

LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

August 9, 2021

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

1:30 P.M. Open Session

2:08 P.M. OPEN SESSION

1. Convene

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was deferred.

Roll Call: Present: Albaugh, Bridge, Hemphill, Herrera, Schuster

Absent: McCourt

*Commissioner Bridge was the alternate for Commissioner Hammond

1.2 Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Consent Calendar:

It was moved by Commissioner Hemphill and seconded by Commissioner Albaugh that the Commission adopt the agenda and approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Albaugh, Bridge, Hemphill, Herrera, Schuster

NOES: None

ABSENT: McCourt

ABSTAIN: None

1.21 Minutes Approval of the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

Adopted Minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

1.22 Payment of Clerici Consulting Executive Secretary and LCTC staffing fees and costs in the amount of \$16,990.17.

Approved payment of Clerici Consulting fees and costs in the amount of \$16,990.17 as shown in Invoice #009-15 for July 2021.

This invoice includes invoices for sub-consultants Borroum Engineering in the amount of \$8,743.04.

1.23 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Application

Adopted Resolution 21-12 authorizing the Executive Director of the Lassen Transit Service Agency to sign all related documents for the FTA Section 5311 Application and Request for Reimbursement.

1.24 Fiscal Year 2021/22 State of Good Repair (SGR) Projects

Adopted Resolution 21-11 approving the list of projects for the FY 2021/22 State of Good Repair Program.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

No written communications were received.

No oral comment was received.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Caltrans

Mike Mogen from District 2 provided an update on the following:

- The “Good Fred” project is back on. The contractor had shut down due to fires in the area, but had returned. There are two-lanes in both directions, and some of it was dirt. Traffic delays will be kept to a minimum.*
- Wildlife Fencing – Project will continue focusing on extending existing section north from SR 70. It will take some time. Commissioner Hemphill noted that there are lot of deer strikes in and around Janesville, and the local herd was being severely impacted. Mike responded that their safety team is evaluating other location and that fencing will provided where needed. He will bring this concern to them. Responding to a question about the cost and origin of the deer fencing used in the mitigation, Mike responded that the fence is designed with a twenty-year life-cycle so was more expensive, and that the fencing material was made in the United States.*
- Commissioner Albaugh asked about the cost of the new maintenance station in Adin. It seemed a bit excessive. Mike noted that there was quite a bit of work done rehabilitating the site, and adding new infrastructure including maintenance and administrative structures.*
- Commissioner Albaugh noted that some maintenance projects for Caltrans were getting FEMA money from the Gold Fire, but that the County and City had not been able to get money for roads for the same fire. Mike noted that District 2 had staff dedicated to identifying projects for FEMA reimbursement, and that helped get the funding. The City and County do not have those resources. The Executive Secretary suggested that it might be possible to ask Caltrans to help local agencies with these processes for future FEMA funding.*

3.2 CHP

No report was provided by CHP.

3.3 City of Susanville

No report was provided by city staff.

3.4 Lassen County

Pete Heimbigner, Lassen County Public Works Director, reported that bids for the Hackstaff Road bridges project, with an anticipated construction next year. Some concern about getting bids that are outside the funds allocated to the project. Had a similar issue with bids on our STIP projects.

3.5 Susanville Indian Rancheria

No report was provided Rancheria staff.

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 Date change for October 2021 Regular Meeting

The Commission was asked to adopt, by motion, to direct staff to change the date of the of the LCTC's October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting to October 18, 2021.

Executive Secretary John Clerici noted that October 11 is a holiday for both the City and the County, and that LTSA had agreed to move the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Bridge and seconded by Commissioner Herrera to adopt staff recommendation and move the meeting to October 18, 2021. The motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Albaugh, Bridge, Hemphill, Herrera, Schuster
NOES: None
ABSENT: McCourt
ABSTAIN: None

4.12 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program Update

Executive Secretary John Clerici updated the Commission of the status of the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that the current fund estimate for the 2022 STIP for Lassen County is approximately \$3,621,000 (\$620,000 in unprogrammed carryover, and \$3,001,000 of new programmable capacity). In addition, there is approximately \$807,855 in supplemental covid relief money available for programming in this cycle.

He added that staff will be meeting with the City and the County to identify suitable projects for the 2022 cycle on August 23.

Next steps would include the August 23 meeting, then a preliminary list being submitted to the Commission for review and comment at their October meeting. Final action will be taken on the 2022 STIP at the Commissions December meeting.

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

4.13 Update on 2021 Transit Plan and Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Update

The Commission was provided a brief update on the Draft Update of the Short-Range Transit Development Plan (2021 – 2026) for Lassen County. The Transit Development Plan (TDP) and the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. The Commission had been given a more comprehensive update on these two planning efforts at their June Regular Meeting.

The Commission was informed that the two documents were in the final draft updates (with additional comments from the transit provider) and would be brought back to the commission for final adoption at their October meeting.

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

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

Federal Action – The Executive Secretary reported that Congress is close to voting on a trillion-dollar infrastructure bill. He noted that he is working with Congressman LaMalfa’s office to get improvements to US 395 and other infrastructure needs on the radar. He added that developments in the next few months related to the US 395 Coalition effort would help with this.

State Action – There are no new developments on state infrastructure discussions.

COORDINATION, OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

US 395 Coalition Building & Phase Two Studies

Economic Base Analysis and Preliminary Economic Impacts – At the Commissions June meeting, the Executive Secretary reported that staff had requested the CSUS team prepare an estimate of the economic (economic output and jobs) impact of the closure of the California Correctional Center. The report was delivered to the City and County in July. Its findings were in line with other reports prepared on the subject.

Safety Evaluation of US 395 – The Executive Secretary informed the Commission that the data gathering and analysis phase of the safety evaluation is mostly done, and that the consultants, staff from the City and County, Caltrans, and our teaming partners in Nevada, will be meeting in early September to begin the process of identifying potential improvements to US 395.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Matter brought forth by the Commission

None.

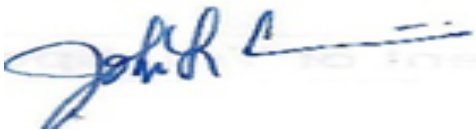
7.2 Next Commission Meeting

Next meeting of the LCTC will be on Monday, October 18, 2021, at time 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 3:19 p.m.

Submitted for approval by:



John Clerici
Executive Secretary