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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2022 – 9:05 A.M.

Mono Lake Room and Zoom
1290 Tavern Rd Mammoth Lakes CA 93546

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda.

COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Kreitz John Peters Rhonda Duggan John Wentworth Bill Sauser Paul Chang

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3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Approval of minutes from August 8, 2022, AB361 meeting. (pg. 1)
- b) Approval of minutes from August 8, 2022, regular meeting. (pg. 2)
- c) Approve R22-12 for the amended FY 22-23 State of Good Repair program project list (*Phil Moores, ESTA*) (pg. 4)

4. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve OWP Formal Amendment for FY 21-22 carryover (*Wendy Sugimura*) (pg. 8)

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

- a) Discussion of SR 120 access through Yosemite National Park (*Joe Meyer, Chief of Staff, Yosemite National Park*)
- b) Camp like a Pro update (*Paul McFarland*)
- c) Update on Successor MOU agreement (*LTC staff*)

6. CALTRANS

- a) Caltrans report
- b) Discussion of alternative fuel corridors and electric vehicle charging stations (*Neil Peacock*)

7. TRANSIT

8. INFORMATIONAL

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. REPORTS

- a) Commissioners (pg. 12)
- b) Co-Executive Director

11. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Reds Meadow Road reconstruction – December 12
- b) MOU Update
- c) Quarterly reports

12. ADJOURN to December 12, 2022

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Draft Minutes

August 8, 2022 – 8:55 A.M.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: John Peters, Rhonda Duggan

TOWN COMMISSIONERS: Bill Sauser, Paul Chang, John Wentworth

COUNTY STAFF: Haislip Hayes, Heidi Willson, Wendy Sugimura, Deanna Tuetken, Paul Roten

CALTRANS: Neil Peacock

ESTA: Phil Moores

Public: Garrett Higerd, Justine Kokx, Lyn Boulton, Dan Holler, Dawn Vidal, Eric Edgerton

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chair Wentworth called the meeting to order at 9am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconference information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

No Items

3. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) Adopt Resolution R22-09 to continue Brown Act remote meeting rules under AB 361

Motion: Approval Resolution R22-09 to continue remote meetings under AB361.

Sauser motioned; Duggan seconded.

Roll Call- Ayes: Sauser, Chang, Duggan, Peter, Wentworth. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURN TO THE August 8, 2022, AT 9:00 AM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Meeting was called to order at 9:13 am and Commissioner Duggan lead the pledge of allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconference information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.
 - Eric Edgerton gave a public comment regarding the concerns that the Antelope Valley RPAC has with the parking along highway 395. Seeing issues with the speed limit being too high and when people abide by the speed limit other motorists passing in the turn lanes. Would like input from CHP, Caltrans, and the LTC.
3. **ADMINISTRATION**
 - a) Introduce Paul Chang to the LTC as the new Town appointed commissioner
4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a) Approval of minutes from June 13, 2022, AB-361 meeting.
 - b) Approval of minutes from June 13, 2022, regular meeting.
 - c) Approve Resolution R22-09 approving the FY 22-23 State of Good Repair program project list

Motion: Approve consent agenda items with the corrections to John Peters name. Duggan motioned; Peters seconded.
Roll Call- Ayes: Sauser, Kreitz, Chang, Duggan, Peters, Wentworth. Motion carries 6-0
5. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**
 - a) Update on Wildlife Crossing project (*Caltrans staff*)
 - Rodriguez gave a presentation and answered questions from the Commission.
 - b) Update on flooding in the Tri-Valley area (*CT staff and Paul Roten*)

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- Roten gave an update and answered questions from the commission

6. CALTRANS

- a) Update on Caltrans activities in Mono County (*CT staff*)
- Peacock gave a presentation and answered questions from the commission.

7. TRANSIT

- a) Update from Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA; *Phil Moores*)
- Moores gave an update on ESTA and answered questions from the commission.

8. CORRESPONDENCE- None Received

9. REPORTS

- a) Co-Executive Directors from Town of Mammoth lakes and Mono County (*Haislip Hayes and Wendy Sugimura*)
- Hayes gave a directors update and answered questions from the commission.
 - Sugimura gave a directors update and answered questions from the commission.
- b) Commissioners
- Commissioners Peters, Duggan, Sauser, and Wentworth gave reports.

10. INFORMATIONAL

- a) Letter of Support for Caltrans District 9 application to the Federal Reconnecting Communities grant program (*Wendy Sugimura*)
- Sugimura answered questions related to the letter of support.

11. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Quarterly reports (September)
- b) Update on transportation/trails projects from Eastern Sierra Council of Governments
- c) Update on Successor MOU agreement, meeting with Kern COG staff
- d) Consistent closures to HYW120 and requests NPS to join the next meeting
- e) Reds Meadow Road reconstruction

12. ADJOURN TO DATE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

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STAFF REPORT

Subject: State of Good Repair Program: 2022-23 Project List

Initiated by: Phil Moores, Executive Director – Eastern Sierra Transit

BACKGROUND:

SB-1 legislation provides approximately \$105 million annually to transit operators in California for eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital projects. This investment in public transit is referred to as the State of Good Repair (SGR) Program. The SGR Program is funded from a portion of a new Transportation Improvement Fee on vehicle registrations due on or after January 1, 2018. A portion of this fee is transferred to the State Controller's Office (SCO) for the SGR Program, which is managed and administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). These funds will be allocated under the State Transit Assistance (STA) Program formula to eligible agencies pursuant to Public Utilities Code (PUC) section 99312.1. Half of the funds are allocated according to population and half according to transit operator revenues.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The goal of the SGR Program is to provide funding for capital assistance to rehabilitate and modernize California's existing local transit systems. Prior to receiving an apportionment of SGR funds in a given fiscal year, a potential recipient agency must submit a list of projects proposed to be funded to the Department. Each project proposal must include a description and location of the project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and an estimated useful life of the improvement. The Department will provide the SCO a list of all agencies that have submitted all required information and are eligible to receive an apportionment of funds. Each recipient agency is required to submit an Annual Expenditure Report on all activities completed with those funds to the Department. Each agency must also report the SGR revenues and expenditures in their annual Transportation Development Act Audit.

SGR funds are made available for capital projects that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair. PUC section 99212.1 (c) lists the projects eligible for SGR funding, which are:

- Transit capital projects or services to maintain or repair a transit operator's existing transit vehicle fleet or transit facilities, including the rehabilitation or modernization of the existing vehicles or facilities.
- The design, acquisition and construction of new vehicles or facilities that improve existing transit services.
- Transit services that complement local efforts for repair and improvement of local transportation infrastructure.

Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Replacement or rehabilitation of:
 - Rolling stock
 - Passenger stations and terminals
 - Security equipment and systems
 - Maintenance facilities and equipment
 - Ferry vessels
 - Rail
- Transit Preventative Maintenance
 - Preventative maintenance is only to maintain existing infrastructure and vehicles in a state of good repair, essentially repair and rehabilitation. Normal maintenance such as oil changes and other regularly scheduled vehicle maintenance are to be covered under normal operating costs and are not eligible for State of Good Repair funding.
 - Public and Staff Safety
 - New maintenance facilities or maintenance equipment if needed to maintain the existing transit service

Previous staff report dated August 8, 2022 did not reflect most recent estimate amounts. The August 1, 2022 estimate of available SGR funds for FY 2022/23 identifies a total of \$ 79,961 in available SGR funding. Of this total SGR allocation, \$29,304 is from Inyo County population-based SGR, \$20,659 is Mono County population-based and \$29,998 is Mono County revenue-based funds. 30% of the PUC 99314, revenue-based funds or \$8,999.40 is due to Inyo County under the funding split provided under PUC 99314. The SGR funding will be used for Repair and Rehabilitation projects.

Prior to receiving an apportionment of SGR program funds in a fiscal year, an agency must submit a list of proposed projects to the California Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT reports to SCO the eligible agencies that will receive an allocation quarterly pursuant to PUC sections 99313 and 99314. SCO anticipates that the first quarter's allocation to eligible agencies will be paid by November 30, 2022. In order to be able to receive funding for Fiscal Year 2022-23, eligible operators must submit an approved Project List to their Regional Entity by September 1, 2022. A resolution documenting this approval is also included.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission is requested to approve Resolution #R22-12 approving the State of Good Repair program Project List submitted by Eastern Sierra Transit Authority for FY2022-23.

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November ~~XX~~, 2022

Submittal Report

SGR-C14-FY22/23-0725-
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FY 22/23

Submittal Details

Program State of Good Repair Program	Agency Eastern Sierra Transit Authority	Date Created 07/28/2022	Date Submitted	Date Approved
Address 565 Airport Road	City Bishop	State CA	Zip Code 93514	
Contact Dawn Vidal		Contact Title Administration Manager		
Contact Phone (760) 872-1901		Contact Email dvidal@estransit.com		
Support Documentation 8/8/2022 ESTA Board Report, Inyo, Mono and ESTA resolutions.		Additional Information Draft Resolutions will be replaced with signed versions once available.		

Project Details

Title	Description	Asset Type	Project Category	Est. Useful Life	Est. Project Start Date	Est. Project Completion Date	Est. 99313 Costs	Est. 99314 Costs
FY 22-23 Inyo - Repair and	Repair and Rehabilitation of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's revenue.	Rolling Stock/Fleet	Repair	3	07/01/2022	06/30/2023	\$29,304	\$0
FY 22-23 Mono - Repaid &	Repair and Rehabilitation of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's revenue	Rolling Stock/Fleet	Repair	3	07/01/2022	06/30/2023	\$20,659	\$29,998

**RESOLUTION #R22-12
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
REGIONAL ENTITIES APPROVING PROJECT LIST
FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mono County Local Transportation Commission is an eligible recipient and may receive State Transit Assistance funding from the State of Good Repair Program (SGR) now or sometime in the future for transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit capital projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing SGR funds to eligible recipients (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the Mono County Local Transportation Commission approves the project list for the PUC 99313 apportionment.

WHEREAS, the Mono County Local Transportation Commission concurs and approves the project list from the operators for the PUC 99314 apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mono County Local Transportation Commission approves the region’s State of Good Repair project list for **FY 22/23**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mono County Local Transportation Commission that the fund recipient (Eastern Sierra Transit Authority) agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit capital projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Co-Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the SGR program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.
Passed and adopted this 14th day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

By the following vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent:

John Wentworth, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Heidi Willson, Commission Secretary

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Staff Report

November 7, 2022

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

FROM: Wendy Sugimura, Co-Executive
Director

SUBJECT: Formal Amendment #1 to the 2022/23 Overall Work Program carrying over 21-22 Rural Planning Assistance funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Formal Amendment #1 to the Mono County Overall Work Program 2022/23 with Minute Order 22-06, and authorize the Co-Executive Director to file a new Overall Work Program Agreement for these RPA carryover funds from the 2021/22 fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional budget capacity of \$57,500 from fiscal year 2021/2022 carryover of Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

RPA funds are typically used for feasibility and planning activities, which are exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15262.

DISCUSSION

The current Overall Work Program (OWP) was adopted by the Local Transportation Commission in May 2022. This Formal Amendment #1 would incorporate rollover funds from the 2021/22 OWP in the amount of \$57,500. County and Town Local Transportation Commission (LTC) staffs met and discussed anticipated programming, workflow, and expenditures, and determined the funding should be added to Work Element 900.8, Mono County Public Works Projects. The LTC staff regularly discusses the OWP and other LTC programming, and once this formal amendment is complete, can adjust budgets as needed to deliver the OWP program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 2022/23 OWP Budget Adjustment for Work Element 900.8
2. Minute Order 22-06 Formal Amendment #1 to the 22-23 OWP Budget

ATTACHMENT #1: OWP BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

900.8 Mono County Public Works Projects

Purpose: Completion of various projects administered by the Mono County Public Works department. Projects include planning and coordination for regional trails and emergency access routes, modeling through the use of drone surveys (Autocad) and GIS, gathering data for speed surveys and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts, updating the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) System, performing research and planning for the life cycle costs for pavement preservation treatments, tracking of yearly traffic accident data and collision rates for evaluation of roadway safety, and development of support software. With previous completion of Mono County's Local Road Safety Plan, required coordination with all stakeholders will be needed to reach road safety goals and lower fatal and severe injury collisions throughout Mono County.

Previous work:

- Emergency access routes for Swall Meadows and the Petersen Tract in June Lake have been proposed and partially analyzed, as identified in the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Mono County Pavement Management System has been developed. Collection of road PASER ratings has been on-going since 2017
- Update of Mono County Road Standards completed.
- Life cycle analysis using equivalent annual cost method is being used to identify road maintenance treatments based on PASER ratings.
- Completion of Mono County Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) in support of state goal of reducing rural fatal and severe injury collisions
 - Benton Crossing Road Safety Assessment at Wild Willy's Hot Springs completed
- Implementation of road safety projects are in progress.

Task Elements:

- Planning of emergency access routes at needed locations in Mono County communities
- Continuing work on the Pavement Management System and PASER rating process.
- Yearly assessment of reported collision data to inform effectiveness of implemented projects and provide data for future re-assessment of Local Road Safety Plan and Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program. Address and coordinate engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services for implementation of Local Road Safety Plan goal to lower fatal and severe injury collisions on Mono County roads
- Perform research and planning on the life cycle cost for pavement preservation and development of life cycle software for implementation
- Use of drone surveys for asset management products to be incorporated into WE 900.3
- Required engineering coordination and management of relevant trails and recreation projects, reports, and documents

Expected Products:

- Draft design of emergency access routes
- Additional data added to GIS map, expansion of Autocad road database, including inventory and location of existing roadside infrastructure

- Updated Pavement Management System
- Completion of speed and traffic data surveys on relevant County maintained roads
- Identification of most cost-effective road maintenance treatments for incorporation into the 5-Year CIP
- Determination of current traffic collision frequencies, collision rates, and collision severity on relevant county roads

Estimated Benchmarks: Draft emergency access routes completed in FY 2022-23

Estimated Completion Date: GIS map and Autocad files ongoing, Pavement Management System data updates ongoing, speed/traffic surveys ongoing, tracking of traffic collision data ongoing.

Funding:

	Mammoth Lakes	Mono County	Total Funding
RPA		\$30,000	\$30,000
Amndmnt #1		\$57,500	\$57,500
Total		\$87,500	\$87,500

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MINUTE ORDER MO 22-06 Agenda Item 4a

SUBJECT: Approve 22-23 OWP Formal Amendment programming FY 21-22 carryover funds

ACTION: Approve the FY 22-23 OWP Formal Amendment programming FY 21-22 Rural Planning Assistance carryover funds, and authorize the Co-Executive Director to sign and file the agreement.

_____ motion. _____ second.

Vote: __ yes, __ no, __ absent, __ abstain

Attest:

Heidi Willson, LTC Secretary

**LTC Co-Executive Director Report
November 7, 2022**

Administration

- Annual LTC audit underway.
- Triennial transit audit underway.

Meetings

- Staff continues to attend the CalSTA (California State Transportation Agency) meetings on Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) implementation – nothing new to report at this time.
- Rural Counties Task Force (9/16 and 10/28):
 - Interim Caltrans System Investment Strategy: reviewed scoring criteria (built around SB1 & CAPTI, includes safety)
- Staff attended a workshop on updates to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) guidelines

Programs

- June Lake Active Transportation Plan: initial recommendations were presented to the June Lake community at the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) at the November 2 meeting. The draft final plan will be presented at an in-person CAC meeting on December 7 at the June Lake Community Center at 6:00 pm.
- West Walker River Parkway: grant for implementation was unsuccessful, focus is returning to completing the plan with assistance from the National Park Service technical assistance program and the onboarding of the new Outdoor Recreation Coordinator.

Legislative Updates

Signed

- SB 1121 State and local transportation system: needs assessment – signed. The bill requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC), in consultation with the California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to prepare a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system. The needs assessment required by SB 1121 would provide important information necessary to identify anticipated revenue to cover the cost of the needs identified, along with information on funding shortfalls and how those gaps should be addressed. Additionally, needs assessments can be a helpful tool in clarifying and identifying transportation goals, identifying tradeoffs (for instance, the fundamental tradeoff between capital improvements or expansion and system preservation) and encouraging alignment across agencies and programs.

Vetoed

- AB 2438 Transportation funding: guidelines and plans – vetoed by Governor. This bill would have required various state transportation programs to incorporate strategies from the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) into program guidelines. It would have also

required various state agencies to establish new transparency and accountability guidelines for certain transportation funding programs. Mono County LTC initially submitted opposition comments with our legislative partners resulting in changes to the bill before it was passed. The Governor's veto message states this work is already underway.

- AB 2514 State Highway System Management Plan: underserved rural – vetoed by Governor. The bill would have directed Caltrans to include a comprehensive evaluation of transportation in rural counties as part of its State Highway System Management Plan, which would have included a 10-year state highway rehabilitation plan and a 5-year maintenance plan. The Governor's veto message states this work is already underway.

Did Not Pass Legislature

- AB 2237 Transportation planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities strategies: alternative planning strategy: state transportation funding – withdrawn from Senate committee. This bill would require that those projects and programs included in each regional transportation improvement program also be consistent with the most recently prepared sustainable communities strategy of the regional transportation planning agency or county transportation commission, or, if applicable, the alternative planning strategy, and state and federal air quality standards. The bill would prohibit funds collected from any local transportation tax measure passed on or after January 1, 2023, from being spent until the transportation projects or programs to be funded by the tax measure are included in the most recently adopted sustainable communities strategy of the applicable regional transportation planning agency or county transportation commission or, if applicable, the alternative planning strategy. The bill would also prohibit the expenditure of funds from local tax measures that passed before January 1, 2023, but that exclusively provide for the collection and expenditure of funds on or after January 1, 2023, until the transportation projects or programs to be funded by the tax measure are included in the most recently adopted sustainable communities strategy, or, if applicable, the alternative planning strategy. Mono County LTC sent an opposition comment letter on this bill in conjunction with our legislative advocacy partners.

Please contact Haislip Hayes for questions about Town of Mammoth Lakes projects at 760-965-3652 or hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

For questions about Mono County projects and/or administration, please contact Wendy Sugimura at 760-924-1814 or wsugimura@mono.ca.gov to be directed to the appropriate staff.