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**MINUTES**

**INYO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Bishop City Council Chambers  
377 W. Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514**

**March 19, 2014**

**9:02 a.m.** Doug Thompson called the meeting to order.

**ITEM NO. 1** Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Bob Kimball  
Doug Thompson  
Matt Kingsley  
Rick Pucci  
Laura Smith

Others Present:

David Bloom, Caltrans  
Jill Batchelder, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA)  
David Grah, City of Bishop  
Beth Himelhoch, IMAH  
John Helm, ESTA  
Courtney Smith, Inyo County  
Denise Hayden, Inyo County  
Clint Quilter, Inyo County

**ITEM NO. 2:** Public Comment

None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 3:** Secretary of the Local Transportation Commission – Request approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2014.

Motion: moved by Matt Kingsley, to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted by Ryan Dermody from Caltrans regarding his report, seconded by Laura Smith, carried 4-0-1, with Commissioner Rick Pucci abstaining.

**ITEM NO. 4:** Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2014-04 authorizing the submittal of an FTA Section 5311 apportionment grant with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority as the sub-recipient of \$124,623 and authorizing the Executive Director to sign the required Certifications and Assurances.

Jill Batchelder presented the apportionment grant information with ESTA and explained the usage for such a grant. There were no questions asked by the Commissioners.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-04 made by Bob Kimball and seconded by Rick Pucci. Motion carried 5-0-1 Commission Jim Ellis Absent.

**ITEM NO. 5:** Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2014-05 authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Certifications and Assurances and other required documents necessary for the submittal of FTA Section 5311(F) grant for the continued funding of the US 395 Inter Regional Bus Route.

This has been a project in the process since 1998. They are asking for additional funding to continue the grant. The new Resolution is stating that there will be sufficient funds available to continue the Inter Regional Bus Route. Based on the estimates of this next fiscal year there appears to be sufficient funding. The requested funds will be split between Mono and Inyo Counties Local Transportation Commissions, each \$95,000.00, 55% is grant funding and 45% is matching funds.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-05 made by Matt Kingsley and seconded by Laura Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 6:** Request Commission approve Resolution No. 2014-06 allocating \$80,000 of TEA Exchange funds to the City of Bishop for the completion of the construction component of the Pine to Park path project.

Dave Grah from the City of Bishop presented the request for consideration. He explained where the project is located and what the plans are, and the reason for, the project. The project goal is to enhance safety for the public. A new environmental document has been completed. The project is more expensive than first estimated. There are three options to move forward. First option is the full project, \$80,000 more

than the \$190,000 available. Option 2 is to drop some of the work out of the project. There is a “spur” added to the plans that would provide access to the park when delivery trucks are blocking the alley at Sterling Heights. The second option will eliminate the “spur”. The third option drops the “spur” and all of the sidewalks for access to the park. The project will still work but won’t be as effective without the addition of the “spur” and the sidewalks on the north end of the property. \$16,000 would allow option two to be built. \$80,000 would allow the entire project to move forward.

Courtney Smith stated that there are sufficient TEA Exchange funds available and that the staff recommendation is to complete the full project.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-06 in the amount of \$80,000 made by Laura Smith and seconded by Rick Pucci. Carried 5-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 7:** ESTA Report

John Helm reported that ESTA is winding down the winter operations. Mammoth and Bishop routes remain the same. The light winter means an early start to hiking and back country travels. Riderships continue to be low. They are continuing to look at programs to increase ridership. Night Rider service has increased on Friday and Saturday nights. They are unable to determine one single thing that is causing the decrease in other routes. They are receiving proposals for lot resurfacing at the airport where buses are parked. They have Prop 1B funding available. They are hoping to have this completed in a year.

There are extra buses at the airport that ESTA is auctioning off. They have sold some and are now waiting for the new owners to pick them up. It does appear that there are many buses available when some of them have been sold. There are extra buses there due to our location and the difficulty in getting parts, these extra buses can be put into service when the regular buses are being repaired and/or maintained.

**ITEM NO. 8:** Tribal Report

None

**ITEM 9:** Caltrans Report

None

**ITEM 10:** City of Bishop Report

Dave Grah reported that the Wye Road project is almost complete. The City will be doing an asphalt overlay to smooth out the repairs on the intersection. Warren Street

project is in the final design stage. They anticipate starting construction late winter 2015.

**ITEM 11:** Executive Director's Report

- Progress Summary of Inyo County Projects under the STIP, TE, and HBP programs.
- STIP Update

Indy Town Rehab project is complete; Notice of Completion has been filed. West Bishop resurfacing is still in the process with construction planned in 2016 See Vee Lane extension is in the preliminary studies.

Federal Land Access Program projects: Upper Rock Creek Road, scheduled to begin construction this year. Whitney Portal Road, scheduled to begin construction in 2017. FHWA is about 30% complete with the engineering of this project. Amended the contract with Panorama for the Dehy Park project and they are going to begin Phase III archaeological work in the next month or so. The County has the money for the engineering on the South Bishop Resurfacing project and is waiting for the Federal paperwork to come in. Ed Powers Bike Lane - we are working with LADWP to get a permit to enter onto their property to do archaeological surveys. Lake Sabrina Bridge project is complete and the Board of Supervisors approved the Notice of Completion yesterday. Three bridges projects will be handled as one big project. The County has submitted the request to Caltrans to completely fund final engineering and construction.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will consider adoption of the Statewide Transportation Improvement program. The CTC staff recommendation is to approve the LTC Regional Transportation Improvement Program as submitted with only a couple minor changes. The construction component of the Olancho-Cartago project will be moved out from FY 2017-2018 to FY 2018-2019. CTC staff recommended approval of Kern COG's State Route 58 western extension construction component.

**ITEM 12:** Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Bob Kimball– None

Laura Smith – Spring is tomorrow. There was a bicycle accident recently with a school boy and luckily there were no serious injuries. It is nice that the LTC is aware of the bicycle needs in our community.

Rick Pucci – None

Matt Kingsley – None

Doug Thompson - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Doug Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM

The next LTC meeting is going to be held on April 16, 2014 in Lone Pine or Independence.

Attest:

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Clint Quilter  
Executive Director

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By Denise Hayden, Secretary