

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

November 17, 2016

(1) CONVENE:

LCTC's Regular Meeting convened at 1:00 PM by Chairman Albaugh, in the Lassen County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 707 Nevada Street, Susanville, CA.

Commissioners Present: Albaugh, Garnier, Wilson, Hemphill, and Chapman.

Commissioners Absent: DeBoer

Others Present: Tamara Rich, Caltrans District 2; Dan Newton, City of Susanville; Ron Leal, Paratransit; Jim Mackay, Susanville Indian Rancheria; Cynthia Raschein, and Cheryl Strange, LCTC Staff.

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Garnier.
- 1.2 Agenda: On a first by Ms. Garnier, second by Mr. Wilson, it was unanimously passed to approve the agenda.
- 1.3 Minutes Approval: On a first by Mr. Hemphill, second by Mr. Wilson, it was passed to approve the August 8, 2016, minutes. Ms. Garnier abstained.
- 1.4 Minutes Approval: On a first by Mr. Hemphill, second by Ms. Garnier, it was unanimously passed to approve the October 3, 2016, minutes.

(2) CORRESPONDENCE / PUBLIC COMMENT

- 2.1 Correspondence: None.
- 2.2 Public Comment: None.

(3) REPORTS

3.1 Reports by Caltrans, CHP, City of Susanville, Executive Secretary, and LCTC Staff:

Caltrans Report (Caltrans): Ms. Rich offered follow up regarding grants for the Zero Emissions Corridors, and commented that more information will be available after the first of the year. She stated that the traffic counts are available as soon as they are complete.

Mr. Hemphill asked if the traffic counts differentiate between types of vehicles. Ms. Rich said the person in charge of the counts will be able to answer that question.

Mr. Chapman asked about progress at the Honey Lake rest stop. Stacey Barnes, Project Manager for Caltrans, said that the project is taking a little longer than expected, but there should be minimal disruption to traveling public. Mr. Chapman suggested using the electronic traffic alert signs to notify public when closures take place.

Ms. Barnes provided an update on the Capital Preventative Maintenance Program.

Discussion was held regarding the type of work being done and working around community events.

Mr. Chapman asked about possible work on Antelope Grade. Ms. Barnes said she will check on the project.

California Highway Patrol Report (CHP): None.

City of Susanville: Mr. Newton reported that many projects are nearing completion, with only a few that will carry over to next spring.

Ms. Garnier inquired about a few curbs on Second Street that are not complete. Mr. Newton said he would check on them.

County of Lassen Report: Mr. Millar reported that the right-of-way certification was received for Skyline extension and Caltrans is working towards obtaining access off State Route 36. He stated that the Susan River Bridge is 95% complete and the signals are 50% complete.

Mr. Chapman asked if area lighting will be included. Mr. Millar said he would check on that and report at next meeting.

Mr. Chapman asked when the project would begin. Mr. Millar said it is slotted for the 2017/18 STIP.

Susanville Indian Rancheria Report (SIR): Mr. Mackay gave an update on the Springridge Road project, funding, and reevaluating the Susanville/Chester/Red Bluff/Redding bus route to determine financial feasibility.

Executive Secretary Report (LCTC Staff): Ms. Raschein reported that the Rural Counties Task Force was able to get PPM funds paid in advance, but not certain if that will be the case for the future. She said that Mr. Egan gave permission to proceed with filling the Transportation Planner and Executive Director positions. She further stated that David Knaut has been selected to fill the Transportation Planner position, and that the Executive Director position applications were still under review.

Summary of Commission Financial Activities: Ms. Raschein reported that some of the percentages are up due to additional advertising to fill positions.

Discussion was held to further clarify the report.

(4) NEW BUSINESS

4.1 None.

(5) OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Matters brought forth by the Commission: Mr. Chapman reported that he traveled on A-3 several times in one day while volunteering for the election, and noticed many large trucks on the road that he questioned to be legal. He suggests partnering with CHP to get limits reinforced.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that the billboard at the turn may be misleading. Mr. Millar said that those signs are on Caltrans roads and that the signage on county roads is correct.

Discussion was held regarding signage and enforcement.

Mr. Chapman said he would bring this matter up at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Raschein reminded the commission that if they have questions or comments for other agencies, she can alert them ahead of time so they can provide a representative.

5.2 Set date for the next Regular Commission Meeting for December 12, 2016

5.3 Adjournment: 1:37 p.m.