



# INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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## MINUTES

### INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

#### Bishop City Council Chambers 301W. Line St., Bishop, CA 93514

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### May 17, 2023

#### 9:02 a.m. Open Meeting

#### 1. Roll Call

##### Commissioners Present:

Stephen Muchovej  
Celeste Berg  
Scott Marcellin  
Jennifer Roeser  
Jose Garcia

##### Others Present:

Phil Moores ESTA  
Nora Gamino City of Bishop Public Works Director  
Kristina Amaya Inyo County Public Works  
Justine Kokx Inyo County Public Works/LTC  
Neil Peacock Caltrans  
Mark Heckman Caltrans  
Catharine Crayne Caltrans  
Nathan Robinson: USFS  
Mike Errante Inyo County Public Works Director  
Maggie Ritter: Caltrans  
Bob Strub: Member of the Public  
Sabine Elia: Member of the Public

## 2. Public Comment

No public comment.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Consent Agenda

- a. Staff of the Local Transportation Commission - Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2023.
- b. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) – Receive staff report and consider the allocation of \$46,584 of FY 2022-23 funds to Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) via Resolution No. 2023-01 and authorize Executive Director to sign the letter of support.
- c. Request Commission 1) approve via Minute Order the Overall Work Program for the Inyo County LTC for FY 2023-2024, 2) authorize the Executive Director to sign related documents and 3) allow staff to make minor technical changes if required.

**\*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with minor adjustments to the April 19, 2023, minutes was made by Commissioner Roeser and seconded by Commissioner Muchovej. All in favor.**

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Discussion items.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### 2. City of Bishop Report

Norah reminded everyone about the East Line Street Bridge meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Bishop City Hall. A presentation will go into details on the aesthetics about what the bridge will look like. Seeking public input on this as well.

#### 3. ESTA Report

Phil answered questions about the ESTA report. Commissioner Muchovej was curious to know if there was a list that explains what the goals mean. Phil responded that there is a strategic business plan, and it has definitions and explanations. The red box means that ESTA did not meet the projected goals. Commissioner Roeser inquired if Phil received any comments on his public hearing regarding the Bishop Creek Shuttle. Phil said the hikers are vocal about wanting to keep the shuttle going. During the June 9<sup>th</sup> ESTA Board meeting there will be a discussion about the removal of that route.

#### 4. Caltrans Report

Caltrans is working on getting an encroachment permit for Mule Days parade. The Clean California deadline of April 30 was extended to May 31. Dump Days and “Big Stuff” Days focusing on RVs, cars, mobile homes – large items. The point is to get rid of all the abandoned mobile homes. He has been working with Cap and Theresa and this is going on until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Strategic Highway Safety Plans Safety Summit is going to be held May 31<sup>st</sup>; registration closes today. Working with County on spring runoff meetings, held May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. As for projects, the 168 bike and ped project it is out to bid right now. Caltrans will close 395 the first week of May due to spring runoff in Olancha for emergency culvert work. Two way left turn lane project is going out to bid because they did not receive any bids. East part of Inyo County 127 cap M they are hoping to fix ahead of schedule.

## 2. Tribal Report

None

## 3. DVNP Report

None

## 4. USFS Report

Nathan Robinson, Acting Forest Engineer for the Inyo National Forest, provided the USFS report, and some updates. The USFS opened the Starlite material pit for the County to access in order to address some of the issues on Buttermilk Road. He also reported that they have been working with the county on addressing some long-term maintenance concerns for Buttermilk Road. They had a meeting with the Forest Supervisor as well as County representatives on this issue and hopes to continue talks. Nathan also reported that he had a meeting with Shannon Platt to discuss some of the USFS perspectives regarding the long-term maintenance of the road.

He continued to report that their OHV program has started to work with a non-profit organization called Valley Outdoors to assist in road maintenance moving forward. Additionally, summer repairs of Coyote Flatts Rd. are set to begin, with particular emphasis on the switchback section which experienced significant damage. Nathan expressed concern over inconsistencies between roads reported closed by Inyo County, and those that are actually closed.

## 5. Executive Director’s Report

Mike Errante shared a map with information on Inyo County projects. County staff have been busy preparing for the runoff. The County will meet with Nathan from the USFS about aligning methods for road maintenance and how they can move forward on Buttermilk Road.

Commissioners Muchovej and Roeser brought up the complications of using roads through Starlite as alternate routes. Mike concurred that he wants to get Buttermilk Road passable to align with timing of grants for the installation of facilities up Buttermilk Road. North Round Valley Bridge moving along, guard rails to be installed today. They will be ready to pave in the

next week or two and then open to the public. Mike pulled up a camera (OX Blue) that is in real time of North Round Valley Bridge. Other projects: Working on a sidewalk project in Lone Pine. Working to get this out to bid. There has been a pause on Lower Rock Creek. The County wants to make sure they submit the right forms to get reimbursed for the work and ensure they don't fumble on reimbursement. That project should be out to bid by the end of the month. The County is submitting Clean California grant proposals for improvements at Diaz Lake. They are putting together estimates, and hopefully preliminary drawing for a gateway entrance for Whitney Portal.

Bob Strub of Lone Pine asked about sinkholes on the northern portion of Hay Street.

Mike will send a crew out to investigate the concern.

Bob also asked if the County does any erosion control for their assets. Mike responded that the County seeks reimbursement from outside agencies for repairs.

## 6. Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Commissioner Roeser: Commissioner Marcellin and she began advocating in Sacramento regarding the MOU between Inyo, Mono and Kern. Trying to discuss how to use our political influence to be able to program projects using STIP funds even if STIP funds are in the red. It was determined its best to regroup regionally with the three counties since Kern has stated they are in support of reimbursing Inyo and Mono.

Justine Kokx: I reached out to Wendy and due to all the storm damage, she won't be able to meet until June. Since Mono County is fully in support of Inyo becoming whole, we can have some preliminary discussions on reimbursements.

Neil Peacock: Time is of the essence on this issue. We are in the leadup to the STIP cycle submittal process. Kern county has already initiated a series of workshops for its RTIP. There is a long lead time for this, and we are in it. I just want everyone to be aware of the timelines and schedules for this.

Commissioner Marcellin: Supervisor Griffiths and he had a good meeting with the Tribe last week. They don't have a report, but they would like to be consulted on projects. They like the sidewalk idea and Safe Routes to Schools, but there is a pathway called the Indian Trail that is closed which they would like opened so that they don't have to walk all the way around 395 or Line Street. They also would like consideration on some thoroughfares that go through their community. See Vee Lane is kind of bumpy, and they want consideration on their main roads. Another concern is on Meadow Lane at Hwy 168. No one knows who the pothole belongs to, and no one is taking the initiative.

Mark Heckman of Caltrans replied that he will follow up, it might be Caltrans' responsibility. He later confirmed that it is, the pothole will be addressed.

Commissioner Roeser: Justine and I met with the Big Pine tribe who is preparing to submit a proposal for an ATP project, on the south end of Big Pine.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned until 9 a.m., Wednesday June 21, 2023, Bishop City Council Chambers

## **UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

- TDA Claims (STA & LTF)
- Adopt 2023 Unmet Transit Needs
- RSTP Exchange allocation
- RTP and ATP project prioritization
- MOU negotiations