

LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

October 20, 2025

City of Susanville Council Chambers
66 North Lassen Street
Susanville, CA

1:30 P.M. Open Session

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1. **Convene**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Roll Call: **Present:** Albaugh, Ingram (via zoom, non-voting), Miller, Neely, Schuster
 Absent: Brown

1.1 **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was waived.

1.2 **Adoption of Agenda:**

It was moved by Commissioner Neely and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Commission adopt the agenda as presented. The agenda was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Albaugh, Miller, Neely, Schuster
NOES: None
ABSENT: Brown
ABSTAIN: None

1.3 **Approval of the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Commission was asked to adopt the Minutes of their August 11, 2025, as presented by staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Neely and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes as presented by staff. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Albaugh, Miller, Neely, Schuster
NOES: None
ABSENT: Brown
ABSTAIN: None

1.4 Approval of Consent Calendar

It was moved by Commissioner Schuster and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Commission approve the Consent Calendar as presented by staff. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Albaugh, Miller, Neely, Schuster
NOES: None
ABSENT: Brown
ABSTAIN: None

2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

No written communication was received.

Verbal communications:

No verbal communication was received.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Caltrans

Michael Oguro, Brent Ditzler, Toby Crawford provided updates to the Commission on Caltrans activities in Lassen County.

Michael Oguro reported that the Fredonyer Pass temporary bypass structure is almost finished, and will be open by October 31. Although the length of time to complete the permanent fix to the highway is unknown, the temporary bypass will likely be in place for 3 to 4 years. In response to questions of how speed in the bypass will be mitigated the following was provided. The speed limit through the bypass will be 25 miles an hour and will be well signed in both directions to let autos and trucks know to slow down. There will also be pavement treatments, speed feedback signs, and other applications to help reduce speed. All applications will be snow removal friendly. Also, CHP will be fully integrated and notified of the project as it develops.

Michael commented that the barrier work on Hwy 139 is in and looks good. He noted that the project is winding down and that there are no longer traffic controls.

Michael noted that the Ash Street road/bike/ped project is still in development, and that Caltrans would like to make a presentation to the Commission at their next meeting. He added that they would also be reaching out to the City Council as well.

Finally he added that the Red Rock projects were proceeding and that outreach for them would start soon. Outreach will be coordinated with Commission Staff.

Toby Crawford provided an overview of work being done on State Route 36 and US 395. He noted that the increase in head-on and other accidents on these highways concern District 2, and they have been working with CHP to identify problem areas. They have identified between 20 or 25 locations that may require attention. He noted that the following might be part of a long medium- and long-term solutions. They include:

- Soft medians and new striping to double-double solid lines where sight distances are limited*
- Two intersection upgrades – striping to improve “staking” in turning pockets and sight distances*
- Speed limit changes will be studied (in response from Chair Albaugh)*
- Also looking at the left turn pocket at SR 36 and US 395 (short) but there isn’t a lot of room to fix it.*

Commissioners asked questions about when the last traffic counts (specifically large trucks) were done. Caltrans will get back to them. Putting up “lights on” for the whole corridor. That is being looked into.

Brett Ditzler reported on the status of the US 395 Freight Feasibility Study. He noted that the following are being considered:

- Potential four lanes in certain sections*
- Super two lanes (three lanes with alternating passing for each direction)*
- Additional passing lanes*
- Additional truck parking*

He added that the draft will be done in early December and the Final in February 2026.

3.2 CHP

Lieutenant Lacy Carney provided an update on CHP activity in the region. She reported on focused enforcement in the US 395 corridor. She noted that with increased citations to drivers, there was a noticeable decrease in collisions, including fatal collisions.

Chair Albaugh asked about getting the speed limit between the trucks and autos changed so they are the same. Lieutenant Carney suggested that more data and study needed to be done to determine if it wouldn’t create a different kind of problem on the highway.

3.3 City of Susanville

No update was provided.

3.4 Lassen County

Pete Hiembigner reported that the SB1 project was put out to bid and will be awarded at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. He added that construction would likely be in spring 2026.

3.5 Susanville Indian Rancheria

No update was provided.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

There was no closed session.

4.02 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no closed session.

4.10 Action/Discussion Items

4.11 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program Update *

Executive Secretary John Clerici updated the Commission of the status of the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that the current fund estimate for the 2026 STIP for Lassen County is approximately \$4,400,000 with approximately \$1,900,000 in unprogrammed carryover from the 2024 STIP, and \$2,500,000 of new programmable capacity.

He added how staff working with City and County staff to develop a list of projects to be nominated.

He added that since the summer Commission staff has conferred with City of Susanville, Lassen County, and Caltrans staff to determine the best mix of projects to be included in the 2024 STIP. This has included detailed re-evaluation of projects being carried over from the 2024 STIP, and potential new projects to be nominated as part of the 2026 cycle. The City and County determined after discussions that no changes to the carryover projects from the 2024 STIP.

New projects being recommended for the STIP include:

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- *Rehab G: Westwood Area – Approximate cost \$900,000 (includes 10% each for design and contingency) – Estimated construction year – 2028*
 - *Projects include pulverization, grading, compaction and paving.*
 - *Section of Greenwood St – from intersection with 3rd street to curve transition to 4th street. Approximately 0.15 mi.*
 - *Section of Mooney Road Segment – from Ash street to Hwy 36. Approximately 0.6 mi.*

- *Rehab H: Nubieber Area – Approximate cost \$1,600,000 (includes 10% each for design and contingency) – Estimated construction year – 2029*
 - *Projects include pulverization, grading, compaction and paving.*
 - *Rehab section of Kramer Road – from Hwy 299 to mile post 1.6.*

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- *Rehabilitation project FF – Approximate cost \$1,700,000 (includes 10% each for design and contingency) – Estimated construction year – 2030*
 - *Projects include pulverization, grading, compaction and paving.*
 - *Rehab section of Riverside Drive – Richmond Road to the City Limit*
 - *Rehab Robbs Way – Riverside Drive to Main Street*
 - *Rehab Orlo Drive – Cameron Way to Skyline Drive*

In addition, the City has requested to apply a portion of the Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) towards several planning efforts within Susanville including:

- *NW Gateway project uptown pedestrian crossing*
- *Pavement Management System Updates*
- *Dave Anderson Dr. PSR*
- *Wayfinding Sign PSR*
- *ADA Transition Plan*
- *Rail Feasibility Study*
- *ADA Sidewalk Main St PSR*

The LCTC programmed \$80,000 of PPM per fiscal year in the 2024 STIP and has planned to do the same for the 2026 STIP. Most of the initiatives described by the City can be executed within the existing and proposed funding.

John reported that the final RTIP will be brought back to the Commission at the December Regular meeting for adoption.

A question was raised about the Beaver Creek Bridge replacement project. Pete confirmed that the project is still moving forward.

A discussion of the potential for reassessing of how STIP funds are split among the jurisdictions. The County has significantly more road miles than the city, however city roads are more intensely used because the city is a hub for shopping and jobs.

This was an information item only and no action was taken by the Commission. This was a discussion/information item and no action was taken.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following is an overview of some of the issues, projects, and coordination currently being advanced by LCTC.

5.01 Executive Summary Report

The Executive Secretary reported the following:

- **US 395 Update** – Reported that projects in the US 395 corridor were continuing.
- **Wildlife Crossing Grant** – Staff hopes to have a publicly accessible version of the potential crossing locations by December 2025.
- **Legislation** – There were no updates on current state legislation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Matter brought forth by the Commissioners

No items were brought forth by the Commissioners.

7.2 Next Commission Meeting

Next meeting of the LCTC will be on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 1:30 PM, at the City of Susanville, City Council Chambers, 66 North Lassen Street, Susanville, CA.

7.3 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted for approval by:



John Clerici
Executive Secretary