

MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

October 20, 2014

Meeting of the Plumas County Transportation Commission (PCTC) opens with roll call at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Public Works Department.

1. Roll call is conducted by John Mannle.

Commissioners in attendance are: John Larrieu, Kevin Goss, Pat Morton, Lori Simpson and Sharon Thrall. Commissioner Susan Scarlett is absent

Staff Attendees: Bob Perreault, Interim Executive Director, John Mannle, Associate Engineer and Transportation Planner, Jim Graham, Senior Environmental Planner and Cinda Leonard, Recording Secretary.

Others in attendance are: Tomas Pogue and Nahila Ahsan, Pacific Business Forecasting Center; Tamara Rich and John Bulinski, Caltrans; Dana Cash, Senior Transportation; Gary McFarland, PRS Transit Manager, Kelly McElwain and Ronda Duby, PRS.

1A. Public Forum - Public

There were no comments from the Public.

1B. Public Forum - Commissioners

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

2. Approval of Minutes for August 18, 2014

Motion by Commissioner Thrall, seconded by Commissioner Goss: to adopt the draft minutes for the August 18, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Caltrans District 2, John Bulinski, addresses the PCTC on Caltrans missions & goals

Director Bulinski reports that California has adopted the budget of \$11.1 Billion dollars for the California Department of Transportation. Plumas County is allocated \$87 million thru the year 2019.

Director Bulinski reports that Caltrans has recently had a statewide performance audit. Goals have been met in the area of Safety, Stewardship/Sustainability and Maintenance. He states that Caltrans will continue their mission to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system.

Bob Perreault inquires about the ATP funding program and the fact that no Counties within Caltrans District 2 received funding. Director Bulinski states that he was very disappointed in the outcome. This matter is on the agenda for the Caltrans Executive Board meeting to be held the week of October 27th.

- 4. Status on State Highway System needs meeting conducted on October 3, 2014**
Bob Perreault distributes the agenda that was used during the October 3rd meeting between Caltrans District 2 staff and PCTC staff. The meeting covered STIP overview, programmed projects (SR 89 Greenville), current planning phase projects (Arlington LTL, Arlington Park & Ride, A13/SR 36 intersection), future state highway needs and the ATP overview. Bob praises the assistance that Caltrans staff provides to the Public Works Staff.
- 5. Review of design alternatives for the proposed Arlington Road/SR 89 Park and Ride**
John Mannle discusses the design alternatives for the Arlington Road/SR 89 park & ride. There is general discussion on the Draft 60% project initiation document that has been prepared by Caltrans staff and the logistics of the area.
- 6. Update on the Greenville/SR 89 Rehabilitation and County Roadway Improvement Projects**
Bob Perreault reports that the Prop 50 funds got reassigned and the project is still moving forward in spite of Frontier Communications lack of participation. PG&E has sufficient funding for their part of the project. There may be additional funding available for the IVCSD to borrow to finish the project.
There is a deadline of March 2015 to tell the CTC that the project is moving forward.
- 7. Discussion on the Draft Cooperative Agreement between Caltrans and Plumas County for the use of County Route A13 as a detour during the bridge replacement on SR 147 at Hamilton Branch**
John Mannle discusses the draft Cooperative Agreement with the Commissioners. The Agreement states that under the Street and Highways Code (SHC) Caltrans will be authorized to construct, maintain and direct State Highway traffic onto the detour as necessary during the construction of the new bridge. In turn, Caltrans will pay the County a lump sum of \$185,000 for wear and tear incurred while this route is being used as the detour.
There is general discussion on the different aspects of the detour such as concerns over the potential hazards that are specific to County Route A13 with ice and snow.
- 8. Background Information on the “Update to the Coordinated Plan for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Low income Residents” scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM.**
Thomas Pogue of Pacific-Business Forecasting Center gives an overview of the update. He explains that 5310 funding requires that all projects be listed on the coordinated plan. Plumas County Transit has implemented all of the programs for this plan.
- 9. Discussion of the proposed schedule and funding for the next Plumas Transit bus acquisition**
John Mannle informs the Commission that even though all of the Transit buses are within the accepted age and mileage standards, 3 of the Transit buses will need to be retired in the distant future.
Because of bond sales, there is approximately \$158,000 available to go towards the

purchase of a new Transit bus. The allocation request is due by December 5, 2014. John also mentioned that the Office of Emergency Services feels that Transit needs will have to go offline in case of an emergency so that the busses can be used to assist OES.

10. **Plumas Rural Services Quarterly Report for Transit Operations – Gary McFarland**
Gary reports that the busses transported a total of 11,447 passengers in the 4th quarter of FY 2013/14. That is an increase of 314 patrons from the previous fiscal year. Gary credits the improved ridership with the recent route changes and the outreach programs.
11. **Presentation of PCTC staff's Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application – Jim Graham**
Jim reports that PCTC staff has submitted a grant application to fund the preparation of a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The grant application is for \$111,500.00. The grant will seek to develop a plan to improve multi-modal mobility and accessibility by improving non-motorized connections to work, school, health services, recreation and commercial centers.
12. **Next meeting date is tentatively set for Monday, November 10, 2014 at 1:30 pm**
13. **Chair John Larrieu adjourns the meeting at 2:40 pm**



Robert Perreault, Jr. Interim Executive Director

DECEMBER 15, 2014
Date