



# INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

### INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bishop City Council Chambers  
377 W. Line Street  
Bishop, CA 93514

May 15, 2019

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

**ITEM NO. 1** Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Doug Thompson  
Rick Pucci  
Chris Costello  
Steven Muchovej

Others present:

Mike Errante, Executive Director  
John Pinckney, Staff  
Cynthia Browning, Secretary  
Mark Heckman, Caltrans  
Jill Batchelder, Caltrans  
Rick Franz, Caltrans  
David Grah, PW Director City of Bishop  
Phil Moores, ESTA  
Brad Gardea, Bishop CHP  
Josh Curte, Lone Pine CHP

**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 April 17, 2019

\*John Pinckney stated one correction on Item 8. The item stated that System Metric Group gave a power point presentation on Wildlife Crossing. It should have read that a presentation was given on ITC. John said that the change would be made.

\*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Chris Costello and seconded by Commissioner Steven Muchovej. All in favor.

**ITEM NO. 4** Request Commission conduct a public hearing to gather input on unmet transit needs.

Doug Thompson opened Public Hearing: None

**ITEM NO. 5** Request Commission approves Resolution NO. 2019-03 that: 1) approves the submittal of a 2019 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) apportionment grant with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority as the sub recipient of \$105,064; and 2) authorizes the LTC Executive Director to sign all required certifications and assurances. No questions were asked

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

**ITEM NO. 6** Request Commission authorize the Executive Director to sign the certification as required to approve the FY 2019-2020 State Transit Assistance Program Eligibility (PUC 99314) and the 2017-18 List of Transit Operators (allocations are based on two years prior as required by law)

\*John Pinckney stated that ESTA is not listed on the form but that Mono County would pick them up. John said that there is no change in funding but a change in language. Phil Moores stated that he understood the new language.

\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Chris Costello and seconded by Commissioner Rick Pucci. All in favor.

**ITEM NO. 7** Request Commission approve the allocation of staff time in conjunction with Caltrans and subsequent submittal of the FY 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or "BUILD" federal grant application for the construction of the Olancha-Cartago 4-Lane Project and authorize the Executive Director to sign and submit all required documents.

\*Mark Heckman stated the LTC should support this grant and he believes it is an excellent opportunity.

\*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Chris Costello and the seconded by Commissioner Steven Muchovej. All in favor.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**ITEM NO. 8** Receive the third quarter invoice of Rural Planning Assistance funds in Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

\*John Pinckney Stated that the invoice is in the packet and that the final quarter will show a lot of expenses. John went on to say that it will be a juggling act to expend the funds that will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. On those 3 budgets we are 52%, 44% and 43% expended at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The BOS approved an MOU with the Forest Service on the Road Easement NEPA review which will expend \$67,000 on the cost recovery agreement. John also stated that David Grah, Director of Public Works, City of Bishop, has some invoices that he will be submitting as well. The hope is to not leave money on the table at the end of the year.

\*No Questions were asked.

***\*There were no Items 9, 10 and 11.***

#### **ITEM NO. 12 ESTA REPORT**

\*Phil Moores of ESTA stated that from their March comparison from last year to this year, passengers per service hours remained the same. Wait times, road calls and customer comments all met monthly goals.

#### **ITEM NO. 13 TRIBAL REPORT**

**NONE**

#### **ITEM NO. 14 CALTRANS REPORT**

\*Mark Heckman of Caltrans reported that the BUILD Grant is the biggest thing they are working on. He said that next month the County will submit to LTC for approval a final OWP. Mark stated that the ITS Master Plan completed their public outreach. He also stated that Caltrans is doing an Origination and Destination Study which is due to be renewed in 2020. The study will be different than the study in 2011 as they will be purchasing big data.

#### **CALTRANS REPORT CONTINUED:**

\*Jill Batchelder reported that Caltrans was involved with the CHP and Kern Regional Center for Family Fun day which was associated with Bike Month. They had a kid's bike rodeo and bike safety. There were approximately 1000 people estimated to go through there between 10 am -2 pm. Caltrans has a bike month challenge going on. It is a community challenge to log in your miles. Register through their website.

Jill stated that the North See Vee signal is up and operating and the South See Vee signal construction has begun.

Jill reported that passes 120 East, Monitor, North June Lake Loop, Hwy 168 to North Lake and Sabrina, and Bodie are open.

\*Commissioner Rick Pucci inquired about the Wildlife Crossing. Mark Heckman gave him a briefing. Jill Batchelder offered Commissioner Pucci the presentation that Katie Rodriguez of Caltrans gave at the April 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 LTC meeting.

#### **ITEM NO. 15 CITY OF BISHOP REPORT**

\*David Grah, Public Works Director for the City of Bishop stated that the Seibu to School Path Project needed a state architect review and approval. The project is approved and going forward. The expenses to travel for this review were large and unexpected. He gave his appreciation to LTC for helping with potential extra funding for the project. David said that construction on this project should start Sept-Oct 2019.

David reported that the Spruce/ Hanby / Yaney Sidewalks Project may be delayed to next spring due to a heavy work load.

The West Jay St. Extension Project has developed concerns about high ground water in the area. The hope is to construct the project in the fall.

\*Commissioner Costello asked John Pinckney about potential funds to help with the Seibu to School Path Project. John said that there are TEA funds available that would need to be allocated by the Commission.

#### **ITEM NO. 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

\*John Pinckney reported that we need to update the RPA funding by the end of the month. He stated that next month we will have the RTP draft to be presented at the next meeting by our consultant. John said that he received comments back on the Overall work plan draft and he will come back next month with the Final Overall Work Plan for the 2019-2020 Fiscal year. John stated that he attended the Mono LTC meeting to open a line of communication. They asked John if the Inyo LTC would consider EV charging stations.

\*Mike Errante handed out a map with updates on some of the projects the County is working on. No questions were asked

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM