

LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Commission Meeting

February 6, 2025

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

11:30 A.M. Open Session

1:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION

1. Convene

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Bridges, Brown, Ingram, Miller, Neely, Schuster
Absent: Albaugh

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 Bridgers that the Commission adopt the agenda as presented. The agenda was adopted by the following vote:

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

1.3 Approval of the Meeting Minutes

No minutes were included in this agenda.

1.4 Approval of Consent Calendar

There were no items on consent.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

No written communications were received.

Verbal communications:

No verbal communications.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Caltrans

No update was provided.

3.2 CHP

No update was provided.

3.3 City of Susanville

No update was provided.

3.4 Lassen County

No update was provided.

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 Discussion of Safety Planning and Projects on US 395 from Susanville to the Sierra County Line

In the light of two recent fatal accidents the Commission was asked to provide discussion and direct to the safety efforts both planned and proposed for US 395 between Susanville and the Sierra County line Current safety efforts include a

significant investment (planned for construction year 2027) between approximately Doyle and the Sierra County Line. In addition, LCTC staff commissioned a technical memo to locate a number of passing lanes between the US 395/SR 36 junction and the Sierra County Line. The memo described what the passing lanes would look like and assigned a rough value for their construction.

Dave Moore, Caltrans District 2 Director, and members of his staff provided an overview of some of the elements of the Red Rock Safety Project, as well as other potential safety enhancements (e.g. Passing Lanes) that could be utilized to improve safety in the corridor. Perhaps the most prominent feature of the safety project is a planned center-line continuous concrete barrier from approximately Hallelujah Junction and Doyle. Mr. Moore noted that a scoping document describing all the safety project elements was forthcoming.

The following are questions and comments provided by Commissioners, the public as well as Caltrans and LCTC staff.

Is it possible to put temporary center-line barriers in place north of the Doyle until a permanent barrier can be installed? Are there regulatory barriers (CEQA) that can be modified for this purpose? Anything to streamline the process. Temporary barriers are available they are also a maintenance issue and can be costly to place and keep in place.

Speed differential between cars and large trucks was also mentioned. This has been a topic for some time. However it is not unique to US 395. Across the state the speed limit for large trucks is 55. The only way to change it would be to lower the over all speed limit, and most agreed that it would not be practical. Some observed that very few large trucks observed the 55 mph speed limit presently. Changing the speed limit for trucks would require legislation, and it was noted that few people wanted to be seen as advocating for higher speeds on the highway.

Speeding and taking unnecessary risks was also cited as a cause for accidents on the highway. Suggested that a greater CHP presence and enforcement might be needed.

Passing lanes were discussed by the group. Passing lanes are not part of the safety project, but are not excluded from future safety efforts.

Caltrans staff agreed to engage stakeholders when the details of the Red Rock Safety Project were made available. They also agreed to work with LCTC staff and the jurisdictions to identify and implement safety projects throughout the US 395 corridor.

No action was taken by the Commission.

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 was no Executive Secretary report provided.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Matter brought forth by the Commissioners

No items were brought forth by the Commissioners.

7.2 Next Commission Meeting

Next meeting of the LCTC will be on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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 12:57 p.m.

Submitted for approval by:



John Clerici
Executive Secretary