



**INYO COUNTY
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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**Bishop City Council Chambers
377 W. Line Street
Bishop, CA 9514**

October 17, 2018

9:00 a.m. Doug Thompson called the meeting to order.

ITEM NO. 1 ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Bob Kimball
Doug Thompson
Mark Tillemans
Chris Costello

Others present:

Mike Errante, Executive Director
Cynthia Browning- Secretary
Courtney Smith- County Staff
Ryan Dermody, Caltrans
Brent Greene, Caltrans
David Grah, City of Bishop Public Works Director

ITEM NO. 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 3 Secretary of the Local Transportation Commission – Requests approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 15th, 2018

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bob Kimball and seconded by Commissioner Mark Tillemens. The motion passed 4-0.

ITEM NO. 4 Request Commission approve Amendment No.1 to the FY 2018-2019 Overall Work Program via Resolution No. 2018-10 approving an agreement with Caltrans to carryover Rural Planning Assistance funds from FY 2017-2018 into FY 2018-2019

*Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mark Tillemens and seconded by Commissioner Chris Costello

ITEM NO. 5 Request Commission receives a staff report on the Final Invoice for Rural Planning Assistance funds in FY 2017-2018.
Courtney Smith stated that this was for informational purposes only and gave a brief outline.

ITEM NO. 6 Request Commission receives a presentation on Caltrans Project Delivery.

*Brent Greene of Caltrans District 9 gave a powerpoint presentation on Caltrans project delivery.

*Adjourned for a short break at 10:08

* Resumed meeting at 10:20

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ITEM NO. 7 ESTA REPORT

ESTA was not present.

Courtney Smith stated that the Commission had approved a letter of support for ESTA's FTA Section 5339b which is a transit capital facilities grant. ESTA received a partial award for the construction of their Headquarters at Bishop Airport.

ITEM NO. 8 TRIBAL REPORT

Peter Bernasconi reported that the Bishop Paiute Tribe was awarded FDA grant for Tribal Transportation. This provides vouchers for all tribe members. \$10,000 dollars in vouchers were purchased from the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Mr. Bernasconi also stated that they will be putting in a bus shelter at Toiyabe Indian Health Clinic

The Tribe also received the notice of award for a grant which is partially funding the Coso Path. The Coso Path will tie into the City of Bishop Seibu to School path project. Construction will start in the spring.

Mr. Bernasconi also spoke about a Planning Grant. The final document name will most likely be "The Sustainable Active Transportation plan," Looking at community Transportation and encouraging the residents to use other ways of getting around other than a car.

The gas station project construction should begin in 6 months. This will be an incubator business model with 5 shops available for small businesses.

The casino hotel project should begin construction in the next 6 months.

ITEM NO. 9 CALTRANS REPORT: Ryan Dermody started with the SR168 safety project on West Line Street. There are increased accidents in that area. On Nov 14th from 630-830pm there will be a public information meeting on that project at Northern Inyo Hospital.

Ryan Dermody congratulates Courtney Smith on his retirement and expresses his appreciation for his outstanding work and support of MOU Partnerships.

ITEM NO. 10 CITY OF BISHOP REPORT: David Grah spoke regarding projects for the City of Bishop. Seibu to school path project, E line sidewalk project, Spruce/ Yaney/ Hanby sidewalk project are all progressing.

The Spruce fiber seal project was complete and successful. It will dramatically extend the life of the pavement. This project is being funded with SB1 revenues.

ITEM NO. 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Public Works Director, Michael Errante talked about the attached project list and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Errante also discussed improvement projects at Bishop and Lone pine Airports.

Courtney Smith added that the County is also flying the Transportation Planner position. The first review will be on Oct 31st. The position is open until filled. Assistant Civil Engineer, John Pinckney, of the Public Works Department will serve as interim Transportation Planner.

Tea Exchange update:

Courtney Smith stated that in 2004 the LTC received \$759,000 in Tea Exchange Funds. The table, included in the packet, shows allocations and interest to date, all current allocations made by the commission, and all projects complete. There is still \$13,266 available in funds to be allocated by resolutions for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

ITEM NO. 12 Reports from all members of the Inyo County LTC

Doug Thompson thanked Courtney for his work and suggested that a letter or certificate of merit be put in his personnel file.

CORRESPONDENCE: Courtney Smith drew the Commissions attention to the attached State Transit Assistance fund allocation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Discussion by the Board to cancel the November LTC meeting due to Thanksgiving. December 19th, 2018 was decided to be the date for the next meeting which will take place in Bishop.

Meeting was adjourned at: 10:44 AM