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Adopted Minutes

June 10, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Rhonda Duggan, Jennifer Kreitz

TOWN COMMISSIONERS: Rob Patterson (alternate for Chris Bubser), Paul Chang

LTC STAFF: Deanna Tuetken, Aaron Washco, Wendy Sugimura, Erin Bauer

CALTRANS: Ryan Dermody, Ben Downard, Carma Roper

ESTA: Phil Moores

YARTS: None

Public: None

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The meeting was called to order at 8:38 by Commissioner Kreitz. She led 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.

- (a) No public comment.

3. ADMINISTRATION – none

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of minutes from May 13, 2024

Motion: Approve consent items as presented
Sauser motioned; Duggan seconded.
Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

- (a) Joe Meyers of Yosemite National Park gave an update on summer access and answered questions from the Commission.

Tioga Road is now open for the season. A new reservation system has been implemented, with reservations required on weekends and holidays in addition to a six-week-long daily reservation period lasting from July 1 to August 16. Discussion concerned the local resident entry pass, meant to facilitate transit rather than recreation, for residents of zip codes from Lee Vining to Bishop. Some discussion of adding Bridgeport to the list of pass-through zipcodes.

6. CALTRANS

- (a) Ryan Dermody of CalTrans gave an update on the Olancho and Cartago Expressway Project. 12.6

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miles of 395 upgrading from a two-lane to a four-lane highway. Storm damage and the discovery of tribal cultural resources along the route pushed back the schedule, and required additional funds from the CTC to resolve, but construction has resumed and the improvements are now targeted for completion in 2025.

7. TRANSIT

(a) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) allocation

- Deanna Tuetken gave an overview of the allocation of LTF in Resolution R24-02 and answered questions from the Commission.

Motion: Approve Resolution R24-02 Allocating Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Duggan motioned; Sauser seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

(b) State Transit Assistance (STA) allocation

- Deanna Tuetken gave an overview of the STA allocations in Resolution R24-03. No questions from the Commission.

Motion: Approve Resolution R24-03 Allocating State Transit Funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Sauser motioned, Duggan seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

(c) ESTA Update (*Phil Moores*)

- Phil Moores gave an update on ESTA, focusing on efforts to replace aging rolling stock.

(d) YARTS Update (YARTS staff)

- No YARTS staff present, but Aaron Washco provided an update on plans to extend the Free Fares program to Mono County. Discussion of the staff work involved in processing requests and validating residency. Washco took questions from the Commission.

8. REPORTS

(a) Co-Executive Directors

- Sugimura thanked Ryan Dermody of CalTrans for his work on the Olancho expressway and obtaining California Transportation Commission funding.

(b) Commissioners

- None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL - none

10. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Presentation on Bridgeport and Lee Vining Main Street rehabilitation projects. Agreed to make the design presentation before the County Board of Supervisors and then share information on timeline and construction with the LTC commission.

11. ADJOURN TO DATE July 8, 2024

- (a) Discussed the possibility of cancelling the July meeting, should no additional agenda items emerge.

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