

# LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting

**January 8, 2024**

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

1:30 P.M. Open Session

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### 1:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION

#### 1. Convene

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.*

**Roll Call:** **Present:** Albaugh, Brown, Gallagher, Neely, Stafford  
**Absent:** McCourt

#### 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

*The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was waived.*

#### 1.2 Adoption of Agenda:

*Chairman Albaugh asked that agenda item 1.31: Election of Commission Officers, be postponed to the April meeting. This is to accommodate the March elections for the Susanville City Council that could impact Commission membership.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gallagher and seconded by Commissioner Safford that the Commission adopt the agenda with the suggested change as presented by Commissioner Albaugh. The revised agenda was adopted by the following vote:*

AYES: Albaugh, Brown, Gallagher, Neely, Stafford  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McCourt  
ABSTAIN: None

#### 1.3 Approval of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

*The Commission was asked to adopt the Minutes of their December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented by staff.*

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

AYES: Albaugh, Brown, Gallagher, Neely, Stafford

NOES: None

ABSENT: McCourt

ABSTAIN: None

#### **1.4 Approval of Consent Calendar**

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

AYES: Albaugh, Brown, Gallagher, Neely, Stafford

NOES: None

ABSENT: McCourt

ABSTAIN: None

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No written communications were received.*

*Verbal communications:*

*No verbal comments were received.*

## **3. REPORTS**

### **3.1 Caltrans**

*Mike Oguro reported that repair work on SR 139 on the grade above Susanville (outside the city limits) will be performed in the 2025 construction year. The project will likely include road closures/detours prompting impacts to the motoring public. He added that as the project develops Caltrans will be engaging the community to describe the project, get input on best traffic mitigation strategies, and work with local agencies to minimize overall impacts.*

### **3.2 CHP**

*No report was provided by CHP.*

### **3.3 City of Susanville**

*No Report was provided for the City of Susanville.*

### **3.4 Lassen County**

*Pete Heimbigner reported that the most recent storm was the first big test of road crews and that they performed well keeping ahead of the snow. Commissioner Gallagher noted that the roads in Westwood were good. Commissioner Neely made a similar comment.*

*Commissioner Albaugh asked about the potential impacts to SR 139 (from Caltrans update). Pete responded that the county would work with Caltrans to identify appropriate detours and that it was likely that A21 would be an appropriate candidate.*

### **3.5 Susanville Indian Rancheria**

*No Report was provided by the Susanville Indian Rancheria.*

## **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 Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Feasibility Study Roll-out Plan**

*The Commission was asked to adopt, by motion, Adopt Resolution 23-18, adopting the Final ICT and ZEB Roll-out Plan for Lassen County and direct staff to transmit the plan to the California Air Resources Board.*

*The Commission received a report by the consultant which confirmed most of the takeaways provided at the November 13, 2023 regular meeting. The determinations specific to Lassen County (and major challenges to ZEV bus transitioning in the short-term) included:*

- LTSA has a limited driver pool which limits electric vehicle swaps (require by the current range of most EV buses)*
- No EV maintenance availability in the region*
- Full conversion to EV busses that maintains the same level of service will require increasing the size of the fleet*
- Conversion process will start after 2032 to account for technology improvements that will better fit the operational needs of Lassen County transit service providers*

*The Executive Director added that the analysis demonstrates that it is impractical at this time, given the number of challenges currently attributed to EV buses, to contemplate the conversion of the existing fleet as per CARB's mandate. This conversion plan and its supporting documentation, will demonstrate to CARB that Lassen County has done their due diligence, using CARB approved methods, to address the mandate and has developed an implementation strategy that allows for a practical implementation in Lassen County.*

*Commissioners were informed that this would be the only official action that they would be taking on this issue presently. The consultant and staff would engage in follow-up data gathering to close out the project. In addition, annual reports will be made to CARB to update them on any changes to the roll-out plan.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gallagher and seconded by Commissioner Neely to approve Resolution 23-18, adopting the Final ICT and ZEB Roll-out Plan for Lassen County and direct staff to transmit the plan to the California Air Resources Board. The motion was passed by the following vote:*

AYES: Albaugh, Brown, Gallagher, Neely, Stafford  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McCourt  
ABSTAIN: None

## **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** – *The Coalition met on November 15 to review highway projects currently being developed for US 395 in Nevada, and the recently approved wildlife crossing planning and design effort being developed by LCTC using a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board. Commissioner Gallagher commented that he thought the meeting was well done.*
- **First Quarter LTF Update** – *LTF revenue for the first quarter of FY 23/24 was up about 4%. This was consistent across the state, and in keeping with other sales tax reports.*
- **Legislation** – *The legislature is out of session, returning in early January 2024.*
- **Road/Mobility Workshop** – *Staff would be meeting with County, City and Tribal staff to begin identifying specific projects to work on develop funding strategies. The meeting was scheduled for January 18.*

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

*None.*

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Matter brought forth by the Commissioners**

*No items were brought forth by Commissioners.*

**7.2 Next Commission Meeting**

*Next meeting of the LCTC will be on Monday, March 11, 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 2:35 p.m.*

*Submitted for approval by:*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John Clerici", written over a horizontal line.

John Clerici  
Executive Secretary