

# Mono County Local Transportation Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2020  
(Adopted September 14, 2020)

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** John Peters, Fred Stump, Jennifer Kreitz

**TOWN COMMISSIONERS:** Sandy Hogan, John Wentworth, Dan Holler (as alternate for absent Lynda Salcido)

**COUNTY STAFF:** Gerry LeFrancois, Wendy Sugimura, Megan Mahaffey, Bentley Regehr, Tony Dublino, Sean Robison, Chad Senior, Melissa Bell

**TOWN STAFF:** Hayes Haislip, Chandler Van Schaack,

**CALTRANS:** Dennee Alcala, Austin West, Mark Heckman

**ESTA:** Phil Moores

**YARTS:** Christine Chavez

**Public:** Rhonda Duggan

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice-chair Jennifer Kreitz called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Commissioner Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment  
*\* Vice-Chair Kreitz announced to the Commission that due to scheduling constraints, Commissioner Stump would need to exit the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Because of this, it was requested to move agenda items so he could participate in action items.*
3. **MINUTES:**
  - A. Approval of minutes from July 13, 2020.  
***Motion:*** Approve minutes from July 13, 2020.  
*Peters/Wentworth. Ayes: Hogan, Peters, Stump, Wentworth, Kreitz. Absent: Salcido.*  
*\* Commissioner Dan Holler joined at 9:06 a.m. as an alternate Commissioner for absent Chair Lynda Salcido.*
6. **TRANSIT**
  - B. Approval of Resolution R20-07 approving Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Program of Projects under the 5311 Program CARES Act
    - Presented by Phil Moores  
***Motion:*** Approve Resolution R20-07: Resolution of the Mono County Local Transportation Commission, State of California, authorizing the federal funding under FTA section 5311 (49 U.S.C. Section 5311) with the Department of Transportation with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority as the subrecipient of the \$172,765.  
*Hogan/Wentworth. Ayes: Hogan, Peters, Stump, Wentworth, Holler, Kreitz.*

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### COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Kreitz Sandy Hogan John Peters Lynda Salcido Fred Stump John Wentworth

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. Approve Minute Order 20-04 amending the 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) incorporating two grant awards, and other minor amendments

- Presented by Gerry LeFrancois

**Motion:** Approve Minute Order M20-04, to amend the 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP), authorize the Co-Executive Director to execute/sign the Overall Work Program Agreement/Certifications and Assurances, and allow staff to make any minor corrections to the Overall Work Program.

*Hogan/Peters. Ayes: Hogan, Peters, Stump, Wentworth, Holler, Kreitz.*

- B. Approve Resolution R20-06 authorizing Co-Executive Directors to sign necessary documents for grants, RPA, RSTP funding, and related transportation documents required by State and Federal Transportation Agencies

- Presented by Gerry LeFrancois

**Motion:** Approve Resolution R20-06, Resolution of the Mono County Local Transportation authorizing the Co-Executive Director's signature of funding agreements.

*Peters/Hogan. Ayes: Hogan, Peters, Stump, Wentworth, Holler, Kreitz.*

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** CSA 1 letter regarding chip seals on area roadways

- Gerry LeFrancois presented a brief summary and introduction.
- Commissioner Stump provided information on comments received from public.
- Chad Senior (Public Works) provided information on Mono County's chip seal process, as well as location in which it is used.
- Discussion followed on locations used, complaints, potential future Mono County projects.

4. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

- B. Request from Commissioner Wentworth regarding the Commission's role on development projects in Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes

- Gerry LeFrancois presented a brief history of the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC), as well as the role & requirements of the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) & LTC.

*\* Commissioner Stump exited the meeting at 10:01 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict. Prior to exiting, it was requested by Commissioner Stump that the LTC recognize Garrett Higerd for his work with LTC and to present a letter of appreciation at the next meeting.*

4. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

- A. Update on traffic counts (Caltrans) and Mammoth Lakes Trail System trail user counts (TOML), tracking the similarities and differences from May 1, 2019 to August 1, 2020

- Hayes Haislip presented information on Mammoth Lakes Trails' recent trail count data, along with comparisons to previous years' data.
- Commissioner Hogan: Are equestrian counts included?
- Haislip: Yes.
- Discussion followed regarding the use of mountain bikes on trails & locations permitted, use of electric bikes (e-bikes) on multi-use trails, and using trail count data for long term planning, Covid-19 planning, transit planning (including trolleys), and winter planning.

- Chandler Van Schaack provided updates on the mobility hub study & mobility masterplan effort.
- Austin West presented traffic count data, along with comparisons to previous years' data.
- Commissioner Peters: Ability to pull data from the Nevada border? Useful for understanding traveler pattern effects from Covid-19.
- West: Yes, able to pull data and will follow up via email.
- Kreitz: Trail and vehicle data provides useful information to be able to view how Covid-19 has affected recreation and the changes in patterns.

5. **CALTRANS**: Activities in Mono County & pertinent statewide information

- Dennee Alcala provided updates on current & upcoming projects.
- Austin West provided updates on current & upcoming projects.
- Discussion followed, regarding requests for message board items & processes.

6. **TRANSIT**

A. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) updates

- Christine Chavez was unable to present due to conflicted schedule.

C. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) updates

- Phil Moores provided updates on ESTA, ridership data, service enhancements, new Bishop facility, grants, Walker-Mammoth Lakes route update, Highway to Care program/grant & coordination with Mammoth Hospital, fleet, funding, disposal of old fleet, and California Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS).

*\* Commissioner Holler exited the meeting at 10:58 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.*

- Commissioner Wentworth: MMSA winter program discussions?
- Moores: Discussions have not begun yet but will follow up with Mammoth Mountain.
- Discussion followed, regarding approval of Mono County Health Department being a part of winter program discussions, larger planning for winter, budget effects on ESTA

9. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Hogan: Observations of current Caltrans projects.
- Commissioner Wentworth: Trail host program update, Eastern Sierra ?? meeting (11:10a), consistent public messaging throughout region, and masks & critical role for MMSA operations.
- Commissioner Peters: Recognizing Commissioner Stump in a future meeting.
- Commissioner Kreitz: No report.

10. **INFORMATION**: No informational items

11. **UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Commissioner Kreitz: Letter of appreciation & recognition for Garrett Higerd & Commissioner Stump, trail counter protocols for TOML & Mono County, and winter Covid-19 discussions (dispersed camping in winter, allowances, increased numbers, effects on Sherwins).
- Commissioner Hogan: Discussions with Yosemite NPS on coordination for Tioga Pass Road opening.
- Commissioner Wentworth: Success of reservation entry program and plans for next summer (Yosemite NPS).

12. **ADJOURN** at 11:21 a.m. to September 14, 2020

