee Alcala, Caltrans  
Phil Moores, ESTA  
Deston Dishion, City of Bishop  
Michael Errante, Executive Director ICLTC  
John Pinckney, Staff ICLTC  
Cynthia Browning, ICLTC Secretary

**ITEM NO. 2** Public Comment- None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 3** Secretary of the Local Transportation Commission - Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2020.

\*Commissioner Steven Muchovej motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci.  
All in favor 4

**ITEM NO. 4** Request Commission considers approval of Resolution No. 2020-09 that 1) approves ESTA's State of Good Repair project list and 2) authorizes the LTC Executive Director to sign documents related to the State of Good Repair program for FY 2020- 2021.

\*Commissioner Celeste Berg motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci  
All in favor 4

**ITEM NO. 5** Request Commission consider approval of Resolution No. 2020-10 that 1) approves ESTA's 5311 Program CARES Act funds and Program of Projects (POP) with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority as the sub recipient in the amount \$225,609 and 2) authorizes the LTC Executive Director to sign the Certifications and Assurances.

\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rick Pucci. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Muchovej. All in favor 4

**ITEM NO. 6** Request Commission receive a staff report on EO-N19-19 and authorize the Executive Director to sign and submit the attached draft response/comment letter.

\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Steven Muchovej and seconded by Commissioner Celeste Berg. All in favor 4

**ITEM NO. 7** ESTA Report

\*Phil Moores reported that ridership is down 75% which is an improvement from March and April. He said that the Bishop Creek Shuttle has been operating this summer and rider ship is fair although South Lake road has caused some delays. The architectural and engineering RFQ has been issued for the Bishop ESTA facility at the Bishop Airport. The closed date for responses is September 10<sup>th</sup>. Phil went on to say that Caltrans awarded the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant which help pay for our short range transit and coordinated human services plan. Both plans will be designed and completed together this round. Phil said that ESTA plans to purchase their first zero-emission vehicle next calendar year.

**ITEM NO. 8** Tribal Report- None

**ITEM NO. 9** Caltrans Report

\*Dennee Alcalá, Deputy District Director for Planning Environmental and Local Assistance for District 9, introduced herself and said she has replaced Ryan Dermody's former position.

\*Jill Batchelder reported on what traffic looked like in 2019 to what it looks like this year. John Pinckney put up a graph for Jill showing the lowest traffic count in April and reaching a significant amount of traffic in June and July after the stay home order.

Dennee gave a short quarterly report update and mentioned that it can be found online as well and welcomed feedback.

Dennee continued and said that the North Lone Pine Pavement Project is in the planning phase and will be proposed to be funded in the 20/22 SHOPP cycle. She said the 20/20 SHOPP cycle projects for Inyo County are the LP Sidewalks Project, Manzanar Pavement, Fish Springs Pavement, SR127

Pavement, Bishop Pavement, Cemetery Pavement, District 9 Lab, and their Independent Maintenance Station Canopy.

Dennee went on to say that the SR 168 Safety Project is in its final stages and the Chicago Valley Thin blanket, out along SR 178 in Death Valley, has begun its paving stage.

\*Mark Heckman reported that he would have a draft report for the location based needs survey that was conducted in May and June. The Dist. 9 Origination and Destination study completed its summer pool data that ran from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> and he is working with the subcontractor to put together results. Mark said that we may potentially get a survey through an online phone AP. That survey is supposed to fact check the data we received.

Dennee mentioned the Olancha Cartago 4-lane Expressway Project. Currently the construction funds for the project sit in the 21/22 fiscal year. She said that they will request the CTC to advance funds into this fiscal year. The group is prepared to move forward into construction. She said that even if the funds cannot advance they are still working diligently.

#### **ITEM NO. 10** City of Bishop Report

\*Deston Dishion reported that bid opening for the Spruce Hanby Sidewalk Project is September 1st. He also said that the City of Bishop has a 1% tax increase on the ballot for November which is exciting for Public Works.

\*John Pinckney asked Deston if he was going to submit an application to the ATP for the Sierra Street Bike Path Project. Deston said yes.

#### **ITEM NO. 11** Executive Director's Report

- BUILD Grant
- South Lake Rd. FLAP update

\*Mike Errante discussed the BUILD Grant. He said he had a meeting last Monday with the Ferguson Group, who is our lobbyist in Washington, members of Congress from Rep. Cook's Staff and Matt Kingsley. He said we applied for 25 Million dollars with US DOT. Mike went on to say the numbers were good and he believes we made a good argument. They had 650 applicants asking for 9.5 Billion dollars and they have 1 Billion to allocate.

\*John Pinckney showed a picture of the Inyo County LTC Project map and Michael Errante discussed the projects.

John Pinckney reported that there will be a call for FLAP projects this winter. The Nye County Nevada application for the Nevada FLAP for Bell Vista that links up to our State Line road was short listed. If there is funding, they will get funded for the Bell Vista road reconstruction. FHWA has also encouraged us to propose State Line Road as a FLAP project. John went on to say that it would score well and could be linked with the Val Vista Project. John said he will come to your Commission to formally ask your permission to submit for it this fall. John also said that if we were to win, he suggests that there be a consideration for State Line Rd to be a State Highway not a County

Road. John asked if the commission would like him to bring forward some other options for the FLAP grant. Commissioner Berg said she would like to know about other options.

ITEM NO. 12 Report from all members of the Inyo County LTC

CORRESPONDENCE- None

ADJOURNMENT-10:19 a.m