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Staff Report

Date: January 8, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM 4.12**

To: Lassen County Transportation Commission

From: John L. Clerici, Executive Secretary 

Subject: Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All American Road – Improvement and Enhancement Plan - Update

REQUESTED ACTION: None. This is an information item.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All American Road (VLSBAAR) is a series of California roadways specifically designated by the Federal Highway Administration for qualities and locations along the route not found elsewhere in the United States. The All-American Road status indicates the highest level of designation possible, awarded only to routes with unique and irreplicable physical qualities. The route is also a designated route of the California Scenic Highway Program, a program of Caltrans that has been in place since 1965. The VLSBAAR runs roughly from Crater Lake in southern Oregon to Mount Lassen in Plumas County with a portion in Lassen County on Hwy 44.

In the LCTC's FY 24/25 OWP and Budget, the Commission approved the expenditure of PPM funds to provide for a visual assessment of the byway and provide a written report to the Commission. An agreement was entered into between the LCTC and the National Travel Center, to provide the assessment.

Features of the work provided by the National Travel Center include:

1. Produce visual/video documentation of the entire route of the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All American Road using three cameras to obtain an expansive view
2. Enhance the video with images, notes and geo tags as applicable
3. Review of the entire visual record, images, notes, and geo-tags to determine the total scope of the full project to evaluate conditions along the entire Byway.

Maree Forbes Gaughan of the National Travel Center provided an update on the results of that work at your January 13, 2025 meeting.

After that the LCTC approved and expenditure of additional funds in the FY 25/26 OWP and Budget to pursue the recommendation in the Phase 1 report and develop a comprehensive, and executable, improvement plan for the VLSBAAR. The scope of that effort, or phase 2, would achieve the intent to deliver the most inspiring experience and increase the economic development in the 36 cities, towns, and unincorporated communities along the way, the following Improvement and Enhancement Plan lays out the changes, enhancements, and other innovations that can be implemented to make that happen. It describes what those changes would entail, and how they can be implemented.

The plan provides for enhancements across a wide range of magnitudes and costs recognizing that even small changes will make a huge difference in the quality of the visitor experiences along the route.

As she did almost a year ago, Maree Forbes Gaughan of the National Travel Center will be providing the update.

ALTERNATIVES

None.