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WEDNESDAY
MAY 17, 2023
10:00 A.M.

305 SOUTH LINCOLN
SIERRAVILLE, CA

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Cueto.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Dryden, Heuer, Gayner, Roen, Riede, Cueto
Commissioners Absent: Gerow
A Quorum was established.

Also in attendance: Gloria Shelton, Transportation Coordinator, Incorporated Senior Citizens of Sierra County; Sandra Loving, President, Golden Rays Senior Citizens, Inc.; Joyce White, Vice President, Golden Rays Senior Citizens, Inc.; Dylan Carnahan, Transit Driver, Golden Rays Senior Citizens, Inc.; Kelly Champion, President, Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District; David J. Dosanjh, Caltrans District 3 – Regional Planner Liaison; Bryan Davey, Transportation Planner; Suzanne Smith, Executive Secretary; Tim H. Beals, Executive Director.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Heuer

3. Approval of Agenda

Commission Action: Commissioner Roen moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Gayner. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Commission Action: Commissioner Roen moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Dryden. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Announcements: An undisclosed issue at the Portola School was announce causing the school to be locked down. As a precaution the Loyaltan School is closing for the remainder of the day.

6. Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment was given.

7. Transit Issues

A fund estimate spreadsheet was distributed showing the ongoing tabulations of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) which is the one quarter percent sales tax for transit services, the State Transit Assistance (STA), and the State of Good Repair (SGR). Mr. Davey reported the only changes since our last meeting was a deposit of \$5,012 in March to the LTF. The LTF year-to-date amount is \$64,810. Mr. Davey continued stating the proposed funding would be available for transit services and both transit providers have submitted budgets for the upcoming fiscal year that fit within \$150k authorized by the Commission.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting was held April 26, 2023 at the Sierraville School. The SSTAC minutes were distributed.

10:10 a.m. Public Hearing:

Chair Cueto opened the Unmet Transit Needs hearing at 10:10 a.m. There was one public testimony regarding an ongoing issue with the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District school bus program making it extremely hard for students to get to school. Encouraging the Commission to become available again to continue the practice of being a surplus for the schools to provide transportation because there is an unmet need, "It's all kind of connected, even though it's not connected".

Mr. Davey presented and read the definition of "unmet needs and those needs that are reasonable to meet" as recommended by the SSTAC.

A short discussion ensued regarding the extracurricular transportation after school to allow students to get to and from actual extracurricular activities and the additional needs for school bus transportation.

The definitions were accepted by the Commission without further comments. Commissioner Dryden thanked SSTAC for their services.

The hearing was closed by Chair Cueto at 10:27 a.m.

Resolution establishing the definition of those transit needs that are reasonable to meet during FY 2023-2024 was adopted.

Commission Action: Commissioner Roen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-05; seconded by Commissioner Heuer. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution approving FY 2023-2024 Transit Operation Budget was adopted.

Commission Action: Commissioner Roen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-06; seconded by Commissioner Gayner. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Overall Work Program:

Mr. Davey reported as the Transportation Planner he is working on the third quarter invoice submitting the report to Caltrans within the next couple of days and will be closing out in June before the next SCTC meeting. Mr. Davey further reported the OWP for the current fiscal year is on track and being presented today for approval.

Mr. Davey continued that the draft OWP was sent to Caltrans and returned with comments that were addressed and have presented the final OWP for approval today. Commissioner Dryden asked for clarification that the comments from Caltrans were addressed. Mr. Dosanjh stated Caltrans is satisfied and there are no concerns or further comments. There are no compliance issues.

Mr. Davey continued further with reporting the final OWP incorporates our work plan for the next fiscal year and the budgeting of all the RTPA. Commissioner Dryden thanked Mr. Dosanjh for attending today's meeting and for the support he has been in the past.

Resolution approving FY 2023-2024 Overall Work Program (OWP) and approving OWP Agreement as well as Certifications and Assurances was adopted and agreement approved.

Commission Action: Commissioner Roen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-07; seconded by Commissioner Dryden. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution approving SCTC Administrative Budget FY 2023-2024 was adopted.

Mr. Davey explained this is the budget that incorporates the OWP, the Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds, the Program Planning and Monitoring (PPM) funds and the transit funds.

Commission Action: Commissioner Roen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-08; seconded by Commissioner Riede. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Regional Transportation Planning Agency:

Resolution approving agreement for Federal Apportionment Exchange Program Funding, California Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation Planning Agency Agreement X23-6150(039) was adopted and Agreement approved

Mr. Davey explained that this allocation is drastically less than previous years. These funds go through a formula changing the allocation amounts. Funds are available any transportation project work. Commissioner Dryden clarified the funds are carried over year to year. At this point there are no projects approved for this funding.

Commission Action: Commissioner Dryden moved to adopt Resolution 2023-09 and Agreement 2023-03; seconded by Commissioner Roen. Motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. CALTRANS Report and Other Transportation Discussion/Direction Items and Updates

Caltrans Report: Mr. Dosanjh did not have anything to report. Commissioner Roen asked for an update regarding the speed zones along State Highway 89 going toward Truckee due to high-speed drivers asking for a remedy. A discussion pursued and Mr. Davey recommended the subject be brought up at next week's Annual Coordination meeting with Caltrans, Wednesday May 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Downieville.

Project Updates: The approved STIP project for Smithneck Road and Bike Path has been allocated. Both bridge replacement projects are under contract. The snow and heavy runoff have delayed the contractors however, there is hope to start construction in May. The Plumbago Bridge is on track to go to construction next year. Also, for next year is the Kanaka Creek Bridge under consideration. A lengthy discussion pursued due to the jurisdiction of land.

Other Transportation Issues: Due to the recent earthquake Chair Cueto asked if bridges are inspected for damages. Mr. Beals explained bridges are checked when the seismic event warrants a special inspection, depending on the magnitude of the event. The current event did not trigger a special inspection.

Commission Roen requested a letter to Plumas County be drafted addressing the name of the road sign which has two different names and suggested a study be conducted by Historian Planner, Corri Jimenez to determine the rightful name.

At this time Mr. Davey expressed his "great gratitude" to Executive Director, Tim H. Beals for the direction and supervision he received since coming to the Transportation Commission in 2007. Mr. Davey continued with praise for the phenomenal leadership and ability to objectively direct with a vision of planning. Mr. Davey expressed, "It's amazing how well Mr. Beals was able to navigate the bureaucracies to get a lot of stuff done, 50 years of just an absolute fantastic track record." Mr. Beals thanked the Commission and expressed his appreciation for their support and the vision the Commission has in Mr. Davey.

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2023 at Sierraville School.

12. Adjourn:

Chair Cueto adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.



Paul Cueto, Chair
Sierra County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:



Suzanne Smith, Executive Secretary