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MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2020
(adopted July 13, 2020)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: John Peters, Fred Stump, Jennifer Kreitz (joined at 9:08am)

TOWN COMMISSIONERS: Sandy Hogan, Lynda Salcido, John Wentworth

COUNTY STAFF: Gerry Le Francois, Megan Mahaffey, Michael Draper, April Sall, Melissa Bell

TOWN STAFF: Grady Dutton

CALTRANS: Ryan Dermody, Austin West, Mark Ackman

ESTA: Phil Moores

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Lynda Salcido called the meeting to order at 9:01am in Zoom meeting room and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
 - A. Gerry LeFrancois: Zoom meeting procedures and format.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
3. **MINUTES:** Defer minutes of March 9, 2020. Actions and motions that were not included to be added.
4. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**
 - A. Introduction and welcome of Ryan Dermody as new Caltrans District 9 Director by Lynda Salcido.
 - B. **Public Hearing, Unmet Transit Needs:**
 - Public hearing opened by Linda Salcido at 9:14am.
 - Michael Draper: Briefed outreach approach to local communities & unmet transit needs, as defined by LTC.
 - Introduction of SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Council) members in attendance: Rick Frans (Caltrans), Molly DesBaillets (First 5), Laurel Martin (Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra).
 - Michael Draper: Presented summary and analysis of public transit requests for fiscal year 2020-2021.
 - Public hearing closed by Linda Salcido at 9:41am.
5. **CALTRANS (Activities in Mono County & pertinent statewide information):**
 - Ryan Dermody: Updates on Covid-19 processes, CA state budget funding, current and upcoming projects, and state route openings.
 - Discussion of Covid-19 issues and request by John Wentworth to share cell phone data by Caltrans with EOC (Emergency Operations Center).
 - Request by Fred Stump for update on plowing & openings of SR 208 and Lake Mary Road into Lakes Basin.
 - Austin West: Updates on Long Valley wildlife crossing project.

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- Mark Heckman: Explained winter OND study & results. Next survey will occur mid-July to Mid-August. North County passing lanes project renamed to North Conway passing lanes.

6. TRANSIT:

A. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS):

- Sandy Hogan: Explained differences in YARTS and ESTA operations & funding. Updates on YARTS current operations.
- Christine Chavez: Updates will be provided as information develops.

B. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA):

- Phil Moores: Updates on Covid-19 procedures, service changes, current ridership, funding effects, upcoming budget, and Walker-Mammoth dial-a-ride & route.
- Discussion of Lakes Basin & Reds Meadow routes and partnership with Madera County.

C. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding for transit:

- Gerry LeFrancois: Explained potential funding for ESTA and airport through CARES Act.
- Discussion of federal transportation funding & essential transportation service needs.

7. ADMINISTRATION:

D. Tioga Pass Update (item moved to earlier agenda item due to NPS scheduling restraints):

- Jaime Richards: Updates on Yosemite Gateway Coordination Team processes for decision making of phased reopening, staffing, Tioga Pass rough opening plans, and park shuttle operations.

A. Overview of State Transit Account (STA) and Local Transportation Fund (LTF) estimates:

- Megan Mahaffey: Updates on STA & LTF estimates, effects on revenues from Covid-19,

B. 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) & Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) project update:

- Gerry LeFrancois: Updates on 2020 STIP & MOU projects & funding.

C. Resolutions of Appreciation:

- Lynda Salcido: Recognition of Brent Green and CD Ritter for work provided to LTC.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- John Peters: Eastside Lane project.
- John Wentworth: Capital review of Town of Mammoth Lakes projects, Mammoth Lakes Basin & Reds Meadows road opening.
- Sandy Hogan: No updates.
- Jennifer Kreitz: No updates.
- Fred Stump: No updates.
- Lynda Salcido: No updates.

9. INFORMATION

A. US 395 closure at Kramer Junction: Gerry LeFrancois announced Kramer Junction closure.

B. California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Challenge Area Teams: No updates by Gerry LeFrancois. Information included in packet.

C. **US 395 widening, phase 1:** Project work update by Gerry LeFrancois.

10. **UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Fred Stump: Request for STIP projects funding updates and Bishop Airport update.
- Jennifer Kreitz: Request for NPS updates on Tioga Road & Tuolumne Meadows improvement project.
- John Peters: Request for NPS general Yosemite park updates & Civic Center transit update.
- John Wentworth: Request for regular Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County updates.

11. **ADJOURN** at 11:24 am to June 8, 2020

Prepared by Melissa Bell, LTC clerk