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MINUTES

JULY 13, 2020
(Adopted August 10, 2020)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: John Peters, Fred Stump, Jennifer Kreitz

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

COUNTY STAFF: Gerry LeFrancois, Megan Mahaffey, Kelly Karl, Bentley Regehr, Melissa Bell, Garrett Higerd, Sean Robison, Chad Senior

TOWN STAFF: Grady Dutton, Hayes Haislip

CALTRANS: Dennee Alcala, Austin West, Mark Heckman

ESTA: Phil Moores

YARTS: Christine Chavez

NPS: Michael Pieper, Lisa Acree

Public: Lisa, Rhonda Duggan, David Rosky

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice-chair Kreitz called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Commissioner Wentworth led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
3. **MINUTES:**
 - A. Approval of minutes from May 11, 2020
Motion: Approve amended minutes with provided corrections
Peters/Hogan. Ayes: Hogan, Peters, Stump, Wentworth, Kreitz. Abstain: Holler.
 - B. Deferral of minutes from June 8, 2020.
4. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**
 - A. A letter from LTC Co-Executive Director requesting use of Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding for Airport Road Rehabilitation Project.
 - Gerry LeFrancois and Chad Senior (Public Works) presented project and Commission concurs with using HIP funds on Airport Road.
 - B. Authorize spending Regional Surface Transportation Program Federal Exchange Program (RSTP) for FY 18-19 in the amount of \$94,884 for Lake Mary Sidewalk project.
 - Gerry LeFrancois and Megan Mahaffey presented. Staff brings to the Commission projects based on need for use of RSTP funds. Staff is asking Commission approval of using these funds for Lake Mary Sidewalk project. Commission agreement on using funds for Lake Mary.
 - Staff discussion followed regarding a new requirement that RSTP exchange agreements must authorize via resolution a person authorized to sign. Based on this new requirement and the need to take action, an emergency item was added to the agenda as follows:

COMMISSIONERS

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

Motion: Commission determines that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item a determination by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Board, or if less than four-fifths (4/5) of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that 1) there is a need to take immediate action, and 2) the issue arose subsequent to the agenda being posted and there is a need to take action prior to the next regularly-scheduled meeting pursuant to Government Code section 54954.2(b).

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

Motion: A motion to approve a Minute Order that would authorize the Co-Executive Director to sign necessary documents for FY 19-20 RSTP match exchange. That the need to take action came to the board's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted, therefore the Commission adds this item to the agenda.

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

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

- Introduction of Dennee Alcalá, new District 9 Deputy District Director of Planning & Environmental.
- Austin West: Updates on current projects.
- Commissioner Wentworth: Requested vehicle traffic data updates to compare 2019 and 2020 data be presented at the August meeting.

6. **TRANSIT:**

A. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) updates:

- Christine Chavez discussed ridership numbers, funding, budget, and effects of Covid-19.

Break: 10:07am-10:14am

B. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) updates:

- Phil Moores discussed service updates, ridership numbers, grants, and effects of Covid-19.
- Commissioner Wentworth: Requested ridership data & trend reports to be presented in August meeting.

7. **ADMINISTRATION:**

A. Yosemite National Park Tioga Pass Road & Tuolumne Meadows improvement project update:

- Michael Pieper discussed and provided information on Tioga Road project, road delays, public communications, funding, and electric vehicle charging stations at the old Tuolumne Meadows gas station location.
- Lisa Acree discussed and provided information on Tuolumne Meadows Campground improvement project, project phasing, funding, and future rehabilitation projects.
- Yosemite National Park Tioga Pass Road & Tuolumne Meadows improvement project update:

B. Tioga Inn project – Update and comments, as requested by Commissioner Wentworth and the LTC's role.

- Gerry LeFrancois provided an explanation, and impacts of the Tioga Inn project, but given the project is still pending possible approval discussion is discouraged.
- County LTC members made clear their aversion to discuss anything Tioga Inn related.
- Discussion followed of LTC's role in any recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. It was agreed to seek input from County Counsel for appropriate way to engage, due to the sensitivity of Commissioners who currently sit on the Board of Supervisors.



COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- Commissioner Peters: Legislative updates
- Commissioner Hogan: Caltrans recognition, observations of current Caltrans projects
- Commissioner Wentworth: Parcel funding updates, Town of Mammoth Lakes updates, USFS climate change-vulnerability assessment

8. INFORMATION

A. June Lake Loop Active Transportation grant award

- Kelly Karl announced award of grant and explanation of grant and project. Commissioner Wentworth wants outreach to federal partners to be included in the outreach process.

B. Sustainable Transportation Planning grand award

- Phil Moores provided information during earlier agenda item (ESTA updates) and no further information or comments were added.

9. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Commissioner Stump: Chip seal correspondence
- Commissioner Kreitz: Chip seal correspondence, traffic data, trail usage data, ESTA & YARTS ridership data
- Commissioner Wentworth: County Council follow-up on Tioga Inn engagement
- Gerry LeFrancois: Possible future Minute Order for RSTP funds for FY 20-21

10. ADJOURN at 11:25 am to August 10, 2020

Prepared by Melissa Bell, LTC clerk