

MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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MINUTES

January 27, 2025

Meeting of the Plumas County Transportation Commission (PCTC) is called to order by Vice-chair Pat Morton with roll call at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Public Works Department.

1a. Roll Call

Roll call is conducted by Jim Graham, Executive Director

The commissioners in attendance are Pat Morton, Susan Scarlett, Bill Powers, Jeff Engel, Mimi Hall and Tom McGowan.

Staff Attendees: Rob Thorman, Public Works Director

1b. Public Forum – Public

There are no comments from the public.

1c. Public Forum – Commissioners and Staff

There are no comments from Commissioners or staff.

2. Consideration of Draft Minutes for PCTC Meeting conducted on December 16, 2024

A motion is made by Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett, to adopt the minutes of December 16, 2024. Motion passes 4-0, with Commissioners Engel and Hall abstaining.

3. Appointment of PCTC Chair

A motion is made by Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Engel, to appoint Pat Morton as the Chair of the Plumas County Transportation Commission. Furthermore, a motion is made by Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Engel, to appoint Mimi Hall as the Vice Chair of the Plumas County Transportation Commission. Motion passes 6-0.

4. Update on the Transit Operations Contract.

Graham reports that one proposal was received in response to the Request for Proposals for the operation and management of Plumas Transit Systems. This proposal was received from Plumas Rural Services who have operated and managed the public transportation system for the last 12 plus years. The selection committee consisting of Jim Graham, Rob Thorman, Bill Powers and Kevin Goss will be meeting after the PCTC Meeting.

5. Continued Public Hearing: Adoption of the 2025 Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Adoption of Resolution 25-01 adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the 2025 Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan.

Green Dot Transportation Solutions' Senior Planner Nathaniel Redmond provides an overview of the 2025 Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan and Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration. Chair Morton opens the public hearing, Commissioner Hall comments that she appreciates the hard work that went into the documents. The Public Hearing is closed. A motion is made by

Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; furthermore, a motion is made by Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett to adopt Resolution 25-01 adopting the 2025 Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. Motion Passes 6-0.

6. Transit Operations Update

a) Plumas Transit Systems Update and FY 24/25 1st Quarter Report

Graham reports that the 1st Quarter Report continues to show ridership increasing and that ridership is now back up to pre-Covid levels. The Commission asks how long free fares can last and Graham responds that with current funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, that free fares can be expected to continue for the next 4 to 5 years at a minimum.

b) Seniors Transportation Update

John Rix reports that 2,700 rides have been provided since the beginning of the fiscal year. Homebound meal deliveries are still running very high. Approximately 300-400 meals per day.

7. Update on delivery of new buses associated with the 2023 5339 procurement

Graham reports that one of the three new buses was delivered last month and that the other two remaining buses will be delivered next month. Commissioner McGowan asks what happens to the buses after they are retired from service. Graham responds that per Federal Transit Administration requirements, the buses are competitively sold at auction. These auctions are held every few years along with other county surplus equipment.

8. Discussion of impacts on transportation improvement projects due to the County's failure to have a completed audit for FY 22/23.

Rob Thorman, Public Works Director, reports that he was informed by Caltrans that no STIP allocations can be made for projects in this FY due to the County audits not being completed. Rob will be requesting an extension from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to extend these projects to the next fiscal year. A meeting will be scheduled with a CTC representative to discuss these requests ahead of the formal extension request being submitted.

9. Confirm the date of the next PCTC meeting for February 24, 2025, at 1:30 PM

The PCTC meeting date for February 24, 2025, is confirmed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 2:10 PM