

LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

August 12, 2024

City of Susanville Council Chambers
66 North Lassen Street
Susanville, CA

1:30 P.M. Open Session

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1. Convene

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:47 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Albaugh (joined at 1:56 pm), Brown, Gallagher, Miller, Neely, Schuster

Absent:

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was waived.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Schuster and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Commission adopt the agenda as presented. The agenda was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Brown, Gallagher, Miller, Neely, Schuster

NOES: None

ABSENT: Albaugh

ABSTAIN: None

1.3 Approval of the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission was asked to adopt the Minutes of their June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented by staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Schuster and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes as presented by staff. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Brown, Gallagher, Miller, Neely, Schuster
NOES: None
ABSENT: Albaugh
ABSTAIN: None

1.4 Approval of Consent Calendar

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Neely that the Commission approve the Consent Calendar as presented by staff. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Brown, Gallagher, Miller, Neely, Schuster
NOES: None
ABSENT: Albaugh
ABSTAIN: None

2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

No written communications were received.

Verbal communications:

Elizabeth Norton Bob Godman and the Susanville Public Works Department for helping with a local Susan River Clean up Day. She also commented on rumble strips recently “fixed” by Caltrans at Bass Hill that help accommodate cyclists who use the road shoulder.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Caltrans

Michael Oguro provided a brief update on existing projects and preparations for shutting down activities for the winter. He mentioned an emergency project near Fredonia Summitt. He added that the project was due in part to a failure in the recently completed work. Commissioner Gallagher commented that maybe this work would reveal what happened to the previous work. Michael said that he would check into it.

Commissioner Albaugh asked about a potential increase in accidents at A2 and SR 299 with traffic coming from Klamath not stopping before turning on to SR 299. Michael said that Pete Heimbigner had also mentioned this and that he would check with the safety team at District 2.

3.2 CHP

No update was provided.

3.3 City of Susanville

Erik Edholm reported that the contract for the Gateway project was still 2-3 weeks out, and that they would be hiring a consulting engineer to do the project manager work. He added that they anticipated it being a 90-day project, and that the flatwork and concrete would be done by mid-October.

3.4 Lassen County

Pete Heimbigner reported that the county snowblower was being repaired and could be ready for winter use. He added that the brush shredder was available.

Commissioner Neely asked about the guardrail project in Janesville. Pete mentioned that they received one bid, and it was rejected. They are planning to rebid the project.

He added that the county had completed its road inventory agreement with the SIR.

Chair Albaugh if Pete had information on how much road mileage SIR was responsible for. Executive Secretary Clerici said he would get that information from the tribe.

3.5 Susanville Indian Rancheria

No update was provided.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

There was no closed session.

4.02 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no closed session.

4.10 Action/Discussion Items

4.11 Volcanic Scenic Highway – Contract for Highway Assessment

The Commission was asked to direct by motion, 7 the Executive Secretary to prepare and sign a contract to perform preliminary evaluations on the Volcanic Scenic Highway for a contract not to exceed \$5,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Neely and seconded by Commissioner Schuster to approve the item as presented by staff. The motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Albaugh, Brown, Gallagher, Miller, Neely, Schuster

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4.12 Overview of LCTC Organization and Funding

The Executive Secretary provided an overview of the legislative foundation that established the LCTC in 1971, the funding sources it has responsibility to distribute, planning responsibilities, and Commission make-up. He also described the Commissions relationship to the Lassen Transit Services Agency, the City of Susanville, Lassen County and Caltrans. And how these agencies work together to provide regional planning and funding for transportation within Lassen County.

No action was taken by the Commission on this information item.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following is an overview of some of the issues, projects, and coordination currently being advanced by LCTC.

5.01 Executive Summary Report

The Executive Secretary reported the following:

- ***US 395 Update** – Staff reported that they would be meeting with Congressman LaMalfa at a special meeting of the Sierra Alliance to provide an update on the various projects underway on US 395. The updates included a more detailed look at the safety project Caltrans D2 has developed for the area north of Hallelujah Junction to about Honey Lake, the Wildlife Crossing grant recently awarded the LCTC by the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the Red Rock CapM project.*
- ***Wildlife Crossing Grant** – Data gathering has been completed and an internal draft of potential crossing sites has been developed. Staff hopes to have a publicly accessible version of the potential crossing locations available for the November 4 meeting.*
- ***Lassen/Plumas County ZEV Infrastructure Grant** – The Executive Secretary reported that the project had been closed out.*
- ***Legislation** – There were no updates on current state legislation.*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Matter brought forth by the Commissioners

Commissioner Schuster asked staff to work with the City to come up with some options for additional access to the Little League fields.

7.2 Next Commission Meeting

Next meeting of the LCTC will be on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 1:30 PM, at the City of Susanville, City Council Chambers, 66 North Lassen Street, Susanville, CA.

7.3 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Submitted for approval by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Clerici', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Clerici
Executive Secretary