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MEETING AGENDA

May 13, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Dana Room-Mono County Civic Center
1290 Tavern Rd Mammoth Lakes, CA

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**Agenda sequence (see note following agenda).*

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconference information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.
3. **ADMINISTRATION** – none
4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a) Approval of minutes from April 8, 2024 (pg. 1)

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5. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**
 - a) Update from Yosemite National Park on summer access and opening Highway 120
 - b) FY 24-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) – Review, direct any desired modifications, and approve Minute Order 24-01 adopting the OWP (*LTC staff*) (pg. 4)
6. **CALTRANS**
 - a) Caltrans Update
7. **TRANSIT**
 - a) Consider adoption of Resolution R24-01 approving unmet transit needs (*Aaron Washco*) (pg. 71)
 - b) ESTA Update (*Phil Moores*)
 - c) YARTS Update (*YARTS staff*)
8. **REPORTS**
 - a) Co-Executive Directors (pg. 82)
 - b) Commissioners
9. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL** - none
10. **UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a) Presentation on Bridgeport and Lee Vining Main Street rehabilitation projects
 - b) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) allocation – June
 - c) State Transit Assistance (STA) allocation – June
11. **ADJOURN TO DATE June 10, 2024**

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Draft Minutes

April 8, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Rhonda Duggan, Jennifer Kreitz, Christine Bouchard

TOWN COMMISSIONERS: Rob Patterson

LTC STAFF: Heidi Willson, Deanna Tuetken, Aaron Washco, Wendy Sugimura, Gerry LeFrancois, Haislip Hayes, Marcella Rose, Kalen Dodd, Paul Roten, Chad Senior

CALTRANS: Neil Peacock, Maggie Ritter, Ben Doward

ESTA: Phil Moores

YARTS: Jose Perez

SSTAC: Jenny Park, Krista Cooper, Kelly Barceloux, Eric Clark, Brianne Chappell-McGovern, Molly DesBaillets

Public: None

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am and the Commission lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconference information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

- No public comment.

3. PUBLIC HEARING no earlier than 9:00 a.m.

- a)** Input on Unmet Transit Needs & Transportation Issues, with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) (*Phil Moores and Aaron Washco*)

Washco and Moores gave a brief introduction, answered questions from the Commission, and led a public hearing to receive input for unmet transit needs.

- Public Hearing opened at 9:04 am.
- Desbaillets, Chappell-McGovern, Barceloux, Cooper, and Park gave public input on the unmet transit needs within Mono County.
- Public Hearing Closed at 9:37 am.

4. ADMINISTRATION

- a)** Nomination and Election of Vice Chair (continued from February 27, 2024, meeting)
Motion: Nominate Bill Sauser as Vice Chair.
Patterson motioned; Kreitz seconded.

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Roll Call – Patterson, Bouchard, Duggan, Kreitz. Absent: Chang, Bubser. Motion carries 4-0 with 2 absent.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Approval of minutes from February 27, 2024
- b) FY 24-25 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) projection
- c) Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) – Receive staff report and consider allocating \$85,984 of FY 2023-24 funds to Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA); authorize Wendy Sugimura to sign the contributing sponsor letter.

Motion: Approve consent items as presented.

Duggan motioned; Bouchard seconded.

Roll Call – Ayes: Patterson, Bouchard, Duggan, Kreitz Absent: Chang, Rice. Motion carries 4-0 with 2 absent.

6. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

- a) Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) comment letter (*Aaron Washco*)
 - Wascho gave a brief presentation on the CSIS comment letter.
- b) Mono County Quarterly Report
 - Senior gave a brief quarterly report for Mono County.
 - Rose gave a brief quarterly report on the Sustainable Recreation program.
- c) Town of Mammoth Lakes Quarterly Report
 - Hayes gave a quarterly report on projects within the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

7. CALTRANS

- a) Update on Caltrans activities in Mono County:
 - <https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/67670a6e24ee42628f5a852c61b57abf> (*CT staff*)
 - Doward gave a Caltrans update and answered questions from the Commission.

8. TRANSIT

- a) ESTA Update (*Phil Moores*)
 - Moores gave a brief ESTA update and answered questions from the Commission.
- b) YARTS Update
 - YARTS Summer Schedules
 - Perez gave a brief update on the YARTS Summer Schedules.
 - Introduction to new Transit Director, Serenity Anderson
 - Anderson introduced herself to the Commission and answered questions from the Commission.

9. REPORTS

- a) Co-Executive Directors
 - Sugimura briefly went over the provided directors report and answered questions from the Commission.
- b) Commissioners
 - No Commissioner had reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL - none

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11. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Adoption of unmet transit needs - May
- b) FY 24-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) adoption - May
- c) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) allocation – June
- d) Update and or visit from the Yosemite National Park (request by Krietz)

12. ADJOURN at 10:56 am to May 13, 2024

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Staff Report

May 13, 2024

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

FROM: Wendy Sugimura, Co-Executive Director
Haislip Hayes, Co-Executive Director
Aaron Washco, LTC Staff

SUBJECT: Mono County draft Overall Work Program (OWP) 2024-25

RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and provide any additional feedback on the draft 2024-25 OWP.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This is the annual state funding program for transportation planning activities of the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC). The OWP has two main funding sources: Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) and Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM). The RPA funding is \$230,000 annually dependent on approval of a state budget. The budgeting of PPM funds is limited and subject to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) every two years.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required for future projects.

BACKGROUND

The OWP defines the regional transportation planning process for the LTC. It establishes regional transportation planning objectives for the fiscal year and includes a corresponding budget to complete eligible activities as defined by the Regional Planning Handbook. This strategic management tool is organized by Work Elements that identifies activities and products to be accomplish during the Fiscal Year. These activities include core regional transportation planning functions, mandated planning requirements, and other regional planning activities.

The OWP does not fund development of construction documents, unless listed under PPM work elements, or construction, maintenance, or repair work. Project construction is typically funded through programs such as the RTIP, Regional Surface Transportation Program SB1 funding, and other construction funding sources.

DISCUSSION

The draft 2024-25 OWP is required to be submitted to Caltrans for review by March 1 each year. The LTC approved the draft 2024-25 OWP submittal on February 27, 2024, and the draft 2024-25 OWP was submitted to Caltrans staff on March 1, 2024. In response, Caltrans provided a comment letter dated March 28, 2024, (Attachment 1) on the draft 2024-25 OWP. Comments have been addressed in the redline FY 24-25 Draft OWP (Attachment 2) and through additional responses below. A clean version of the FY 24-25 Draft OWP is also posted to the LTC meeting webpage on the Mono County Calendar (<https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/calendar>).

General Comments:

- Table of Contents updated;
- Changed references of SR 6 to US 6;
- RPAC – updated info on Benton Hammil, Chalfant, Paradise and Wheeler Crest;
- Summary updated to FY 2023/24; and
- Included a carryover estimate of FY 23/24 RPA funds in the proposed FY 24/25 budget.

Work Element Specific Comments

- Caltrans recommended adding an “informational only” work element to track transportation planning and reports being done by other agencies in the region. Extracting this information from the existing work elements and making a complete list is a challenge because 1) collaboration across agencies and entities is fully institutionalized and incorporated throughout the LTC work program and therefore located in several work elements (examples: 200.1, 200.2, 400 series, 700.1, 800.1, 800.2, 900.6, and 900.7); and 2) the LTC cannot anticipate all the transportation and planning reports by other agencies that may be of interest. As a result, the OWP would have to be entirely rewritten to accommodate this recommendation and would remain an incomplete list. The Mono County LTC requests the format remain as is, but has added a table of the work elements involving interagency collaboration with examples of projects being tracked to the information section preceding the work elements.
- Responsible parties have been identified for each task/activity in each work element.
- Little to no change to WEs 200.2, 900.1, and 900.3: “Previous Work” sections have been updated with more detail. Previously, the specific locations of traffic calming/transportation conversations, data collection, etc. have not been listed. The general categories of “Task Elements” and “Expected Products” reflect ongoing work that is generally described in the same or similar manner every year and cannot be specified further. For example, in WE 200.2, the state and federal transportation legislation to be tracked may remain similar to previous years (e.g., climate change, IIJA, etc.) or new legislation that was unforeseen may arise during the year. Similarly, groups such as the RCTF and CTC meet continually through the year every year, and the description of staff’s tracking of or participation in these meetings does not substantively change. Similarly for WE 900.1, RPAC meetings occur throughout the year every year, and transportation issues are discussed as they arise and cannot necessarily be anticipated to list specifically in the OWP. For WE 900.3, the same type of data collection is conducted every year at varying locations.
- Work Element 200.2: The OWP was amended to respond to Caltrans comments and clarify tasks and products.
- Work Element 400.1: RTP policies supporting the transportation planning nexus of the MJHMP have been added.
- Work Element 400.2: Clarification of the grant and funding sources has been added. The Mono County LTC assists with the funding of transit operator planning and participates as needed; however, planning of transit services is primarily a function of the transit operators. The Mono County LTC will encourage the transit operators (ESTA and YARTS) to coordinate with Caltrans on the District Transit Plan, and the Mono County LTC will add a task to WE 800.2 as well to ensure LTC participation.
- Work Element 800.2: Policy language indicating the unmet transit needs process implements the RTP has been added. Further, Local Transportation Funding remains available to help fund this work element.
- Work Element 900.2: Policy language relating the work element to the RTP has been added. The requested task elements have been removed, language has been added to tie the work to data collection for planning and maintenance of the road system and traffic, and the Mono County LTC acknowledges that data must be related to trails serving a transportation purpose such as connecting housing, lodging, recreation destinations, services, etc.
- Work Element 900.3: Policy language relating the work element to the RTP has been added.

- Work Element 900.6: Policy language relating the work element to the RTP has been added. The Mono County LTC will provide coordination and assistance to the Town's Trails System Master Plan update and the Town is directly funding a portion of the work.
- Work Element 900.8: Policy language relating the work element to the RTP has been added.

The final OWP is due to Caltrans with the required certificates and assurances by May 31, 2024.

Please contact Aaron Washco (awashco@mono.ca.gov) with any questions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Caltrans correspondence dated March 28, 2024
2. Draft OWP 2023-24 (in redline format)
3. Minute Order 24-01 Approving the 24-25 Overall Work Program

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March 28th, 2024

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Co-Executive Director
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Dear Wendy Sugimura:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mono County Local Transportation Commission's (LTC) Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has the following comments:

General Comments

- Check the **Table of Contents** page numbers to match work elements.
- Add page numbers to the document.
- Change all uses of "SR 6" to "US 6".
- "Public Involvement" section, paragraph two:
 - According to Mono County website <https://monocounty.ca.gov/rpac> there are 8 RPACs. The RPACs missing are Benton/Hammil, Chalfant, Paradise, and Wheeler Crest. Are these missing RPACs in the OWP still active RPACs? If yes, then it is suggested they be added.
- Please update the "Summary of FY 2022/2023 accomplishments" to FY 2023/24.
- **Table 4.1** Budget by Work Element
 - Include a carryover estimate in the table or in the text of the FY 2024/25 OWP paragraph. This can be shown in brackets or with an asterisk and does not need to be added to actual totals.

Work Element Specific Comments

- It is recommended that an *informational only* work element be added that lists current transportation planning activities and reports being done by other agencies in the region. This would focus on planning that is related to and/or connected directly to other OWP work elements. A simple table is acceptable.
- For all work elements:
 - Each individual task element must identify responsible parties for completing each task/activity [23 CFR 450.308(c)]. Examples would be agency staff, State DOT, public transit operator, local government (town),

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or consultant. This can be spelled out at the end of every task/activity or shown in some other way, like a numbering reference system.

- The "Previous Work", "Task Elements", and "Expected Products" sections of the below listed work elements seem to be the same from the previous FY's OWP. How is progress measured in each work element? Please clearly show the accomplishments made by each work element over the FYs.
 - **Work Element 200.2** Regional Transportation Plan Monitoring
 - **Work Element 900.1** Planning, Monitoring, & Traffic Management Issues
 - **Work Element 900.3** Regional Asset Management System – RPA
- **Work Element 200.2 Regional Transportation Plan Monitoring**
 - In the Task Elements section, Mono LTC mentions applying for new funding opportunities, flying RFPs, and consultant procurement. However, as a broad statement, this is not eligible for RPA funds because there is no way for Caltrans to determine if these activities would be eligible. Please provide an explanation regarding the link between this WE and the RTP.
 - The Expected Products and Estimated Benchmarks should more accurately reflect the products that can be reasonably expected from this work element. For example, letters, memos, and comments on state and federal transportation legislation are actual products that Mono LTC can submit at the end of the FY.
- **Work Element 400.1 Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan/ Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant**
 - Caltrans is unable to determine if this work element has a transportation planning nexus, please provide further clarification to be able to determine eligibility. Please provide an explanation regarding the link between this WE and the RTP.
- **Work Element 400.2 YARTS Short Range Transit Plan**
 - Is this a new grant that Mono LTC is applying for in FY 24-25? Or is this a grant that YARTS is applying for in FY 24-25? Is it a joint project? Please provide additional information and identify the FY of the grant. If it is a new grant application, Mono LTC should identify that this is a *placeholder* work element. If this is a joint grant between Mono LTC and YARTS, please identify that.
 - The HQ Office of Transit Planning and Caltrans District 9 can be good resources for additional assistance. It is also important to note the development of District Transit Plans. All Caltrans Districts will be implementing their own District Transit Plans over the next 2 years. These plans are focused on identifying transit needs on the State Highway System with local and regional agencies and transit operators. Mono LTC should be aware of this effort and plan to coordinate with Caltrans District 9 in the development of the plan. We commend Mono LTC for working to further public transit. Mono LTC can reach out to the Caltrans HQ Office

of Transit Planning or Caltrans District 9 transit staff for additional resources and assistance in furthering this effort.

- **Work Element 800.2 Regional Transit Planning and Coordination**
 - Please note that conducting the SSTAC and unmet transit needs assessments are ineligible activities for RPA funds, unless they support the regional transportation planning process and RTP. As it is written, this work element does not tie these activities back to the RTP and regional planning process, as such they are not an eligible use of RPA funds. Mono LTC must either make the connection to the RTP process or move those activities to a non-RPA funded work element.
 - Mono LTC should also be using TDA/LTF funding for these activities since this is the primary intent for that funding.
 - If the SSTAC and unmet transit needs annual report is incorporated into the RTP and/or decision process for the Mono LTC, it should be described in the WE.
- **Work Element 900.2 Regional Data Collection Equipment**
 - Please provide an description of how the WE is directly related to the RTP. While we appreciate Mono LTC's efforts in planning for multimodal planning, some of the activities in this work element are not eligible for RPA funds. RPA funds must be used for regional transportation planning as it pertains to the State Highway System (SHS).
 - Please delete the following **task elements/expected products** as they are ineligible:
 - "Mammoth Lakes Police Department to purchase traffic monitoring data collection live traffic camera license plate readers."
 - "Mammoth Lakes Police Department traffic monitoring data collection through live traffic camera license plate readers."
 - "Traffic data reports on police activity to inform future scheduling and allocation of police resources."
 - Please take note that the following **task elements/expected products** are only reimbursable if they are located at trailheads or on trails identified as a commuter route (ex. trail at Cerro Coso College):
 - "Replacement of vandalized or failed trail counting equipment."
 - "Purchase trail counter(s) that provide real time trails use data."
 - "TOML engineered speed surveys."
 - "Reports on traffic volumes and activity."

Work Element 900.3 Regional Asset Management System – RPA

- For these activities to be eligible for RPA funds, please describe how these activities will inform the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and describe how these activities have a regional transportation planning nexus.

Work Element 900.6 Regional Trails Planning

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- Eligible trail planning must support the RTP. Please describe how this work element is related to the regional transportation system and implementation of the RTP.
- The task element/expected product of a TOML Trails System Master Plan (TSMP) shall only be reimbursable if the Mono LTC is in a coordination and assistance role. The task and product are not eligible if the LTC is funding the full plan.

Work Element 900.8 Mono County Public Works Projects

- For these activities to be eligible for RPA funds, Mono LTC must describe how these activities will inform the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and describe how these activities have a regional transportation planning nexus.

Reminders

Final OWP package is due to Caltrans by May 31st, 2024. The following items must be included in the final OWP package:

- Response letter acknowledging Caltrans comments on the draft OWP. The response needs to demonstrate where Caltrans comments were addressed within the Final OWP.
- Electronically signed Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA)
- Budget Revenue Summary (BRS)
- Board Resolution approving the OWP
- Electronically signed Certifications and Assurances
- Final OWP and Appendices

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ben Downard at ben.downard@dot.ca.gov, or 760-874-8319.

Sincerely,

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C: Maggie Ritter (Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 9); Brenda Caruso (Chief, Regional Coordination Branch, Caltrans HQ); Lupita Mendoza (Associate Transportation Planner, HQ LDR Branch)

Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2024/2025

July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Adopted: May 13, 2024~~TBD~~

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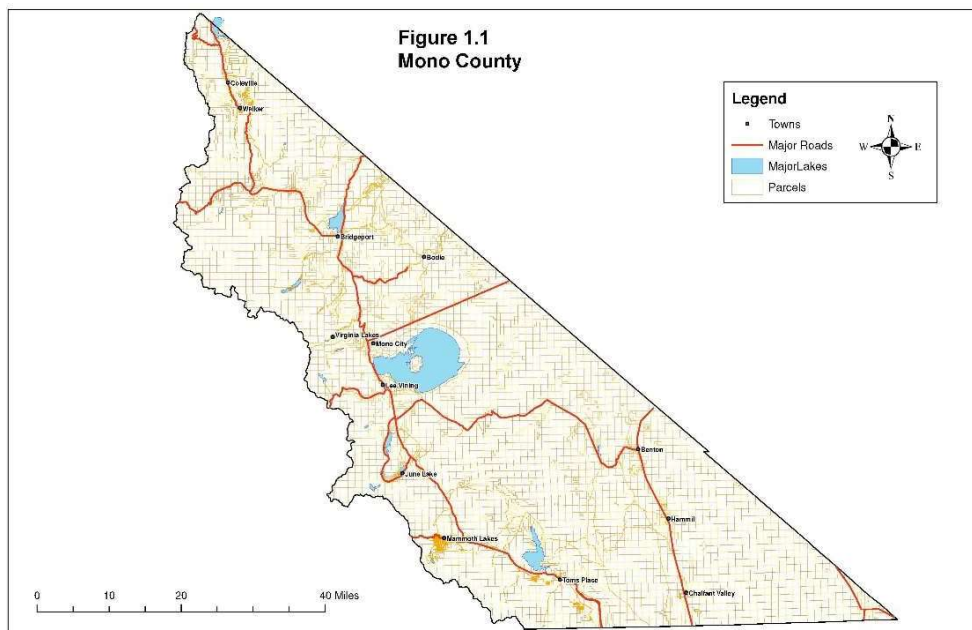
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Introduction

The Overall Work Program (OWP) defines the regional transportation planning process for the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC). It establishes regional transportation planning objectives for Fiscal Years 2024/2025 covering the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and includes a corresponding budget to complete eligible activities as defined by the Regional Planning Handbook. This strategic management tool is organized by Work Elements that identify activities and products to be accomplished during the Fiscal Year. These activities include core regional transportation planning functions, mandated planning requirements, and other regional planning activities. Each activity listed in the OWP indicates who will do the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting product, the proposed funding, and a summary of total amounts and sources of State funding and matching funds. Funding for planning activities is made possible by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Most of the funding is typically spent by Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). Figure 1.1 depicts the Mono County LTC boundary.



Geographical Overview

Mono County is a rural county located on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The county has an area of 3,049 square miles and a total population of 13,195 (2020 US Census). The county's one incorporated area, the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), contains approximately 55% of the county population.

Approximately 94% of Mono County is public land administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the State of California, and the Los Angeles Department of Power and Water (LADWP). The scenic and recreational attributes of this public land help support tourism and recreation as the major industry in the county. Approximately 80% of all employment is directly, or indirectly, associated with this industry. Annually, more than 6 million visitor-days of use occur on public lands in Mono County. Most of these visitors travel to and through the county on the state highway system. Major attractions include Mammoth and June Mountain ski areas, Yosemite National Park, Mono Lake, Devils Postpile National Monument, Bodie State Historic Park, and the many lakes, streams, and backcountry attractions accessed through Mono County communities.

Communities in the unincorporated area of the county are dispersed throughout the region, primarily along US Highways 395 and 6. Communities along US 395 include Topaz, Coleville, Walker, Bridgeport, Mono City, Lee Vining, and the Crowley communities of Long Valley, McGee Creek, Crowley Lake, Aspen Springs, and Sunny Slopes. The community of June Lake is located along State Route (SR) 158. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is located on SR 203. The communities of Chalfant, Hammil Valley, and Benton are located on ~~SR 6~~ [US Highway 6 \(US 6\)](#). The community of Oasis is located on SR 266/168 in the southeastern portion of the county. The communities are generally small, rural in character, and oriented primarily to serving recreational and tourist traffic. Walker, Topaz, Coleville, Bridgeport, and Lee Vining share US 395 as their main street for commerce and community activities. SR 158 serves as the main street for June Lake. SR 203 is the Town of Mammoth Lakes' main street. US ~~Highway~~ 6 serves as a main street for Benton and Chalfant.

Organizational Overview

Every county in California is served by a regional transportation planning agency (RTPA), created by state law. RTPAs are known as local transportation commissions, county transportation commissions, councils of government, and associations of government. Counties with urbanized areas over 50,000 people also have metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) to guide regional transportation planning. Both MPOs and RTPAs are required to develop an OWP and regional transportation plan (RTP). They also select projects identified in the Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP).

RTPAs play an important role in Caltrans' overall planning efforts. In California, there are currently 44 RTPAs, 18 of which are MPOs or exist within MPO boundaries. They utilize federal and state funds to achieve regional transportation goals as outlined in their OWPs. Federal and state funding includes FHWA State Planning and Research (SPR) funds, FTA Section 304 Statewide Planning Funds, and Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds. RTPAs have significant involvement in both the planning and project investment processes.

Mono County LTC carries out transportation planning activities within the County. Mono County and TOML staff serve as support staff to the LTC. Town issues are typically handled by TOML staff and County issues are managed with County staff. There is an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Mono County and TOML. The Executive Director position is shared by the TOML Public Works Director and County Community Development Director or designee. There are two transit systems within the County: Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), which is based out of Bishop in Inyo County, and the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS), which is administered by the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG). ESTA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) between Mono and Inyo Counties, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the City of Bishop. YARTS is a JPA involving Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Mono, and Madera counties.

The Mono County LTC policy board is comprised of seven (7) members: three (3) Mono County Board of Supervisors members, three (3) TOML Council members, although the TOML has appointed one at-large member, and (1) representative from Caltrans who also serves as ex-officio, non-voting member.

Table 1.1 2024 Mono County LTC Policy Board

Commissioner	Governmental Body Represented
Ms. Jennifer Kreitz (Chair)	Mono County
Ms. Rhonda Duggan	Mono County
Mr. John Peters	Mono County
Mr. Bill Sauser	TOML
Ms. Amanda Rice	TOML
Mr. Paul Chang	TOML

Ms. Sandra Moberly	Mono County Alternate
Mr. Rob Patterson	TOML Alternate Member
Mr. Ryan Dermody*	Caltrans Dist. 9 Director or designee

*Non-Voting ex-officio member

Additionally, County and Town staff work closely with the Commission on development of the OWP and to carry out related tasks. All tasks identified in the OWP are undertaken by staff with periodic updates to the Mono County LTC board.

Table 1.2 Mono County LTC Staff

Staff Member	Title and Agency
Wendy Sugimura	LTC Co-Executive Director, Mono County
Haislip Hayes	LTC Co-Executive Director, TOML
Gerry LeFrancois, Kelly Karl, Aaron Washco, Brent Calloway, Rob Makoske	Planners, Mono County
Deanna Tuetken	Fiscal Specialist, Mono County
Heidi Willson	Commission Secretary, Mono County
Chad Senior, Kalen Dodd	Public Works, Mono County
Paul Roten	Public Works Director, Mono County
Michael Martinez	IT Director, Mono County
Phil Moores	Director, ESTA
Nav Baghri/ Jose Perez	YARTS staff
Marcella Rose	Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, Mono County

Responsibilities and Priorities

Most of the state designated RTPAs are described under California Government Code Section 29532 et seq. An RTPA has the following core functions:

- Maintain a setting for regional decision-making.
- Implementation of the Transportation Development Act (TDA)
- Prepare and administer the Overall Work Program (OWP).
- Involve the public in transportation decision-making.
- Prepare and update a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years; and
- Development of a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and a list of federally funded or regionally significant projects for inclusion in the Federal Surface Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Organizational Procedures and Documents

The following list of documents includes organizational policies and procedures, programming documents, planning studies, and other required documents, which are available at:

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/ltc/page/resources>

- 2019 Regional Transportation Plan
- 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- Caltrans District 9 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Feasibility Study
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Wildlife Crossing Study
- Past and Current MOU Projects
- US 395 Corridor Improvement Projects and Main Street mobility studies

- Electric Vehicle Policy
- Mono County Title VI
- Mono County LTC Handbook

Public Involvement & Interagency Collaboration

The LTC utilizes a comprehensive public participation process which is outlined in the 2019 Regional Transportation Plan (p. 5-6 & 11-15). The goals and objectives discussed in the RTP emphasize efforts to coordinate with and involve all stakeholders and members of the public in the transportation planning process, transportation needs, transit needs, to implement the Regional Transportation Plan.

Public participation during the transportation planning process is provided through committee meetings, public workshops, and outreach programs. The county Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPACs) serve as citizen advisory committees to the LTC to identify issues and opportunities related to transportation and circulation in their community areas and to develop policies based on the identified needs. There are planning advisory committees in Antelope Valley, Bridgeport Valley, Mono Basin, June Lake, and Long Valley. Some committees meet monthly, and others meet on an as-needed basis. The Benton/Hammil, Chalfant, Paradise, and Wheeler Crest communities do not have standing RPACs. These eCommunity town hall meetings are called as needed and as requested groups meet at the desire of by area residents.

Native American participation includes notification to all tribes on the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) list, and meetings or consultation with any interested tribe. Tribal governments are also invited to participate in the Mono County Collaborative Planning Team, which meets quarterly to collaborate on regional planning issues with state, federal and local agencies, such as Caltrans, BLM, USFS, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and Mono County. Tribal representatives also occasionally participate at RPAC meetings. Staff continues to outreach on projects to both tribal governments on transportation issues and opportunities such as the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Collaboration across agencies and other organizations in the transportation sector is fully institutionalized and integrated into the Mono County LTC's work program. Table 2.1 below provides examples of transportation planning and reports underway by other agencies in the region by work element which the Mono County LTC either tracks or participates in. Note this is a list of examples and is not intended to be exhaustive.

Table 2.1. Other Agency Transportation Planning and Reports by Work Element

<u>Work Element</u>	<u>Example Projects</u>
<u>200.1</u>	<u>Review state and federal agency planning documents for consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).</u>
<u>200.2</u>	<u>Track, comment on, and participate in the following: state and federal transportation legislation; working groups such as Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill & IIJA, Equity Taskforce, etc.; and California Transportation Commission and/or Caltrans plans and policy changes.</u>
<u>400 series</u>	<u>Track, monitor, and participate in grant projects related to the transportation network, such as the Mono</u>

	<u>County/Town of Mammoth Lakes Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) and Yosemite Area Regional Transit Service (YARTS) Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP).</u>
<u>700.1</u>	<u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) projects (Olancho/Cartago four lane, Freeman Gulch 2 & 3, North Conway Truck Climbing Lane, etc.); Wildlife Crossing project on US 395.</u>
<u>800.1</u>	<u>Participate in collaborative transportation planning, e.g., the Eastern California Transportation Planning Partnership, RCTF, Mono County Collaborative Planning Team, etc. Work with federal agencies such as the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service. Plan for and manage MOU projects lists.</u>
<u>800.2</u>	<u>Coordinate, participate in, and monitor various transit agency work, such as YARTS Authority Advisory Committee, YARTS strategic planning group, other YARTS initiatives and planning (e.g., SRTP), and ESTA initiatives and planning (e.g., initiation of zero emission/hydrogen fueling plans).</u>
<u>900.6</u>	<u>Coordinate, participate in, and monitor trails and other planning on federal and state lands to integrate with local trails planning.</u>
<u>900.7</u>	<u>Community outreach on complete street transportation planning efforts, including the Lee Vining Rehabilitation project, Bridgeport Main Street Rehabilitation Project, Walker traffic calming, etc.</u>

Summary of FY 2023~~2~~/2024~~3~~ accomplishments

The following are primary tasks that were undertaken during FY 2023/24:

- Participation in main street walkability, safety, and rehabilitation projects and conversations, including Lee Vining and Walker.
- 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) development, approval, and submittal.
- Assisted with grant development and Mono County support of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and Caltrans project application to the Highways to Boulevards grant program.
- Integration of the County’s transportation projects into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Project Study Reports and adoption of 2024 Regional Transportation Improve Program (RTIP).
- TOML completed PSR for John Muir drainage infrastructure improvements.

- Reconvened Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partners to establish viability of continuing to work on projects and a strategy for repayments to Inyo and Mono County LTCs for funding advances. The work resulted in the Kern Council of Governments (COG) programming an Inyo County LTC project in their RTIP.
- Finalized exchange of Highway Improvement Program (HIP) funds to Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds – SACOG programmed a Mono County project in their RTIP.
- Completed road assessments in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
- Worked with ESTA and YARTS on submittal of SB 125 programs.
- WE 900.6 deployment of trail counter system, mapping and baseline data, CSA 1 discussion for south county trail plan (access to Lower Rock Creek Trail), adoption of Mt. Gate Park Plan, initial planning for select Bridgeport trails, planning effort with Econ Development for improved recreation opportunities in Tri-Valleys.
- Initiation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), including development and release of a request for proposals to hire a consultant, under a CalOES/FEMA grant award.
- Administration of the Mono County Local Transportation Commission, including outreach to communities and Tribes.
- Participation in collaborative forums and meetings on regional transportation.
- Completion of the annual unmet transit needs process and Local Transportation Fund (LTF) programming.
- Continued participating in state and regional discussions and forums on transportation funding and new funding programs such as the Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- Continuation of Regional Asset Management Systems.
- Ongoing air quality monitoring and reporting in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Planning Emphasis Areas

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) developed Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) to promote policy, procedural, and technical topics that are to be considered by MPOs and RTPAs in preparation of work plans.

Planning Emphasis Areas

1) Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) divisions and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regional offices should work with State departments of transportation (State DOT), metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), and providers of public transportation to ensure that our transportation plans and infrastructure investments help achieve the national greenhouse gas reduction goals of 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2050, and increase resilience to extreme weather events and other disasters resulting from the increasing effects of climate change. Field offices should encourage State DOTs and MPOs to use the transportation planning process to accelerate the transition toward electric and other alternative fueled vehicles, plan for a sustainable infrastructure system that works for all users and undertake actions to prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Appropriate Unified Planning Work Program work tasks could include identifying the barriers to and opportunities for deployment of fueling and charging infrastructure; evaluating opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips and increasing access to public transportation, shift to lower emission modes of transportation; and identifying transportation system vulnerabilities to climate change impacts and evaluating potential solutions.

2) Equity and Justice in Transportation Planning

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public

transportation to advance racial equity and support for underserved and disadvantaged communities. This will help ensure public involvement in the planning process and that plans, and strategies reflect various perspectives, concerns, and priorities from impacted areas. We encourage the use of strategies that: (1) improve infrastructure for non-motorized travel, public transportation

access, and increased public transportation service in underserved communities; (2) plan for the safety of all road users, particularly those on arterials, through infrastructure improvements and advanced speed management; (3) reduce single-occupancy vehicle travel and associated air pollution in communities near high-volume corridors; (4) offer reduced public transportation fares as appropriate; (5) target demand-response service towards communities with higher concentrations of older adults and those with poor access to essential services; and (6) consider equitable and sustainable practices while developing transit-oriented development. Executive Order 13985 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities) defines the term “equity” as the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. The term “underserved communities” refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the preceding definition of “equity.” In addition, Executive Order 14008 and M-21-28 provides a whole-of-government approach to advancing environmental justice by stating that 40 percent of Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public transportation to review current and new metropolitan transportation plans to advance Federal investments to disadvantaged communities. To accomplish both initiatives, our joint planning processes should support State and MPO goals for economic opportunity in disadvantaged communities that have been historically marginalized and overburdened by pollution and underinvestment in housing, transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure, recreation, and health care.

3) Complete Streets

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs and providers of public transportation to review current policies, rules, and procedures to determine their impact on safety for all road users. This effort should work to include provisions for safety in future transportation infrastructure, particularly those outside automobiles. A complete street is safe, and feels safe, for everyone using the street. FHWA and FTA seek to help Federal aid recipients plan, develop, and operate streets and networks that prioritize safety, comfort, and access to destinations for people who use the street network, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micro-mobility users, freight delivery services, and motorists. The goal is to provide an equitable and safe transportation network for travelers of all ages and abilities, including those from marginalized communities facing historic disinvestment. This vision is not achieved through a one-size-fits-all solution – each complete street is unique and developed to best serve its community context and its primary role in the network. Per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s 2019 data, 62 percent of the motor vehicle crashes that resulted in pedestrian fatalities took place on arterials. Arterials tend to be designed for vehicle movement rather than mobility for non-motorized users and often lack convenient and safe crossing opportunities. They can function as barriers to a safe travel network for road users outside of vehicles. To be considered complete, these roads should include safe pedestrian facilities, safe transit stops (if present), and safe crossing opportunities on an interval necessary for accessing destinations. A safe and complete network for bicycles can also be achieved through a safe and comfortable bicycle facility located on the roadway, adjacent to the road, or on a nearby parallel corridor. Jurisdictions will be encouraged to prioritize safety improvements and speed management on arterials that are essential to creating complete travel networks for those without access to single-occupancy vehicles.

4) Public Involvement

Early, effective, and continuous public involvement brings diverse viewpoints into the decision-making process. FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs, State DOTs, and providers of public transportation to increase meaningful public involvement in transportation planning by integrating Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) tools into the overall public involvement approach while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices. The use of VPI broadens the reach of information to the public and makes participation more convenient and affordable to greater numbers of people. Virtual tools provide increased transparency and access to transportation planning activities and decision-making processes. Many virtual tools also provide information in visual and interactive formats that enhance public and stakeholder understanding of proposed plans, programs, and projects. Increasing participation earlier in the process can reduce project delays and lower staff time and costs.

5) Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs and State DOTs to coordinate with representatives from DOD in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs for STRAHNET routes and other public roads that connect to DOD facilities. According to the Declaration of Policy in 23 U.S.C. 101(b)(1), it is in the national interest to accelerate construction of the Federal-aid highway system, including the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, because many of the highways (or portions of the highways) are inadequate to meet the needs of national and civil defense. The DOD's facilities include military bases, ports, and depots. The road networks that provide access and connections to these facilities are essential to national security. The 64,200-mile STRAHNET system consists of public highways that provide access, continuity, and emergency transportation of personnel and equipment in times of peace and war. It includes the entire 48,482 miles of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and 14,000 miles of other non-Interstate public highways on the National Highway System. The STRAHNET also contains approximately 1,800 miles of connector routes linking more than 200 military installations and ports to the primary highway system. The DOD's facilities are also often major employers in a region, generating substantial volumes of commuter and freight traffic on the transportation network and around entry points to the military facilities. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the STRAHNET maps and recent Power Project Platform (PPP) studies. These can be a useful resource in the State and MPO areas covered by these route analyses.

6) Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs and State DOTs to coordinate with FLMAs in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands. Through joint coordination, the State DOTs, MPOs, Tribal Governments, FLMAs, and local agencies should focus on integration of their transportation planning activities and develop cross-cutting State and MPO long range transportation plans, programs, and corridor studies, as well as the Office of Federal Lands Highway's developed transportation plans and programs. Agencies should explore opportunities to leverage transportation funding to support access and transportation needs of FLMAs before transportation projects are programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Each State must consider the concerns of FLMAs that have jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the State (23 CFR 450.208(a)(3)). MPOs must appropriately involve FLMAs in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP (23 CFR 450.316(d)). Additionally, the Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Lands Transportation Program, and the Federal Lands

Access Program TIPs must be included in the STIP, directly or by reference, after FHWA approval in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 201(c) (23 CFR 450.218(e)).

- 7) **Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)**
 FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage State DOTs, MPOs and Public Transportation Agencies to implement PEL as part of the transportation planning and environmental review processes. The use of PEL is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. PEL leads to interagency relationship building among planning, resource, and regulatory agencies in the early stages of planning to inform and improve project delivery timeframes, including minimizing duplication and creating one cohesive flow of information. This results in transportation programs and projects that serve the community’s transportation needs more effectively while avoiding and minimizing the impacts on human and natural resources.

- 8) **Data in Transportation Planning**
 To address the emerging topic areas of data sharing, needs, and analytics, FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public transportation to incorporate data sharing and consideration into the transportation planning process, because data assets have value across multiple programs. Data sharing principles and data management can be used for a variety of issues, such as freight, bike and pedestrian planning, equity analyses, managing curb space, performance management, travel time reliability, connected and autonomous vehicles, mobility services, and safety. Developing and advancing data sharing principles allows for efficient use of resources and improved policy and decision making at the State, MPO, regional, and local levels for all parties.

- 9) **Housing**
 Support housing programs and projects with well-developed and designed multi modal transportation networks. Providing alternatives to private vehicle use will reduce vehicle miles traveled. The Town is dedicated to providing lower cost transportation alternatives such as bike lanes, sidewalks, and easy access to transit.

Federal Planning Emphasis Areas supporting OWP Work Elements

Table 3.1 outlines FY 2024/24 OWP Work Elements that address and support each Planning Emphasis Area and FAST Act Planning Consideration. As illustrated below, the applicable PEAs are integrated into Mono County LTC’s FY 2024/25 work program.

3.1 FY 24/25 OWP Work Elements and Planning Emphasis Areas/Planning Considerations

PEAs	Work Elements
MAP-21/Fast Act Implementation	200.1, 700.1
Models of Regional Planning Cooperation	100.1, 200.1, 200.2, 400.1, 800.1, 900.3, 900.5, 900.8
Ladders of Opportunity	100.1, 100.3
Economic Vitality	200.1, 200.2, 900.3 & .4, 900.7
Safety of Transportation Systems	200.2, 400.1, 700.1, 700.2, 900.8

Security of Transportation Systems	100.3, 200.1, 200.2, 400.1
Accessibility and Mobility	200.1, 200.2, 400.1, 700.1, 800.2, 900.3 & .4, 900.6
Environment, Conservation, and Quality of Life	200.2, 200.2, 400.1, 700.1, 800.1, & 900.6
Connectivity of Modes	200.1, 400.1, 700.1, 800.1 & .2, 900.6
Efficient Management and Operations	100.3, 200.2, 700.1, 900.3 & .4
Preservation of Systems	200.1, 400.1, 700.1, 900.3, .4, & .8
Reliability of Systems	200.1, 400.1, 700.1, 700.2, 900.3, .4, & .8
Enhance Travel and Tourism	200.1, 700.1, 700.2, 800.2, 900.6

FY 2024/25 OWP

LTC's planning activities are divided into ~~18-19~~ Work Elements. Funding sources for LTC planning activities include a combination of RPA and PPM dollars. Table 4.1 lists the Work Elements and the total estimated cost for each. The following pages contain a detailed description of each of the work elements for the OWP, including work tasks, work products, estimated benchmarks, and estimated costs. The Mono County LTC intends to use all of its 24/25 OWP allocation and, in any case, the 24/25 OWP carryover amount is estimated to be no more than \$57,500.~~A detailed summary table containing estimated costs and funding sources for all work elements is still in development.~~

Table 4.1 Draft (TBD) Budget by Work Element—ADD CARRYOVER estimate

Work Element	Description	Total RPA	PPM Amount	LTF	Carryover RPA 23/24	Total
100.1	General Administration and Management	10,000			<u>2,000</u>	10,000
100.2	Overall Work Program Development & Admin	5,000			<u>2,000</u>	5,000
100.3	Training and Professional Development	4,000				4,000
200.1	Regional Transportation Plan	4,500			<u>3,500</u>	4,500
200.2	Regional Transportation Plan Monitoring	3,500			<u>5,000</u>	3,500
300	Reserved for future needs	0				0
400.1	Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan	10,000				10,000
400.2	YARTS SRTP update	33,000				33,000
500	Reserved for future needs	0				0
600	Reserved for future needs	0				0
700.1	Regional Transportation Improvement Program	7,000				7,000
700.2	Project Development and Project Study Reports	0	50,000			50,000
800.1	Regional Transportation Planning	1,500			<u>\$20,000</u>	1,500
800.2	Regional Transit Planning and Coordination	3,000			<u>\$5,000</u>	3,000
900.1	Planning, Monitoring and Traffic Management	6,000				6,000
900.2	Regional Data Collection Equipment	70,000				70,000
900.3	Regional Asset Management - RPA	15,000				15,000
900.4	Regional Asset Management - PPM	0	25,000			25,000
900.5	Air Quality Monitoring	500				500
900.6	Trails Planning	40,000			<u>10,000</u>	40,000
900.7	Community Traffic Calming / Complete Streets / Design	2,000				2,000
900.8	Mono County Public Works Projects	15,000			<u>10,000</u>	15,000
Total						305,000
Final Budget		230,000	75,000	TBD	<u>TBD57,500</u>	305,000

Invoicing / Reimbursement

The OWP is a reimbursement-based program on eligible activities contained in the adopted program. The two main funding sources are Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) and Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds. Request for reimbursement is outlined below:

All costs and a description of work performed need to be submitted to LTC staff from Mono County by the 15th day following the quarter end or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend/holiday. Late submittals will not be included.

Q1 = July 1 – Sept 30

Q2 = October 1 – December 31

Q3 = January 1 -March 31

Q4 = April 1 – June 30

Full requirements for billing submittals are provided in appendix A.

Work Element 100—Agency Administration and Management

The tasks in this work element cover activities related to the overall administration of LTC’s transportation planning program. All tasks are annual or ongoing activities undertaken to maintain compliance with regulations, organize and manage activities, and staff training.

100.1 General Administration and Management

Purpose: This task includes general administrative functions related to transportation planning and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan goals and policies. This may include preparation of Commission agendas, reports, public noticing, and other administrative functions of the Commission.

Previous Work: This work element provides ongoing transportation-focused administrative duties. Work includes agendas, reports, public notices, and general coordination for the transportation planning activities of staff and the commission.

Task Elements:

- Preparation of required reports and memoranda supporting the activities of the LTC as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Monthly and as needed coordination meetings between staff, Caltrans, YARTS, ESTA, the Commission Chair, and others as necessary to set meeting agenda items [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Management and administration of budgets and agreements as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- LTC support, such as providing staff reports, researching LTC/RTPA issues for Commissioners, preparation of board/public meeting materials, and attendance at LTC regular and special meetings as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Monthly meetings, including agenda, staff reports, and supporting materials.
- Miscellaneous reports, analyses, correspondence, task summaries and memoranda, and funding management and invoicing for LTC, as needed.
- Agendas and meeting materials, including notification to Tribes and a public email distribution list, as well as posting on a public website, to facilitate public engagement.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$1,500	\$8,500	\$10,000
TDA – LTF		TBD	TBD
Total			\$10,000

100.2 Overall Work Program Development and Administration

Purpose: This task includes administration of FY 2024/25 OWP and development of the FY 2025/26 OWP by County staff in cooperation with other local, state, or federal agencies. This task also includes OWP amendments, as needed.

Previous Work: This WE includes reporting on amendments to the current FY 2023/24 OWP, quarterly reporting and billing for the current OWP, and development of the 24/25 OWP.

Task Elements:

- Closeout of the FY 2023/24 OWP – annually [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Administration of the FY 2024/25 OWP, as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Quarterly reporting of current year OWP progress and billing [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Implementation of the OWP including amendments, as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Development and preparation of the FY 2025/26 OWP – annually [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Conduct public outreach, including notification of input opportunities to the public and invitations to Tribes to participate [\(LTC staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Prior FY 2023/24 deliverables.
- FY 2024/25 OWP quarterly reports.
- Amendments and budget adjustments to the OWP, as needed.
- An adopted FY 2025/26 OWP.
- Notifications to tribes and the public of input opportunities and public meetings.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

- Quarterly reporting due by July 31, 2024; October 31, 2024; January 31, 2025; and April 30, 2025.
- March 2025 tribal and public outreach on draft OWP complete; June 2025 outreach on final OWP complete.
- The draft 2025/26 OWP is due March 1, 2025; adoption targeted for June 2025.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
Total			\$5,000

100.3 Training and Professional Development

Purpose: This task includes training and professional development opportunities related to transportation planning for staff. Staff must be up to date on current federal, state, and local regulations and policies that relate to and affect transportation. Training may include topics related to SB 1, SB 743, Transportation Development Act (TDA), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUCTD) requirements, Local Assistance, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans, complete streets design and best practices, best practices for public meetings and outreach, and others.

Previous Work: Attendance in various webinars such as SB 1, management training, funding sources, and complete streets.

Task Elements:

- Attendance by staff for necessary workshops, conferences, webinars, and/or other transportation planning including non-motorized uses, events as opportunities are available and as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- In- house training with staff as necessary [\(LTC and County staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Attendance of training events.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year, dependent on when trainings are offered.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Total			\$4,000

Work Element 200—Regional Transportation Series

The tasks of this Work Element are to maintain, monitor, and amend as needed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This task is performed cooperatively by Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes staff. The series includes RTP development, monitoring, and multi-modal planning efforts.

200.1 Regional Transportation Plan

Purpose: The objective of the RTP is to maintain an up-to-date transportation plan that furthers the goals, policies, actions, and assessment of current modes on a regional and local basis. This element also coordinates other agency documents that are transportation-related (such as the TOML and Mono County Housing Elements).

Previous Work: Discussions with Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPACs) and Town commissions about transportation and mobility concerns in their communities, coordination with Caltrans when needed, and cataloging potential issues and studies to incorporate into a future RTP adoption or OWP work element. Maintain an up-to-date 2024 RTP.

Task Elements:

- Evaluate, research, and revise transportation policies as needed. This includes identification of future transportation needs/improvements (LTC staff).
- Review and implement RTP policies and programs for Housing Element and General Plan consistency as needed (LTC and and County staff)
- Continue public engagement and outreach to community groups on transportation-related topics through the Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPACs) – monthly (LTC and County staff).
- Outreach to Tribal Governments on transportation and transit issues, as needed (LTC staff).
- Review state and federal agency planning documents for consistency with the RTP, as needed (LTC staff).
- Review capital improvement programs from TOML and County for consistency with the RTP – annually (LTC staff).
- Update airport planning documents (LTC and County staff, potentially a consultant if one is contracted for this work).

Expected Products:

- Agendas and minutes from meetings with Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPACs) and/or other stakeholders on transportation-related issues.
- Documentation of Tribal Government outreach.
- Documentation of issue identification and policy development.
- Update the Regional Transportation Plan in 2024.
- Updated Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans.

Estimated Benchmarks:

- Outreach to RPACs, Tribes, CPT, and others for updates to the RTP and community policies, and any other planning documents (such as ALUCPs) – December 2024.
- Review any RTP policy updates for adoption and incorporate future RTIP cycles – June 2025.
- Integrate RTP changes into Mono County and TOML planning documents to ensure coordination – June 2025.
- Continue to review RTP policies in future RTIP cycles (2026, etc.).

- June 2025: adopted ALUC plans, as necessary (may require contracting with a consultant).

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$500	\$4,000	\$4,500
Total			\$4,500

200.2 Regional Transportation Plan Monitoring

Purpose: Regional transportation is a changing environment that must be monitored to remain up to date on legislation, funding opportunities, and current planning efforts. The purpose of this Work Element is for Mono County and TOML to stay current on legislation and statutory requirements to maintain an adequate RTP. Many of these programs and funding opportunities are the result of staff participation with Rural Counties Task Force, RTPA group, and/or virtual attendance at California Transportation Commission meetings.

Previous Work: This work element has been created to highlight legislation tracking and planning document review to ensure consistency in all planning efforts with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan. Past and current examples include ~~SB 743 (VMT implementation)~~; Local Transportation Climate Adaption Program Guidelines and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law / Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (BIL/IJA); Local Transportation Climate Adaption Program (LTCAP); Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), Caltrans Strategic Investment Strategy (CSIS); AB 1121 Transportation Needs Assessment Report; and SB 125 transit program funding. Grant work includes the EDA grant, RTP grant application, and ESCOG corridor grant application. Staff attended RCTF and other meetings on state and federal transportation legislation and funding opportunities. A debrief on winter storm events/hazards was held with the LTC.

Task Elements:

- Track, and comment on as needed, state and federal transportation legislation (LTC staff).
- Track, participate in, and serve on working groups as needed, such as Rural Counties Task Force and Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill & IJA groups, when meetings are called (LTC staff).
- Track and apply for new funding opportunities that support and implement the RTP, potentially by contracting with a consultant, and/or fly a request for proposals (RFP) and hire a consultant to match projects with funds, as needed. Any outside-contracted consultant work will follow Caltrans requirements (LTC staff and County staff).
- Review California Transportation Commission (CTC) and/or Caltrans plans and policy changes as needed (LTC staff).
- Provide RTP consistency with Regional Transportation Improvement Program as needed (LTC staff).
- Debrief on fire and winter storm events/hazards as needed (LTC, County and D9 staff).
- Develop talking points for Commissioners to educate and communicate about rural transportation needs, context, and realities at the state and federal level, as needed (LTC staff).
- Ongoing documentation through narratives and data of the specific challenges from a changing climate that can be shared on behalf of the transportation needs of the residents of Mono County to assist in the procurement of resources to enhance the resilience of local infrastructure to benefit local residents, visitors, and public safety, as needed (LTC staff).

Expected Products:

- Grant applications, if submitted.
- Letters will be provided at fiscal year closeout, if submitted.
- RFP and awarded contract, only if RFPs are used.

Estimated Benchmarks:

- Grant consultant contract by February 2025.

- Grant applications as funding availability is released and grant deadlines are set.
- Work is ongoing for the complete fiscal year, and dependent on grant opportunity and legislative comment deadlines.
- Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Total			\$3,500

Work Element 400—Grants

The purpose of this Work Element is to support a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant. This one-time grant and the Work Element will be removed upon close out of the grant.

The LTC will also be helping YARTS with funding for their Short Range Transit Plan grant. Mono County LTC ~~funds will be Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds will be used. -or Local Transportation Fund (LTF).~~

400.1 Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan/ Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

Purpose: This grant will update Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP). A consultant will be under contract to conduct the update with the assistance of Mono County staff. The RPA funding provides only 10% of the total funding to complete the MJHMP. The remaining funding is from a Federal Emergency Management Agency/California Office of Emergency Services grant.

RTP Consistency: The RTP recognizes that the transportation network has the potential to be impacted by various hazards that are inventoried, assessed, and mitigated in the MJHMP.

- Under the discussion of the Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs), the RTP recognizes potential transportation related hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, and hazardous material transport.
- The Needs Assessment section identifies the need to address emergency preparedness and emergency response for the regional transportation system, identify alternative access/emergency routes, and address avalanche hazards that may impact the local street and road network.
- Wildlife collisions are a hazard unique to rural areas, are addressed in the MJHMP, and planning/mitigation for these hazards are addressed in the RTP (see the multiple objectives under Policy 9.B. and Action 18.B.1.c.
- Objective 9.A.7. recognizes the need to reduce transportation-related hazards such as flooding.

Task Elements:

1. Planning Process (County and Town staff)
 - Assemble Project Management Team
 - Conduct Procurement for Consultation
2. Hazard Identification (consultant with County and Town staff review)
 - Community Profiles
 - Hazard Profiles Development
3. Risk Assessment (consultant with County and Town staff review)
 - Wildfire Hazards Assessment
 - Emergency Access Routes
 - Vulnerability Assessment
 - Critical Facilities Loss Estimate
 - Land Use Development Trends
4. Mitigation Strategy (consultant with County and Town staff review)
 - Mitigation Goals and Objectives
 - Mitigation Strategies and Actions Development

- Mitigation Action Matrix Development
- 5. Plan Preparation: (consultant with County and Town staff review)
 - Capabilities Assessment
 - HMP Team Meetings
 - Plan Maintenance
- 6. Plan Drafting (consultant with County and Town staff review)
 - Draft MJHMP
 - Review Draft MJHMP & Receive Input
 - Draft Final MJHMP
- 7. Public Outreach/Meetings/Public Hearings (County and Town staff with consultant assistance)
 - Identify Mechanisms for Collecting Public Comment and Development of Web Content/ Outreach Materials
 - Community Meetings
- 8. Plan Adoption (consultant, County and Town staff)
 - Submit Final Plan for State Review
 - Adoption Presentations
 - Facilitate Special District Adoption (As Needed)
- 9. Closeout/Grant Administration (Covered by Subrecipient Management Cost (SMRC)) (County staff)
- 10. Quarterly, Annual & Closeout Reporting/Deliverables (County and Town staff)

Expected Products:

- Meeting agendas, data collection, outreach efforts, and stakeholder groups, including tribes.
- Draft and final plan
- Grant administration and final closeout

Estimated Benchmarks:

- Request for Proposals – December 2023
- Contractor Selection – February 2024
- Steering Committee meetings, studies, draft updates – 2024
- Draft MJHMP – February 2025
- Review Draft MJHMP & Receive Public Input – April 2025
- Final MJHMP – April 2025
- Final MJHMP Submitted to CalOES - May 2025
- Adoption Presentations TOML & Mono County – February/March 2026
- Scope of Work Completion (CalOES Due Date) – March 16, 2026
- Closeout and Reimbursement Claims (CalOES Due Date) – May 15, 2026
- FEMA/CalOES HMP Grant Expiration– June 14, 2026

Estimated Completion Date: May 15, 2026

Funding:

Project	Federal Share	RPA funding (match)	Total Funding
MJHMP Update	\$179,982	\$10,000	\$199,980
Subrecipient Management Cost (SMRC)	\$8,415	\$0	\$8,415
Total	\$188,397	\$10,000	\$208,395

400.2 YARTS Short Range Transit Plan

Purpose: This grant will develop a Short-Range Transit Plan for Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS). Mono County is one of five members of the YARTS joint powers authority (JPA), and provides transportation funding to the organization. As a public transit provider, YARTS is integrated into the Mono County regional multi-modal transportation system which supports residents and visitors. The Mono County LTC is providing approximately one-fifth of the project cost in RPA funds; the remaining funding is being provided by other JPA members and YARTS has applied for grant funding (FTA 5304).

RTP Consistency: This work element supports the implementation of RTP Action M.12.1.1. to “Develop short- and long-range transit plans that identify community transit needs and update regularly.”

Previous Work: This is a new work element with funding from-by YARTS with Mono County LTC RPA funding and staff support as needed.

Task Elements:

- Strategic Planning and Goals Alignment
- Communication and Marketing
- Integration with Yosemite National Park Shuttle Services
- Inter-Agency Collaboration & Connectivity to Multi Modal Transit
- Zero Emission Transition
- Fleet Evaluation
- Route Analysis and Improvements
- JPA Membership Dues Analysis

Expected Products:

- Meeting agendas, Consultant Selection
- Comprehensive review of service area characteristics
- Draft and final plan

Estimated Benchmarks:

- Project Initiation with consultant Summer 2024,
- Review of Existing Conditions, Summer/Fall 2024,
- Draft and Final Plan –Spring/Summer 2025,
- Grant Closeout – Winter 2025

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2025 RPA Budget needs to reflect 1/5 match funding

Funding:

	YARTS	Mono County	Project Total
RPA (Mono County LTC)		\$33,000	\$33,000
FTA 5304	\$82,000		\$82,000
Other JPA members (Merced	\$50,000		\$50,000

Total	\$132,000	\$33,000	\$165,000
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Work Element 700—Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Project Development Series

The RTIP and Project Development Series is the design and programming of various work elements for projects that are ready for construction funding. The funding may come from a variety of federal (FTIP, grants), State (STIP, grants) and local sources (SB 1, grants).

700.1 RTIP

Purpose: The RTIP is a two-year planning and programming document that is adopted in odd calendar years. The funds can be used for road, transit, bike, and pedestrian construction projects in the County and TOML. The funding comes from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. Regional and local projects cannot be programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program or allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) without an up-to-date RTIP.

Previous Work:

- Adoption of 2024 RTIP, consistency determination of the 2024 RTIP to the 2019 Regional Transportation Plan, and consistency of the 2024 RTIP with CTC guidelines.
- Administrative support of the multi-agency collaborative working group on the Wildlife Crossing on US 395, which secured grant funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board to conduct California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis on all phases.

Task Elements:

- Coordinate with statewide, regional, and local planning agencies on future capital projects (such as: Freeman Gulch 2 & 3, North Conway Truck Climbing Lane, Wildlife Crossing on US 395), as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Develop programming needs and/or projects for future RTIP cycles, as needed [\(Town and County staff, LTC staff\)](#).
- Monitor / amend the 2024 RTIP as necessary [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Develop and fly a request for proposals (RFP) to secure consultants for planning studies for projects [\(LTC staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Wildlife Crossing committee agendas and meeting materials, County comments at applicable stages of development.
- Amendments to the 2024 RTIP, as needed.
- Request for proposals, contracts with qualified consultants.
- North Conway Truck Climbing Lane planning feasibility study on sage grouse habitat.
- At appropriate points in the process, conduct public outreach to solicit input from communities, stakeholders, and tribes.

Estimated Benchmarks:

- Other work is ongoing for the complete fiscal year.
- Monthly Wildlife Crossing-meetings.
- RFP and contracting process completed by Dec. 2024.
- Sage grouse feasibility study for North Conway Truck Climbing Lanes – May 2025.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$500	\$6,500	\$7,000
RPA Carryover		TBD	
Total			\$7,000

700.2 Project Development Work / Project Study Reports

Purpose: This WE will develop Project Initiation Documents (PID) and Project Study Reports (PSR) for future construction programming. PIDs are planning documents used to determine the type and scope of a project. PSRs are a type of PID document that include engineering reports on the scope, schedule, and estimated cost of a project. A PSR is used to program the project for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding.

PID and PSR work under this element can also include development of bridge projects under the Highway Bridge Program (HBR), road safety projects under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), trail projects with Active Transportation Program (ATP) or Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding opportunities.

Previous Work: PSRs to support RTIP funding in 2020 and 2022. Examples include Long Valley Streets PSR, Airport Road PSR, TOML Local Roads PSR, TOML John Muir Road Drainage Improvements PSR, Benton Crossing Road Rehabilitation Project Phase 1 PSR and Eastside Lane Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 PSR, IJA application to replace bridges on Cunningham Lane, Larson Lane, and McGee Creek at Crowley Lake Drive.

Task Elements:

- Complete necessary engineering and technical studies to support the development of PSR’s and PID’s as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Completion of proposed project funding applications and other documents as required by the specific funding program as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Conduct public outreach and research to support the development of PSR’s and PID’s as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Maintain a list of fundable and construction ready projects as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Review emergency access routes for PSR development consistent with [Multi-Jurisdictional Local-Hazard Mitigation Plan \(MJHMP\)](#) as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Update existing PSRs as needed for the 2026⁶⁴ RTIP cycle as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Meet any new documentation and/or funding requirements of BIL/IJA as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- PID and PSR development for future RTIP cycles, PSR for Old Mammoth Road MUP.
- Other technical studies needed for project development
- BIL / IJA project submittals

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
PPM	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total			\$50,000

Work Element 800—Regional Transportation Planning Series

This Work Element is to improve multi-modal access and coordination of transportation issues between the Eastern Sierra and other regions, such as Nevada, Southern, and Central California. Interagency partners include National Park Service, US Forest Service, Kern Council of Governments (COG), San Bernardino County Transportation Agency (SBCTA), and Inyo County LTC.

800.1. Interregional Planning

Purpose: This work element includes coordinating with other transportation agencies and forums, including Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF), Kern Council of Governments, San Bernardino County Transportation Agency (SBCTA), Yosemite National Park, Yosemite Gateway Partners, and Inyo County Local Transportation Commission, on current issues, funding opportunities, and MOU projects. Kern COG, SBCTA, Inyo, and Mono LTCs make up the Eastern California Transportation Planning Partnership.

Previous work: Staff participation and attendance of Rural Counties Task Force meetings, discussions with Yosemite National Park on access planning, and Collaborative Planning Team meetings, to which Tribes are invited. Revitalized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) project conversations and made progress toward repayment of funding advances by Inyo and Mono LTCs, and partners agreed the North Conway Truck Climbing Lane project is likely the next best project, pending a feasibility study of sage grouse habitat.

Task Elements:

- Participate in collaborative transportation planning forums and meetings such as Eastern California Transportation Planning Partnership, Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF), the Mono County Collaborative Planning Team (CPT), and other regional efforts when meetings are called. Tribes are formal participants of the CPT and receive all meeting notices and materials [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Work collaboratively with federal agencies such as Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service as needed [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Continue MOU project discussions with Kern Council of Governments (COG) and Inyo County LTC to develop a project and continue to work toward repayment of Inyo and Mono LTCs per the funding split in the MOU [\(LTC staff\)](#).
- Engage with transportation entities as needed on collaborative efforts to support Mono County LTC goals and policies [\(LTC staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Meeting agendas and minutes from the RCTF and Mono County Collaborative Planning Team.
- Reports to the Commission on the MOU and projects, potentially a new MOU and/or project list.

Estimated Benchmarks:

- RCTF meetings are monthly.
- CPT meetings are quarterly.
- MOU status/coordination meeting by December 2024.
- Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA		\$1,500	\$1,500
Total			\$1,500

800.2 Regional Transit Planning and Coordination

Purpose: Coordination on transit and transit related issues and/or policies with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) and Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (YARTS). This may include holding public transit workshops to identify transit issues, unmet needs, planning additional service routes, and coordination between transit operators and the Commission.

RTP Consistency: -The yearly unmet transit needs process also provides public input on region wide transportation issues and/or concerns as required by the RTP and the State Transportation Development Act (TDA). The RTP recognizes “Transit needs may be assessed in terms of those segments of the population that are dependent on some form of public transportation. In Mono County, these are generally young people, seniors, disabled persons, or low-income persons.” Some funding from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) is also available to help support the unmet transit needs process. -This work element relates to the following sections of the RTP:

- RTP Goal 13: Assist with development and maintenance of transit systems as a component of multi-modal transportation system in Mono County.
- Objective 13.A.2. Maintain and improve transit services for transit-dependent citizens in Mono County, including the continuation and improvement of social services transportation services.
- Objective 13.A.3. Support public transit financially to the level determined 1) by the “reasonable to meet” criteria during the annual unmet transit needs hearing, and 2) by the amount of available funds.
- Policy 17.A. Actively foster the public outreach process in order to increase community participation in the transportation planning process.
- Objective 17.A.1. To improve efficiency and policy coordination, utilize existing community entities whenever possible for public outreach during the transportation planning process.
- Objective 17.A.2. Coordinate planning activities through established forums, such as:

RTP Goal13:

Assist with development and maintenance of transit systems as a component of multi-modal transportation systems in mono county.

RTP Objective 17.A.2. Coordinate transportation planning activities through established forums, such as:

- ▲Mono County Collaborative Planning Team
- ▲Regional Planning Advisory Committee meetings
- ▲Workshops on specific transportation-related topics (e.g., Livable Communities, pedestrian planning, bicycle planning)
- ▲Annual unmet transit needs hearing for transit issues
- ▲Annual LTC public hearing

The largest portion of the ESTA fleet of vehicles is due to reach the end of useful life in 2024. The Commission is supportive of dedicated support for replacing ESTA’s fleet, including support to purchase zero emissions buses, fueling infrastructure, buildings, and planning. The Commission is also supportive of ESTA’s Transit Asset Management Plan, wherein vehicle useful life limits are defined with consideration of the harsh operating environment in Mammoth Lakes.

Previous work: Staff and Commission participation with YARTS on 2023 summer service (123 service days) and coordinating funding for the YARTS short-range transit plan increase in its annual LTF funding (now \$40,000/yr.). In

conjunction with ESTA, conducted unmet transit and transportation needs with RPACs. Submitted SB 125 project list for funding.

Task Elements:

- Attend stakeholder meetings as appropriate and as needed [\(LTC and ESTA staff\)](#).
- Conduct community outreach on an annual basis, including to tribes [\(LTC and ESTA staff\)](#).
- Conduct seasonal transit workshop – these would be general transit needs meetings with TOML, RPAC groups, Tribal Governments, and other interested nonprofits [\(LTC and ESTA staff\)](#).
- Meet annually with Social Service Technical Advisory Committee (SSTAC) members as needed [\(STC and ESTA staff\)](#).
- Collect Unmet Transit needs for community in spring 2025 [\(LTC and ESTA staff\)](#).
- Incorporate Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan policy into transit plans as needed [\(ESTA and YARTS staff\)](#).
- Participate in the monthly YARTS Authority Advisory Committee (AAC) [\(LTC and County staff\)](#).
- Staff involvement with YARTS strategic planning group as needed [\(LTC and County staff\)](#).
- Catalog needs for ESTA transitioning to a zero-emission fleet as needed [\(LTC and County staff\)](#).
- Provide support to ESTA [and YARTS](#) in maintaining capital assets in good repair and supporting operations. This includes the planning for replacement, maintenance, and infrastructure needs for the fleet, and planning efforts that support recruitment. As needed [\(LTC, ~~and~~ ESTA and YARTS staff\)](#).
- Analysis of emerging transit opportunities as needed [\(LTC, ~~and~~ ESTA and YARTS staff\)](#).
- [Work with ESTA and YARTS to develop and implement SB 125 projects \(LTC, ~~and~~ ESTA and YARTS staff\)](#).
- [Coordinate with Caltrans on District Transit Plans \(LTC, ESTA, and YARTS staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Documentation of input from the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and communities on unmet transit and other transportation needs in Spring 2025.
- Identification of the input that qualifies as an unmet transit need, and how that need will be addressed prior to any LTF dollars being allocated to local streets and roads in Spring 2025.
- Public hearing on unmet transit needs, adoption of an unmet transit needs resolution, and transmittal to state in compliance with the Transportation Development Act in Spring 2025.
- Identification of any general or contractual transit needs or service issues within the region in Spring 2025.
- Participation with YARTS, including support to the AAC and Governing Board and consideration of annual operating schedules or funding. This is a yearly effort dependent on the annual opening of Tioga Pass and number of contracted operating days to and from Yosemite National Park.

- Annual allocation of STA and LTF funds.
- Coordinate with ESTA and YARTS on potential SB 125 funding.
- Comments and input into the Caltrans District Transit Plan.

Estimated Benchmarks:

- SB 125 Allocation Package revisions with CalSTA staff, ESTA, and YARTS, as requested.
- Unmet transit needs process, including outreach to tribes: January – June 2025
- Consultation with transit providers on funding (ESTA and YARTS) and annual STA/LTF allocations: May or June 2025
- YARTS meetings ongoing throughout the year.
- Caltrans District Transit Plan comments and participation according to Caltrans' planning schedule.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Total			\$3,000

900 Asset Management and Traffic Issues

Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes base operational decisions and work priorities on data. For the past two decades, the organizations have incrementally developed a comprehensive enterprise-scale GIS asset management database to house the information necessary to make those decisions and continue to prioritize work efforts to keep the information up to date. Mono County is also utilizing drone surveys and AutoCAD to develop a database of all county-maintained roads, road horizontal alignments, vertical alignments, and roadside infrastructure.

This is fundamentally important to strive for data-driven decision making to manage transportation and multi-modal assets throughout the region. There is an ongoing commitment of staff resources and funding to ensure the appropriate data needed to drive and carry out projects and address relevant road safety issues, including trails and multi-modal projects.

At the core of this is a series of transportation and asset management datasets which contain information on a variety of elements which exist within the right of way and are managed as part of our overall transportation and mobility infrastructure. To adequately perform planning work for future efforts, we must continue to maintain this data to ensure that we have the right information to help with our decision making.

900.1 Planning, Monitoring, and Traffic Management Issues

Purpose: The purpose of this Work Element is to provide for the planning, review and monitoring of various transportation improvements and traffic management issues. These tasks support local and regional transportation planning including safety, multimodal infrastructure, vehicle use, vehicle miles traveled, bike and pedestrian counts, etc.

Previous work: TOML completed road assessments to inform the StreetSaver program and survey data collection on trail usage, pedestrian/bike counts and traffic data at various recreational destinations throughout Town. County worked on illegal parking/usage of RVs and coordination of community traffic issues such as Walker Main Street and June Lake SR 158 road closure signs.

~~worked on one-time and recurring traffic reports and studies to support documents that include the Woodmen-Traffic Study, and North Village Cut-Through Study. County Traffic Data Collection and / or traffic studies were conducted in June Lake, on Crowley Lake Drive, Benton Crossing Road, Lower Rock Creek Road, Twin Lakes Road, Eastside Lane, and others.~~

Task Elements:

- Conduct applicable reviews, such as analysis of non-motorized features, as needed (Town and County staff).
- Conduct street parking management studies, as needed (Town and County staff).
- Perform studies such as: traffic volume, speed studies, turning movements, VMTs, and sight distance studies as needed (Town and County staff).
- Conduct pedestrian / bike user counts as needed (Town and County staff).
- Streetsaver data collection, road assessments, ADA assessments and project prioritization as needed (Town and County staff).
- Complete necessary engineering and technical studies to support the development of PSR's and PID's as needed (Town and County staff).
- Completion of proposed project funding applications and other documents as required by the specific funding

program as needed (Town and County staff).

Expected Products:

- Various TOML studies (road assessments, traffic volume, speed, turning movements, sight distance studies, VMT surveys and background data, and bike/ped counts)
- Updates to TOML VMT model as required by changes to the traffic network and as influenced by development
- Completed studies for various County roads and/or US 395 main street corridors through towns.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Total			\$6,000

900.2 Regional Data Collection Equipment

Purpose: This Work Element will purchase equipment (hardware and software) for counting vehicles, cyclists, Off Highway Vehicles (OHV), and pedestrians; and maintaining a regional data collection program to support current monitoring and transportation planning activities.

RTP Consistency: Data collected through purchased equipment will be used to analyze the use (number, patterns, and trends) of various transportation facilities, including sidewalks, system trails, and roadways, and will be used to aid in planning future transportation policies, programs, and capital projects to improve safety and reduce vehicle use at the local level. The WE provides for quantifiable data in order to meet the needs of a multi-modal transportation network. This supports RTP Goal 12: Provide for the use of non-motorized means of transportation, which increases the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking, increases the safety and mobility of non-motorized users, enhances public health, and provides a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

This WE also accounts for the deployment, management, and analysis of trail and vehicle counters including on-going data compilation and reports for multi-modal planning and transportation needs related to WE 900.6 - Regional Trails Planning. Many of our multi-use paths (MUPS) and trails provide “commuter” access to major activity nodes like housing, lodging, campgrounds, recreational facilities/destinations, transit stops, and commercial services.

This work element implements-relates to the following RTP sections:

- Objective 1.B.1. Periodically update the long-range regional travel demand by assessing changes in land use, housing and projected demographic changes, conducting travel surveys throughout the county and traffic counts on County roads, and by incorporating data from Caltrans’ traffic monitoring system and traffic census program (e.g., Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes for state highways).
- Objective 1.B.2. Implement a biennial traffic counting program on County roads.
- M.3.2.2. Action: Continue to work with Caltrans to plan and implement traffic-calming measures on SR 203.
- M.6.2. Policy: Strive to maximize the efficiency of existing street infrastructure through implementation of Travel Demand Management strategies, Intelligent Transportation Solutions, and alternative transportation.
- Bicycle Transportation Plan (Chapter 4 of Appendix H): Current and future demand for bicycle facilities in Mono County is difficult to measure or project since the County has no data on bicycle trips other than the extremely limited data from the 2000 Census. The 2010 Census does not provide any information on estimated number of bicycle trips in Mono County.

Previous Work: County has purchased and deployed counters for both traffic data collections and trail usage counts. It is evident that additional trail and or vehicle counters and routine system monitoring are required for useful data collection to inform transportation and other WE planning needs and tasks. The Town of Mammoth purchased Streetsaver pavement management annual subscription and purchased Streetsaver’s mobile rater app which is used to enter road assessment data in real time in the field. The Town also purchased two Jamar traffic monitoring systems that are used to collect vehicle speed data.

Task Elements:

- Purchase additional Data Collection equipment and software if necessary (Town and County staff).

- Purchase required hardware for deployment and on-going monitoring as needed [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- [Deployment, maintenance, and routine monitoring and analysis as necessary \(Town and County staff\).](#)
- [Equipment, maintenance, routine monitoring and analysis of traffic monitoring data to identify road system improvement needs, prioritizing maintenance and upgrades, manage traffic and transportation issues, etc.](#)
- Purchase Streetsaver software annual subscription and updates [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- ~~Mammoth Lakes Police Department to purchase traffic monitoring data collection live traffic camera license plate readers.~~
- Purchase tablets that will be used for Streetsaver data collection and road assessments [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- Replacement of vandalized or failed trail counting equipment [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- Reimbursement for recently purchased TRAFX dock [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- Purchase trail counter(s) that provide real time trails use data [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- ~~Mammoth Lakes Police Department traffic monitoring data collection through live traffic camera license plate readers.~~
- Manage infrared trail counters located across the trail and pathway network, which consists of installing and retrieving counters as well as frequent checks to ensure counters are functioning properly. Data is downloaded from each counter on a monthly basis. In the snow-covered winter months, counters may be deployed at winter recreation areas [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- Trailhead survey data collection program [\(Town and County staff\).](#)
- Cell phone data collection at high use recreation areas to inform future management [\(Town and County staff\).](#)

Expected Products:

- Purchase and deployment of equipment, including trail and traffic counters.
- Reports compiled and usage rates determined at various recreation hubs. This data will be used to implement and support WE 900.1, 900.3, 900.6, 900.7.
- Collection of trail and traffic counts for inclusion into Regional Asset Management System WE 900.3.
- Summary of collected information and how information will be used to prioritize future projects and or funding opportunities.
- TOML engineered speed surveys.
- Reports on traffic volumes and activity.
- Traffic data reports on police activity to inform future scheduling and allocation of police resources.
- Collection of trailhead use data in both summer and winter to support trail, trailhead and transit planning.
- Reports on trailhead use data.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000
Total			\$70,000

900.3 Regional Asset Management System — RPA

Purpose: This work element is done on a regional basis to provide a comprehensive and consistent program around asset management. Because the staff necessary to do the appropriate work are County employees, 100% of the budget is allocated to the County, even though some of the work being done is within and for the TOML.

RTP Consistency: This work element covers staff time necessary to continually develop and maintain an inventory of Right-of-Way, encroachments, culverts, signs, and other transportation issues or facilities to have the best possible data on current and or future projects. This quantitative baseline data helps staff analyze and prioritize potential projects. –This information is for planning purposes and not project implementation. –Work element 900.4 is implementation based and a different funding source.

This work element implements the following RTP sections:

- The County is continuing to fund the update and maintenance of its GIS for transportation planning purposes.
- GIS mapping of the county and the town will enhance and support alternative route awareness for emergency responders and incident locations.
- On County roads, the primary needs for local streets and roads are snow removal, regular pavement maintenance and major rehabilitation. Heavy snowstorms, rapid freeze-thaw deterioration and heavy visitor traffic create an unusually high demand for snow removal and regular annual maintenance. The Public Works Department maintains and updates annually a snow-removal priority list for County roads.
- Objective 22.I. Utilize technological advances to reduce demands on local roads and transportation facilities, and to provide convenient road and tourist information to area travelers.
- Policy 22.I.1. Utilize technological advances to disseminate travel information in the region.
- —RTP Policy 10.B: Pursue all means to maximize funding for asset management and roadway maintenance.

Previous Work: On-going work to develop and maintain an Asset Management System to help inventory and track transportation infrastructure. Examples of work completed include: maintenance of public information of road closures during winter conditions, geospatial analysis and creation of a map of roadways that occur on Inyo National Forest lands to clarify ownership issues and assist with discussions of maintenance, planning for land surveying of Aspen Springs Ranch Road and Pinenut Road, quantitative data collection and traffic data computations for Aspen Springs Ranch Road, development and deployment of –An example of this is development of the County road reporting system- (<https://monocounty.ca.gov/roads>).

Task Elements:

- Catalog and report all transportation related infrastructure as a baseline quantitative data set as needed. These may include ROWs, culverts, signs, traffic counts, alignment data, lane miles, trail segments, signs, kiosks, for non-motorized users, etc. (Town and County staff).
- Coordinate / store regional agency data for traffic counts and traffic data collection as needed (Town and County staff).
- Plan and identify locations for obtaining or improving road alignment data as needed (Town and County staff).
- Integrate linear reference information and Autocad drone surveys into future projects as needed (Town and County staff).
- Management and maintenance of joint TOML/County GIS database for web based public reporting of road safety hazards by location as needed (Town and County staff).
- Import of reported traffic collision data and location into GIS as needed (Town and County staff).

- Provide support to TOML and for County regarding transportation database requests as needed (Town and County staff).
- Update and maintain the County transportation system, maps, and documents as needed (Town and County staff).
- Quickbase application development to support and maintain an Asset Management System (Town and County staff).

Expected Products:

- Maintenance of all existing GIS maps, including updated transportation and attribute data.
- Processing of reports and input of data into spreadsheets to prioritize, and plan future projects related to asset management information (decision tool).
- Quantitative data from road traffic data collection to be used in road transport project PSRs and road safety assessments.
- Annual development and submittal of County maintained road mileage.
- Quickbase application that will serve as an asset management system tool.
- Updated County snow removal priority map.
- Notification by public of location of road safety hazards.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
Total			\$15,000

900.4 Regional Asset Management System – PPM

Purpose: This work element is done on a regional basis to provide a comprehensive and consistent program around asset management. Because the staff necessary to do the appropriate work are County employees, 100% of the budget is allocated to the County, even though some of the work being done is within and for the TOML.

This work element covers staff time necessary to continually develop and maintain an inventory of road horizontal and vertical alignments, Right-of-Way, topography, encroachments, culverts, signs, and other transportation issues or facilities to have the best possible data on current and or future projects. This quantitative data is used for project development such as PIDs and PSRs.

Previous Work: On-going work to maintain an Asset Management System to help inventory and track transportation infrastructure. This data is used to inform and address safety needs, develop PIDs, PSRs, and capital projects. This work is ongoing and will most likely continue into 24/25.

Task Elements:

- Collection of all transportation related infrastructure including current pavement condition information and Pavement Management System (PMS) data as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Provide reports to plan future maintenance in a cost-effective manner as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Implementation of land surveying to improve road alignment, road elevation data, and roadside infrastructure in Autocad database as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Collection of GIS road data and inventories as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Provide support to County and TOML on transportation data requests as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).

Expected Products:

- Asset management data used to develop PIDs and PSRs.
- Findings integrated into existing plans such as the five-year Capital Improvement Plan and the Transportation Asset Management Plan.
- Collection of necessary data to inform and determine presence of road safety issues.
- Completed road surveys, including horizontal alignments, vertical alignments, planimetrics, and roadside infrastructure.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing for the complete fiscal year

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
PPM		\$25,000	\$25,000
Total			\$25,000

900.5 Air Quality Monitoring and Planning TOML

Purpose: The purpose of this work element is to offset a portion of the cost for the daily monitoring and collection of air pollution data in Mammoth Lakes associated with particulate matter created by vehicle use (cinders and tire wear) and other emissions in Mammoth Lakes. The data is utilized to monitor the effects of Vehicle Miles Traveled on air pollution and measure the effects of proposed or implemented transportation infrastructure improvements and maintenance policies. The work effort supports the policies and programs of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, which coordinates regional air quality monitoring and improvement programs.

Task Elements & Products:

- Annual daily air pollution data and reporting (Town staff).

Estimated Benchmarks:

- FY 2024/25 daily air pollution data report.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$500	\$0	\$500
Total			\$500

900.6 Regional Trails Planning

Purpose: This work element will develop community trail projects and revision/implementation of the Mono County Trails and Bicycle Transportation Plans, which are appendices to the adopted RTP. This component may also consider Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) connections within and adjoining communities with multiple public land management units (combined use roads, strategic staging-area, and transportation/trailhead related needs) to plan multi-modal trails and transportation elements that address existing user trends. Trail planning within the County will follow existing templates and standards where possible, consistent with those developed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and federal/state land management units.

This work element supports the following Mono County RTP sections:

- ~~RTP Goal 12.~~ Goal 8. Plan and implement a transportation and circulation system that provides for livable communities, while maintaining efficient traffic flow, reducing vehicle miles traveled and alternative transportation modes to the automobile.
- RTP-Policy 8.B: Increase safety, mobility and access for pedestrians and bicyclists within community areas.
- Goal 12. Provide for the use of non-motorized means of transportation, which increases the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking, increases the safety and mobility of non-motorized users, enhances public health, and provides a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.
- Policy 12.D. Plan for and provide a continuous and easily accessible trail system within the region, particularly in June Lake and other community areas (see the June Lake Loop Trails Plan). When possible, use existing roads and trails to develop a trail system. Connect the trail system to commercial and recreational areas, parking facilities, residential areas, and transit services. See the Mono County General Plan Conservation/Open Space Element for additional policies relating to trails.
- Policy 12.E. Develop a safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian circulation system as a portion of the total active transportation network.
- Policy 23.B.2. Encourage the use of alternative travel modes for access into Yosemite, including transit and bicycles; e.g., transit riders should have priority access at Park gates and guaranteed access to the Valley.
- Policy 23.B.3. Promote the Mono Yosemite Trail as an access route for alternative travel modes.
- Objective 25.H. Promote the use of non-motorized forms of transportation to minimize the impact of the automobile in the Village, West Village/Rodeo Grounds, and Down Canyon areas and to create pedestrian-oriented areas.
- Policy 25.H.1. Provide, where feasible, paths for non-motorized modes of transportation (e.g., pedestrians, Nordic skiers or bicyclists) on rights of way separate from auto roadways. These paths should link major lodging and parking facilities with recreational and commercial centers and should be maintained year round.
- Action 25.H.1.a. Connect parking facilities with commercial and recreational nodes using paths suitable for non-motorized modes of transportation; e.g., pedestrian, bicycle/Nordic ski trails.
- Goal M.1: create a safe and efficient “complete streets” network that is based on “feet-first” principles, accommodates all modes of transportation, and serves all users.

M.10. GOAL: Support “feet-first” objectives by providing a linked year-round recreational and commuter bicycle system that is safe and comprehensive.

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Additionally, this Work Element supports the following Mammoth Lakes RTP sections:

It is also supported by RTP Goal M.1: M.1. Goal: create a safe and efficient “complete streets” network that is based on “feet first” principles, accommodates all modes of transportation, and serves all users.

- From the eExecutive Ssummary: The Town of Mammoth Lakes' action programs for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized users focus on implementing the Town’s General Bikeway Plan and the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Plan..
- P3: The existing transportation system is defined as highways/roadways, transit services, aviation facilities, & non-motorized facilities.
- P74 – Needs Assessment - Town of Mammoth Lakes – Non-Motorized Facilities: In Mammoth Lakes, non-motorized facilities for the use of pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians and Nordic skiers have been comprehensively planned. Because of the significant existing and future traffic congestion in Mammoth Lakes, non-motorized facilities can be more than recreational facilities. The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes 2013) to encourage increased use of active transportation modes, such as biking and walking. The goals of the Active Transportation Program [include the following]:
 - Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking;
 - Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding;
 - Development of new bikeways and walkways that improve mobility, access, or safety for non-motorized users; and
 - Safe routes to transit projects, which will encourage transit by improving biking and walking routes to mass transportation facilities and school bus stops.

Previous work: Significant planning efforts and various design standards have been developed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA) in past-planning efforts – consistent with federal/state standards as required.

Mono County met with federal/state land managers and participated in community planning meetings to identify trails and multi-modal transportation needs and trends. Examples include adoption of the Mountain Gate Park (various partners) plan and coordinated planning efforts with several partners in the Towns to Trails planning process.

Mono County met with Community Service Area 1 (CSA 1) to plan for multi-modal trail connectivity from Tom’s Place to SR 203 to provide safe bicycle/pedestrian corridors which address existing demand. The new Public Works Sustainable Recreation Coordinator under the Recreation Division also met with Board Supervisors, attended several RPACs, and U.S. Forest Service, BLM, CDFW, TOML, LADWP, MLTPA MLR, local tribes, SCE, and various other representatives to address a spectrum of trail-planning needs throughout the County including the development of wayfinding, vehicle/snow staging areas, and trailhead/transportation needs related to the County trails and bicycle plans. Staff has also reviewed future road rehabilitation projects for incorporation of bike lanes and other features where appropriate and met with federal land-management units to plan OHV/OSV connectivity adjoining local communities.

Task Elements:

- Meet with community stakeholders, federal/state land-managers, tribes, and pertinent regulatory agencies (BLM, USFS, LADWP, CDFW, CT, TOML, MLTPA, MLR, ESCOG, BOS Supervisors, ESSRP, YARTs), adjacent counties and others) to ensure cohesive trails planning and management as needed (Town and County staff).
- Conduct collection of GIS data and mapping to plan for future trail alignments as needed. Proposed trail

alignments for CSA 1 trails by June 2024 [\(Town and County staff\)](#).

- Continued data collection from trail and vehicle counters to inform future trails management and planning as needed. Reports from Summer / Winter 24-25 trail counts by May 2025 [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Continue agency collaboration for trails planning and multi-modal accessibility including possible OHV connections (Combined Use Roads) as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Investigate and identify funding sources for foundational division expenses, staffing and trail projects as needed [\(Town and County staff\)](#).
- Develop mapping and baseline data from WE 900.3 as needed. Data collection to begin in July 2025 [\(Town and County staff\)](#).

- Develop and inventory wayfinding standards that inform WE 900.7 (Community Traffic Calming, Complete Streets and Design Standards) as needed. Expected to begin July 2024. (Town and County staff)
- Update TOML Trail System Standards. (Town staff)
- Future development of Regional Trails Plan for Long Valley and Tri-Valley. (County staff)
- Continue work on North County Regional Trails Network – Bridgeport and Antelope Valleys (Combined Use Roads / OHV and the West Walker River/Mt Gate Planning effort) as needed. (County staff)
- Support the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) efforts such as Trails to Towns and the renewal of the ESSRP partnership as needed. (Town and County staff)
- Community outreach to coordinate OHV/OSV staging areas for summer/winter recreation needs and community access points in the region as needed. (Town and County staff)
- Future amendment(s) to adopted Bicycle Plan and or Trails Plan as needed. (Town and County staff)
- Trails planning in Town of Mammoth Lakes owned parcel along Mammoth Creek. (Town staff)
- Leverage professional consultant to analyze our existing trail counter data, and extrapolate these data across the region using cloud based trail data sources such as Strava and Alltrails. Consultant to combine this information with cell phone data and provide a plan for regional trails, trailheads and connectivity. (LTC staff)
- Develop a TOML Trails System Master Plan (TSMP). (Town staff)

Expected Products:

- Use data from trail and vehicle counter networks, and submit data reports from summer 2024 and winter 24-25 by June 2025
- Purchase of computer equipment and hardware for recreation division, February 2025.
- West Walker Parkway Plan/Mountain Gate Plan for incorporation into the RTP and Trails Plan by May 2025.
- Community/inter-agency outreach for summer/winter recreational access points.
- Wayfinding standard inventory and development, draft plan by June 2025.
- Inyo National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Use designation project planning collaboration.
- Work with BLM, USFS on conceptual plan of trails on Doe Ridge.
- Work with USFS on conceptual plan for trail reroutes.
- TOML Trails System Master Plan (TSMP).
- TOML Trail System Standards updates.
- Agendas, materials, and notices for public engagement, including to tribes.

Estimated Benchmarks: This is a multi-year work element.

Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing tasks

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Total			\$40,000

900.7 Community Traffic Calming, Complete Streets and Design Standards

Purpose: Develop and maintain standards for complete streets and traffic calming measures for application in neighborhoods and community areas to increase safety and livability for Mono County communities. RTP policies require transportation improvements to consider complete streets and other traffic calming measures.

Previous Work: Completion of Mono County Road Standards update, development of traffic calming solutions in the June Lake Village area.

Task Elements:

- Continue to conduct community outreach on complete street transportation planning efforts including, Main Street Projects (Bridgeport, Lee Vining, June Lake), Corridor Management Plan, etc. as needed.
- Public Works and CDD review of June Lake Village traffic patterns, conduct traffic counts, parking and snow storage constraints, and possible solutions to improve circulation in the Village. as needed.
- Assess neighborhood & community issues, opportunities & constraints in the unincorporated area, with a focus on June Lake and main streets (e.g., Walker) as needed.
- Coordination of wayfinding for vehicle access points and consistency with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as needed.
- Community outreach as needed.

Expected Products:

- Traffic count updates, snow storage constraints for June Lake Village and SR 158.
- Wayfinding and MUTCD sign implementation plan.
- TOML standards updates.
- County Standards yearly review and update as needed.
- Public input via RPACs, may include specific outreach to tribes when outside of existing rights of way.

Estimated Benchmarks:

- Input on main street projects driven by Caltrans project schedules for Bridgeport, Lee Vining, and SR 203 projects.
- Review and analysis of traffic calming solution is ongoing during the entire fiscal year.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000
Total			\$2,000

900.8 Mono County Public Works Projects

Purpose: Planning work necessary to maintain a safe, proficient, and up to date road transportation system. This work develops and provides baseline data needed to maintain the county road system, identify needed transportation projects, and identify possible road safety issues, all of which inform the transportation portion of Mono County's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and Mono County road safety plans and studies.

This necessary work supports the following relevant transportation directives in the RTP:

- Plan and implement a transportation and circulation system that provides for livable communities, active transportation, and complete streets, while maintaining efficient traffic flow, emergency access, and alternative transportation modes to the automobile.
- Provide for an improved county-wide highway and road system to serve the long-range projected travel demand at acceptable levels of service and to improve safety.
- Maintain the existing system of streets, roads, and highways in good condition.
- Provide for the use of non-motorized means of transportation within Mono County.
- Local roads shall be engineered using system performance criteria (safety, cost, volume, speed, travel time).
- Establish maintenance, rehabilitation and reconstruction priorities for County roads based on financial and health and safety considerations.

To meet these directives, Mono County performs yearly, ongoing work efforts as well as ~~Completion of various projects~~ specific projects administered by the Mono County Public Works department. ~~Ongoing work~~ Projects includes ~~planning and coordination for regional trails and emergency access routes,~~ modeling through the use of land surveys (Autocad) and GIS, gathering data for speed surveys and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts, updating and managing the Streetsaver pavement management program, planning Streetsaver road inspections, performing research and planning for the life cycle costs for pavement preservation treatments, 5-Year CIP development, tracking of yearly traffic accident data and collision rates for evaluation of roadway safety, and SB1/RMRA required reporting to maintain transportation funding. ~~development of support software.~~ Specific projects identified for work this year include planning and development of emergency access routes in Swall Meadows and the Petersen Tract in June Lake and a feasibility study to bring substandard county roads into the Mono County road system. ~~With previous data collection for Mono County's Local Road Safety Plan, coordination with identified stakeholders will be needed to reach road safety goals and lower fatal and severe injury collisions throughout Mono County.~~

Previous work:

- Emergency access routes for Swall Meadows and the Petersen Tract in June Lake have been proposed and partially analyzed, as identified in the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Planning for the Swall Meadows Emergency Access Route is in progress.
- Manage and compile Mono County Pavement Management System road inspections and road data.
- Life cycle analysis using equivalent annual cost method is being used to identify road maintenance treatments based on ratings.
- Compilation of data and information for the Mono County Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) in support of state goal of reducing rural fatal and severe injury collisions.
- Development and compilation of 5-Year CIP documents. Approval of Mono County 5-Year CIP at Mono County Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2024.
- SB1 / RMRA required reporting for fiscal year 22/23 – Resolution, Project List, and Expenditure Report.

Task Elements:

- Planning of emergency access routes at needed locations in Mono County communities and coordination with relevant stakeholders, as needed (County staff).
- Continuing work on the ~~Pavement Management System and~~ Streetsaver software and rating process ~~as needed~~. Perform life cycle cost assessment analysis for project identification and optimum treatment application (County staff).
- Yearly assessment of reported collision data to inform effectiveness of implemented projects and provide data for future ~~re~~-assessment of local road safety. Address and coordinate engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services for implementation of Local Road Safety Plan goal to lower fatal and severe injury collisions on Mono County roads as needed (County staff).
- ~~Perform research and planning on the life cycle cost for pavement preservation and development of life-cycle software for implementation as needed (County staff).~~
- Identification and development of traffic data collection and traffic studies for roads in Mono County communities (County staff).
- Planning of land surveys for asset management products to be incorporated into WE 900.3 as needed (County staff).
- Yearly assessment of 5-Year CIP, revision of e-documents, and addition of projects to the 5-Year CIP as needed, and presentation of CIP to Board of Supervisors for approval (County staff).
- Continue development and necessary revisions of Mono County Road Standards (County staff).
- Required engineering coordination and management of relevant trails and recreation projects related to transportation, and development and review of reports, and documents, as needed (County staff).
- Feasibility studies for bringing substandard roadways into County system (County staff).

Expected Products:

- Draft planning and preliminary design of emergency access routes.
- Additional data added to GIS map, expansion of Autocad road database, including inventory and location of existing roadside infrastructure.
- Updated and current Pavement Management System using Streetsaver software.
- Completion of speed and traffic data surveys on relevant County maintained roads.
- Identification of most cost-effective road maintenance treatments for incorporation into the 5- Year CIP and updated CIP documents and cost estimating.
- Determination of current traffic collision frequencies, collision rates, and collision severity on relevant county roads.
- Updated and/or amended Mono County Road Standards.
- RMRA / SB1 Approved Project List and Resolution by Mono County Board of Supervisors.:-
- CalSmart upload and approval of SB1/RMRA Project List and Resolution for CTC approval.:-
- RMRA / SB1 yearly Expenditure Report – completed and approved in CalSmart ~~for CTC approval.~~
- Feasibility study for bringing substandard roadways into County system.

Estimated Benchmarks: Ongoing on an annual basis and for specific projects.

- Yearly road Streetsaver~~PASER~~ road rating documents complete by ~~June~~January 2025.
- RMRA / SB1 Expenditure Report completed and approved in CalSmart for CTC by December 1, 2024.
- RMRA / SB1 Project List and Resolution approved in CalSmart for CTC by July 1, 2025.
- 5-Year CIP updates and revisions in December 2024.
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- Feasibility studies for bringing substandard roadways into the County system by June 2025.

- Emergency access route scoping documents by June 2025.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2025.

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA		\$15,000	\$15,000
Total			\$15,000

Appendix A OWP Billing Procedures

- 1) All costs need to be submitted by the 15th day of the month following the quarter end or the following business day if the 15th falls on a weekend/holiday. Late submittals will not be included. The deadlines are:

Quarter 1 = July 1 – Sept 30: Billing must be submitted by October 16

Quarter 2 = October 1 – December 31: Billing must be submitted by January 16

Quarter 3 = January 1 -March 31: Billings must be submitted by April 15

Quarter 4 = April 1 – June 30: Billings must be submitted by July 15

- 2) All expenditures must include the following:
 - A. OWP Work Element number and work element description that has a budget. If there is no approved budget the costs will be omitted.
 - B. Staff time must include hours worked per day with a rate.
 - C. If consultant costs are included, then detail of consultant costs must be included.
 - D. A brief narrative of quarterly work completed per Work Element and explanation of expenditures for the overall billing.
- 3) All OWP expenditures require a final closeout for the prior fiscal year to Caltrans District 9 by August 31. Please include all WE deliverables no later than July 31.

Appendix B Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Active Transportation Program (ATP): Created in 2013 by the passage of SB 99 and AB 101, the Active Transportation Program consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The purpose of the Active Transportation Program is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals:

- ◆ Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking,
- ◆ Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users,
- ◆ Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction goals, pursuant to SB 375 (of 2008) and SB 341 (of 2009),
- ◆ Enhance public health and ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program, and
- ◆ Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC): The fundamental purpose of ALUCs is to promote land use compatibility around airports. As expressed in state statutes, this purpose is "... to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the orderly expansion of airports and the adoption of land use measures that minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards within areas around public airports to the extent that these areas are not already devoted to incompatible uses." The statutes give ALUCs two principal powers by which to accomplish this objective:

1. ALUCs must prepare and adopt an airport land use plan; and
2. ALUCs must review the plans, regulations, and other actions of local agencies and airport operators for consistency with that plan.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): A statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.

Community Service Areas (CSA): A body that provides services to specific areas of the County. Typical services include may include services not provided by Special Districts or services not provided on a Countywide basis. Examples include, TV service, parks and recreational services, fire/police, mosquito abatement, and/or other community needs. CSA spending is dependent on Board of Supervisor approval.

Eastern California Transportation Planning Partnership (ECTPP): This group is made of Inyo County Local Transportation Commission (ICLTC), Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), MCLTC, San Bernardino County Transportation Agency (SBCTA), and Caltrans District 9. Other Caltrans Districts also participate (District 6 in Fresno and District 8 in San Bernardino) depending on project location or District involvement.

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA): The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) was established in November of 2006 as a Joint Powers Authority between the Counties of Inyo and Mono, the City of Bishop, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes. ESTA is the public transit agency created to provide for public transportation in and for the four member jurisdictions and throughout the entire Eastern Sierra region.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): An agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports state and local governments in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Nation's highway system (Federal Aid Highway Program) and various federally and tribal owned lands (Federal Lands).

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act: A federal law enacted in 2015 to provide long-term funding for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorizes \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs.

Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP): The ITIP is a five-year program of projects funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that obtains funding primarily through the per-gallon State tax on gasoline. The ITIP is prepared by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and is submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for approval.

Local Transportation Fund (LTF): The LTF is derived from a 1/4-cent general sales tax collected statewide. The State Board of Equalization, based on the sales tax collected in each county, returns the sales tax revenues to each county's LTF. The LTF was created in 1971 when legislation was passed to provide funding for counties for transit and non-transit related purposes.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): An agreement between two (or more) parties. It expresses a convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action. Many government agencies use MOUs to define a relationship between agencies.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): MPOs are the regional planning entities in urbanized areas, usually an area with a population of 50,000 or more. There are 18 MPOs in California, accounting for approximately 98% of the state's population.

Mono County Local Transportation Commission (MCLTC): MCLTC is the recognized RTPA for the Town of Mammoth Lakes and County.

Overall Work Program (OWP): MCLTC annually adopts a budget through the preparation of an Overall Work Program. This work program describes the planning projects and activities or work elements that are to be funded, and the type of funds that will pay for the expenditures.

Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM): PPM is funding allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Designated uses of PPM include:

- ◆ Regional transportation planning – includes development and preparation of the regional transportation plan.
- ◆ Project planning – includes the development of project study reports or major investment studies conducted by regional agencies or by local agencies, in cooperation with regional agencies.
- ◆ Program development – includes the preparation of regional transportation improvement.
- ◆ Monitoring the implementation of STIP projects – includes project delivery, timely use of funds, and compliance with state law and CTC guidelines.

Project Initiation Document (PID): a report that documents the purpose, need, scope, cost, and schedule for a transportation project. The PID identifies and describes the viable alternatives to a transportation problem.

Project Study Report (PSR): A report of preliminary engineering efforts, including a detailed alternatives analysis, cost, schedule, and scope information for a transportation project. A PSR also includes estimated schedule and costs for environmental mitigation and permit compliance.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP): MCLTC submits regional transportation projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding in a list called the RTIP. The RTIP is a five-year program that is updated every two years. Projects in the RTIP are funded from the Regional Improvement Program (RIP).

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): The Regional Transportation Plan has been developed to document transportation policy, actions, and funding recommendations that will meet the short- and long-term access and mobility needs of Mono County residents over the next 20 years. This document is designed to guide the systematic development of a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system for Mono County.

Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA): County or multi-county entities charged by state law in meeting certain transportation planning requirements. As the RTPA for Mono County, MCLTC coordinates transportation planning for the Town of Mammoth Lakes and County.

Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF): There are 26 rural county Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), or Local Transportation Commissions represented on the Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF). The RCTF is an informal organization with no budget or staff that generally meets every other month. A member of the CTC usually acts as liaison to the RCTF, and CTC and Caltrans staff typically attend these meetings to explain and discuss changing statewide transportation issues that may be of concern to the rural counties.

Rural Planning Assistance (RPA): Annually the 26 rural RTPAs receive state transportation planning funding, known as RPA, on a reimbursement basis, after costs are incurred and paid for using local funds.

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC): Consists of representatives of potential transit users including the public, seniors and/or disabled; social service providers for seniors, disabled, and persons of limited means. The SSTAC meets at least once annually and has the following responsibilities:

- ◆ To maintain and improve transportation services to County residents, particularly the elderly and transit dependent
- ◆ Review and recommend action to the MCLTC relative to the identification of unmet transit needs and advise the Commission on transit issues, including coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.
- ◆ Provide a forum for members to share information and concerns about existing elderly and handicapped transportation resources.

State Transit Assistance (STA): These funds are provided by the State for the development and support of public transportation needs. They are allocated by the State Controller's Office to each county based on population and transit performance.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): The STIP is a multi-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off the State Highway System, funded with revenues from the Transportation Investment Fund and other funding sources. STIP programming generally occurs every two years. The STIP has two funding programs, the Regional Improvement Program, and the Interregional Improvement Program.

Transportation Development Act (TDA): The Transportation Development Act was enacted in 1971 and provides two major sources of funding for public transportation: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance fund (STA). The TDA funds a wide variety of transportation programs, including planning and programming activities, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, community transit services, and public transportation projects. One of MCLTC's major responsibilities is the administration of TDA funds.

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS): a joint powers agreement between Merced, Mariposa, and Mono Counties created in September 1999 to improve transportation to and from Yosemite National Park. YARTS provides seasonal transit service into the park from Mono County via SR 120.

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MINUTE ORDER MO 24-01

Adoption of FY 2024/25 Overall Work Program

At the Mono County LTC meeting of May 13, 2024, it was moved by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____ to adopt the FY 2024/25 Overall Work Program (OWP), authorize staff to make any changes directed by the Commission, authorize staff to make any minor technical corrections, authorize Co-Executive Director to sign the Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the necessary Federal and State Certifications and Assurances, and submit to Caltrans.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Attest: _____
Heidi Willson

cc: Caltrans

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Staff Report

May 13, 2024

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

FROM: Aaron M. Washco, Planning Analyst
Phil Moores, ESTA/CTSA

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution R24-__ on Unmet Transit Needs

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff report and adopt Resolution R24-__ (Attachment 1) making findings that there are unmet transit needs, and certain needs are reasonable to meet.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: There is a cost increase for providing additional or expanded transit services.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: N/A

POLICY CONSISTENCY: Consistent with State law requirements for the unmet transit needs process (PUC §99401.5) and the annual public hearing for the citizen participation (PUC §99238).

BACKGROUND:

Prior to this meeting, the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC) and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) held a joint public hearing at the LTC's regular meeting on April 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. as required by State law to fulfill the Citizen Participation Process and the unmet transit needs process. The meeting was held in person and remotely where members of the public had the right to observe and offer public comment. Public notices of these hearings were published in accordance with state law in local newspapers, and invitations to participate were sent to local tribes.

At the April 8, 2024, public hearing, the definition of "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet" were reviewed (Attachment 2) along with an analysis of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) objectives. The public hearing fulfilled several purposes and objectives:

- Ensure broad community participation and solicit the input of transit-dependent and transit-disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, handicapped, and persons of limited means;
- Required prior to the LTC allocating any funds not directly related to public transportation services, specialized transportation services, or facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicycles; and
- Solicit comments on unmet transit needs that may exist within Mono County and may be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services or by expanding existing services.

Throughout March 2024, the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), in its role as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for Mono County, and LTC staff attended Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) or community meetings in Antelope Valley, Bridgeport, Mono Basin, June Lake, and Long Valley to seek public input. An additional hearing was conducted at the Town of Mammoth Lakes' Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) meeting to solicit input from residents of the town.

DISCUSSION

Public comments received through the CTSA's outreach and the LTC and SSTAC joint public hearing are summarized in Attachment #3 to evaluate whether they are unmet transit needs, and whether they are reasonable to meet. Because this process also collects general comments on transit, the last column in the matrix offers actions and/or solutions to address all concerns raised.

No requests were deemed to meet the definition of an unmet transit need that is reasonable to meet in the 2024 unmet transit needs process.

This staff report was reviewed by a Co-Executive Director.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution R24-__.
2. LTC Resolution 98-01 defining "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet."
3. Summary and analysis of public transit requests for fiscal year 2024-25.

RESOLUTION R24-__
A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MAKING FINDINGS REGARDING "UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS" THAT ARE
"REASONABLE TO MEET"

WHEREAS, the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (MCLTC) is the designated transportation planning agency for the County of Mono pursuant to Government Code Section 29532 and action of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing and, as such, has the responsibility under Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5 to determine definitions of "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet"; and

WHEREAS, the MCLTC held an unmet needs hearing, and in keeping with Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5, the MCLTC has considered the size and location of identifiable groups likely to be dependent upon public or transit disadvantaged, has analyzed the adequacy of existing public transportation services, and potential alternative transportation services that would meet all or part of the transit demand; and

WHEREAS, MCLTC has received and considered public testimony on "whether or not there are unmet transit needs in Mono County" at an April 8, 2024, public hearing in Mono County jointly held with the Social Services Transit Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the MCLTC has previously defined the terms "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet" by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the following table summarizes the commission's determinations regarding conformance of unmet need transit requests with MCLTC definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet:

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT ARE NOT, OR MAY NOT BE, REASONABLE TO MEET		
Transit Request	Unmet Need	Reasonable to Meet
1. Free fares for Mono County residents on YARTS 395/120 route into Yosemite.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in Mono County, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and recreation is considered to be a necessity of life.	No. Because fares are free, fare box revenue requirements would not be met. All other "reasonable to meet" criteria are satisfied. Nonetheless, the Mono County LTC intends to provide free rides for Mono County residents on the YARTS Yosemite route. The LTC is proposing to allocate \$3,300 in LTF funds for this purpose, and Mono County will provide additional funding should the LTF funds be exhausted in 2024.
2. Bus stop in front of Chevron station in Lee Vining.	Yes, the creation of a new transit stop is a new transit service. This stop could serve the unmet needs population by providing transit for necessities of life.	No, the service itself does not generate revenue. No fee is collected at bus stops and therefore the fare box revenue would not be met. While not considered reasonable to meet, Caltrans plans to

		integrate the new stop into the Lee Vining Rehabilitation project.
3. Evening services to grocery stores, etc., in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and shopping for food and clothing is considered to be a necessity of life.	No, because this service is already provided by the Mammoth Lakes night trolley, and additional service is unlikely to meet farebox requirements since the night trolley is free.
4. Additional transit service to/from Mono City and Lee Vining.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in the Mono Basin, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and recreation is considered to be a necessity of life.	No, due to fare box requirements. Mono City and Lee Vining are both included in ESTA's Walker to Mammoth route on Tuesdays.
5. Additional weekend services are requested for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and shopping for food and clothing is considered to be a necessity of life.	No; this service is currently being expanded - ESTA has recently added a Saturday 395 North route and is looking to add additional weekend service, including a 395 South route. Additional service is economically infeasible given these service expansions at this time.
NOT CONSIDERED TO BE AN UNMET TRANSIT NEED		
Transit Request	Unmet Need	Reasonable to Meet
1. Transit requested to transport senior citizens to and from the Antelope Valley Senior Center for recreational "field trips."	No. This is a charter request rather than a request for additional service that would be available to the general public.	No, not an unmet transit need. However, ESTA plans to coordinate with the Antelope Valley Senior Center to resolve this transportation request.
2. Desire for bicycle trails, paths, or dedicated bicycle lane on or paralleling US 395 corridor in Long Valley and Bridgeport to enhance safety of cyclists.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not transit related.
3. Dial-a-ride service requested to transport senior citizens to doctor's appointments when Antelope Valley Senior Center is unable to provide transportation. Antelope Valley residents are often looking to get to appointments with specialists in Carson City, Gardnerville, and South Lake Tahoe. Seniors in the Tri-Valley require similar services. In general, seniors	No. This is a charter request rather than a request for additional service.	No, not an unmet transit need. Presently, residents of the Antelope Valley area can use ESTA for transportation to Carson on Wednesdays and Mammoth on Tuesdays. Residents in the Tri-Valley can use ESTA for transportation to Bishop on Tuesdays and Fridays.

in the Tri-Valley require transportation to Bishop and Lancaster for appointments with specialists.		
4. Enhanced YARTS signage: bus stop infrastructure or enhanced signage in far parking lot at Mono Basin Visitor Center (people often wait at the Visitor Center itself), bus stop infrastructure or enhanced signage at Tioga Inn on SR 120.	No, not a request for transit service. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
5. Increased advertising of transit options. Suggestions include social media blasts, mailers, QR codes.	No, not a request for transit service. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
6. Bike path connecting Mono City and Lee Vining.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
7. Avalanche bypass route in Lee Vining (Mattly Avenue continuing north along lake, i.e., the old 395 alignment).	No, not a request for additional transit service. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
8. Town-to-Trails alignment for non-motorized connectivity in the Mono Basin.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
9. Multi-modal connectivity from Mono City to County park and/or Conway Ranch.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
10. Multi-modal usage at Conway Ranch (e.g., a public use area/park facility)	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
11. Bike path to Twin Lakes.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.
12. To make public transit more family-friendly, buses should accommodate car seats and the program should be marketed so families in the area can easily figure out what is expected of them to ensure a family-friendly ride.	No, not a request for new or expanded transit service.	No, not an unmet need. ESTA will review and implement a car seat policy, which will then be distributed/marketed to interested parties. At present, while ESTA buses accommodate car seats, extra car seats are not stocked on the bus. Parents are required to bring and install their own car seats (bus drivers do not install seats due to the drivers not knowing how to install every model of car seat, the potential delays caused, and the potential liabilities).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MCLTC finds there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Mono County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May 2024, by the following vote:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Abstain:
- Absent:

Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
Mono County Local Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

Heidi Willson, Secretary

Approved as to form:

Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel

RESOLUTION 98-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DEFINING "REASONABLE TO MEET" AND "UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS"

WHEREAS, the Mono County Local transportation Commission (MCLTC) is the designated transportation planning agency for the County of Mono pursuant to Government Code Section 29532 and action of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing and, as such, has the responsibility under Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5 to determine definitions of "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mono County Local Transportation Commission does hereby define "unmet transit needs" as a need of Mono County elderly, disabled, low income, youth, and other transit dependent groups for transit service that is currently not available and, if provided for, would enable the transit dependent person to obtain the basic necessities of life primarily within Mono County. "Necessities of life" are defined as trips necessary for medical and dental services, essential personal business, employment, social service appointment, shopping for food or clothing, and social and recreational purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mono County Transportation Commission does hereby define "reasonable to meet" as transit needs for the necessities of life which pertain to all public and/or specialized transportation services that:

- a. can be proven operationally feasible;
- b. can demonstrate community acceptance;
- c. would be available to the general public;
- d. can be proven to be economical; and
- e. can demonstrate cost effectiveness by meeting current fare box revenue requirements of the Mono LTC within two years

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the herein contained definition and findings are consistent with the Mono County Regional Transportation Plan, 1998 Update.

PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 1998 by the following Commission:

Ayes: Ronci, Hunt, Cage, Eastman, Inwood, Rowan.

Noes:

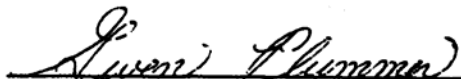
Absent:

Abstain:

Attest:



 Joann Ronci, Chairperson
 Mono LTC



 Gwen Plummer, Secretary
 Mono LTC

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

	RPAC	Request/Comment	Unmet Need	Reasonable to Meet/Explanation	Costs/Actions/Solutions
Unmet Transit Needs That Are Not, or May Not Be, Reasonable To Meet					
1.	Mono County Board of Supervisors (countywide)	Free fares for Mono County residents on YARTS 395/120 route into Yosemite.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in Mono County, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and recreation is considered to be a necessity of life.	No. Because fares are free, fare box revenue requirements would not be met. All other "reasonable to meet" criteria are satisfied.	Subsidized tickets for Mono County residents are to be funded with \$3,300 in LTF funds. County will cover remainder if \$3,300 is exceeded in 2024. For background, in 2022, Mono County residents made 46 reservations for a total cost of \$967. In 2023, reservations were booked for 38 Mono County residents at a total cost of \$638. The \$3,300 budgeted will cover 200% of 2022 reservations, plus all 2023 reservations.
2.	Mono Basin	Bus stop in front of Chevron station in Lee Vining (people run across the street from the bus stop on the east side of US 395 when the bus comes).	Yes, the creation of a new transit stop is a new transit service. This stop could serve the unmet needs population by providing transit for necessities of life.	No, the service itself does not generate revenue. No fee is collected at bus stops and therefore the fare box revenue would not be met.	Caltrans to integrate the new stop into the Lee Vining Rehabilitation project.
3.	Town of Mammoth Lakes	Evening service to grocery stores, etc., in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and shopping for food and clothing is considered to be a necessity of life.	No, because this service is already provided by the Mammoth Lakes night trolley, and additional service is unlikely to meet farebox requirements since the night trolley is free.	ESTA operates the night trolley which has stops along both Main Street and Meridian Street, as well as a stop at Von's.

4.	Mono Basin	Additional transit service to Mono City and Lee Vining.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in the Mono Basin, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and recreation is considered to be a necessity of life.	No; this service is currently being expanded - ESTA has recently added a Saturday 395 North route and is looking to add additional weekend service, including a 395 South route. Additional service is economically infeasible given these service expansions at this time.	Mono City and Lee Vining are both included in ESTA's Walker to Mammoth route on Tuesdays.
5.	Public Hearing / Town of Mammoth Lakes	Additional weekend services are requested.	Yes. There are numerous transit-dependent groups in Mono County, including the elderly, low income, and disabled, and essential personal business is considered to be a necessity of life.	Undetermined if additional service will meet farebox requirements	ESTA has recently added a Saturday 395 North route and is looking to add additional weekend service, including a 395 South route on Sunday.
Not Unmet Transit Needs					
1.	Antelope Valley	Transit requested to transport senior citizens for recreational "field trips."	No. This is a charter request rather than a request for additional service that would be available to the general public.	N/A.	ESTA plans to coordinate with the Antelope Valley Senior Center to resolve this transportation request.
2.	Bridgeport/Long Valley	Bike paths on or paralleling the US 395 corridor. Increase bicyclist safety.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.	This policy is currently in the RTP, and bike paths are constructed when feasible and appropriate with Caltrans projects. Outside the Caltrans right-of-way is under the control of the property owners, usually either federal or private.

3.	Antelope Valley/ Tri-Valley	<p>Dial-a-ride service requested to transport senior citizens to doctor's appointments when Antelope Valley Senior Center is unable to provide transportation. Antelope Valley residents are often looking to get to appointments with specialists in Carson City, Gardnerville and South Lake Tahoe.</p> <p>Seniors in the Tri-Valley require similar services. In general, seniors in the Tri-Valley require transportation to Bishop and Lancaster for appointments with specialists.</p>	No. This is a charter request rather than a request for additional service.	No, not an unmet need.	Presently, residents of the Antelope Valley area can use ESTA to get into Carson on Wednesdays and Mammoth on Tuesdays. Residents in the Tri-Valley can use ESTA to get to Bishop on Tuesdays and Fridays.
4.	Mono Basin	Enhanced YARTS signage: bus stop infrastructure or enhanced signage in far parking lot at Mono Basin Visitor Center (people often wait at the Visitor Center itself), bus stop infrastructure or enhanced signage at Tioga Inn on SR 120.	No, not a new transit service.	No, not an unmet need.	LTC staff will discuss improved signage with YARTS.
5.	Mono Basin	Increased advertising of transit options. Suggestions include County social media blasts, mailers, QR codes.	No, not a new transit service.	No, not an unmet need.	ESTA will review and implement expanded outreach programs.
6.	Mono Basin	Bike path connecting Mono City and Lee Vining.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.	The project can be added to the Regional Transportation Plan and further discussions about alignment will inform feasibility and cost.
7.	Mono Basin	Avalanche bypass route (Mattly Avenue continuing north along lake – i.e., the old 395 alignment).	No, not a request for additional transit service.	No, not an unmet need.	This project is included in the County's appropriation request. It is also being considered for CalOES funding and can be added to the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

8.	Mono Basin	Town-to-Trails alignment for non-motorized connectivity.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.	The Mono County LTC currently tracks the Town-to-Trails project.
9.	Mono Basin	Multi-modal connectivity from Mono City to County park and/or Conway Ranch.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.	The project can be added to the Regional Transportation Plan and further discussions about alignment will inform feasibility and cost.
10.	Mono Basin	Multi-modal usage at Conway Ranch (e.g., a public use area/park facility).	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.	The project can be added to the Regional Transportation Plan and further discussions will inform feasibility and cost.
11.	Bridgeport	Bike path to Twin Lakes.	No, not transit related. This is a general transportation request.	No, not an unmet need.	This project was previously scoped and wetland issues were prohibitive.
12.	Public Hearing / Countywide	To make public transit more family-friendly, buses should accommodate car seats and the program should be marketed so families in the area can easily figure out how what is expected of them to ensure a family-friendly ride.	No, not a new service.	No, not an unmet need.	ESTA will review and implement a car seat policy, which will then be distributed/marketed to interested parties. At present, while ESTA buses accommodate car seats, they do not stock car seats, nor do drivers install car seats. Parents are required to bring and install their own car seats (bus drivers do not install seats due to the drivers not knowing how to install every model of car seat, the potential delays caused, and the potential liabilities).

LTC Co-Executive Director Report

May 13, 2024

Administration

- Met with staff and Caltrans to coordinate the agenda.
- Met with Chair to coordinate agenda.

Meetings

- Staff meeting to coordinate planning and programming fund expenditures.
- Several staff meetings to coordinate edits in response to Caltrans comments on the draft 24-25 Overall Work Program (OWP).
- Met with Caltrans to review the US 395 Olancho-Cartago Four-Lane project and the agenda item to go before the California Transportation Commission on May 16-17.
- Collaborative Planning Team meeting: Towns-To-Trails presentation.

Trainings

- Nothing to report.

Programs

- Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP): finalists interviewed, contract award selected. In process of contracting with selected firm.
- Responded to Caltrans comments on 24-25 Overall Work Program (OWP).
- Development of a work plan on parking issue in unincorporated Mono County regarding RVs, and researched solutions in use by other jurisdictions.
- Reviewed Regional Transportation Plan edits with Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).
- Working on details of administering and issuing YARTS vouchers for free rides to Mono County residents.
- Tracking various state and federal transportation meetings.

Grant Tracking

- Nothing to report.

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For questions about Mono County projects and/or administration, please contact Wendy Sugimura at 760-924-1814 or wsugimura@mono.ca.gov to be directed to the appropriate staff.