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**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

**SIERRAVILLE SCHOOL
305 SOUTH LINCOLN
SIERRAVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Paul Roen.

Joy Markum was introduced by Commissioner Marin as the newly appointed Commissioner from Loyalton City Council.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Moore; Marin; Markum; Rogers; Huebner; Schlefstein; Roen

Commissioners Absent: None.

A Quorum was established.

Staff Present: Miriam Dines, Executive Secretary; Bryan Davey, Transportation Planner; Tim Beals, Executive Director

Also Present: Lori Wright, Transportation Director, Incorporated Senior Citizens

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Bryan Davey

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commission Action: Commissioner Marin moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Huebner. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commission Action: Commissioner Marin moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion was carried by roll call.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Marin announced that Mary Fleming from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) will be in Loyalton on the 29th of March to discuss the City's finances. This will take place at the Loyalton Social Hall. He also shared that two City employees assisted a Sierra County Deputy in a situation in Loyalton.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was offered.

7. TRANSIT ISSUES

Mr. Davey reported that the transit providers have submitted their proposed budgets for the next fiscal year, which are in alignment with the amount previously approved for transit contracts for

Fiscal Year 19. In addition, Mr. Davey reported that we've received nearly \$40,000 in Local Transportation Funds (the 1/4% sales tax). The next transit issue is the Unmet Needs Process, and final approval of next year's budgets at the May meeting.

The Commission set the Unmet Needs Hearing for May 16, 2018 at 10:10 a.m. at Sierraville School.

Mr. Davey addressed the purpose of the SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Council) and requested approval of the current roster.

Commission Action: Commissioner Schlefstein moved to approve the SSTAC roster as presented; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call.

8. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Davey reported that invoices for the first two quarters of the fiscal year have been submitted to Caltrans. Nothing unusual has come up. He referred to the draft Overall Work Program for 2019 provided in the agenda packet and reported that it had been submitted to Caltrans for review. Approval will be requested at the May meeting.

9. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AND PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Bridge Projects Update: Mr. Davey reported that additional funding has been requested for the Salmon Lake Road bridge in order to accommodate the issues in certifying right of way that has arisen with the adjacent property owner. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued for consulting services for the right of way process which at this point is expected to be contentious.

The Plumbago bridge will be one year behind the other projects as it is still in the environmental process due the old mining properties that surround the bridge.

Speed Feedback Signs: It was reported that the City Council adopted a maintenance agreement the previous evening (March 20, 2018). The maintenance agreement is a requirement of the Caltrans encroachment permit. Once the encroachment permits are "in hand" the City can move forward with installation. The actual signs are expected to be delivered to Downieville today (March 21, 2018). This should be wrapped up within 30 to 60 days. The locations were selected by the City, one being across from the Gilded Drifter Inn, and the other at the Smithneck Creek bridge on State Route 49. Discussion ensued on the ideal location for sign installation, no action was taken.

Update on Project Study Reports (PSRs): Mr. Davey reported that at this point we have requested development of 3 PSRs: Hill Street, Sierra City Main Street; and Campbell Hot Springs Road. We're starting with the 3 PSRs for the prioritized projects and then will move forward. PSRs for Sierra Brooks, the Lakes Basin Roads, and overlays are easier to prepare. The PSRs for the first 3 projects are more involved. It was reiterated that no projects are currently programmed, although there is \$3,000,000 in programmable funding, it likely isn't enough to fund any project. The PSRs will provide the information that is need in order to make decisions for the future.

Commissioner Marin inquired if anything has happened with the parking study for Downieville, and there was no progress to report on that study.

Updates on County and City Projects: Mr. Davey reported on the FHWA projects resulting from the storm damage of 2017. There is a major funding issue and funds are not appropriated. This includes projects on Mountain House, Ridge, A-23, Gold Lake Roads. As to the other FEMA projects, the County is still out \$700,000 but funds are trickling in.

Commissioner Marin discussed the development projects near Bordertown and Verdi, stating that this development will likely be a burden to the County in terms of congestion, law enforcement and services.

Commissioner Marin reported that there is a new contract for the sewer system and for Beckwith Street. He also stated that there would be uncontaminated spoils and Mr. Beals indicates that the County is willing to receive and stockpile uncontaminated spoils for landfill cover.

Mr. Beals discussed the Lassen Transportation Commission, as well as Modoc are wanting to participate and increase involvement in the 395 Corridor. Mr. Beals suggested requesting a presentation by Caltrans District 2 to this Commission on planning efforts in the 395 corridor, and perhaps planning of a joint meeting with Modoc and Lassen regarding the same.

10. CALTRANS REPORT

Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans Planner, was not present, however there was a brief discussion about Caltrans' plans regarding the motorcycle signage which also may involve re-engineering of a couple curves.

11. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. in Sierraville.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Roen adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.



**Paul Roen , Chairman
Sierra County Transportation Commission**

ATTEST:


Miriam B. Dines, Executive Secretary