

MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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MINUTES

Monday October 21, 2019

Meeting of the Plumas County Transportation Commission (PCTC) is called to order by Chairman Bill Powers with roll call at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Public Works Department.

- 1A. Roll Call** is conducted by Bob Perreault, Interim Executive Director. Commissioners in attendance are: Bill Powers, Sherrie Thrall, Lori Simpson, and Jeff Engel. Susan Scarlett and Phil Oels were absent. A quorum is present.
Staff Attendees: John Mannle, Assistant Director of Public Works; Stephanie McMillan, Recording Secretary; Jim Graham, Senior Environmental Planner, Amanda Higgins, Fiscal Technician

Others in Attendance: Jeff Schwein, Green Dot Consultants; Kelly McElwain, Plumas Transit; John Rix, PCPHA-Senior Services; Stacey Barnes, Caltrans; Dawn Barker, Caltrans

- 1B. Public Forum – Public**
No comments.

- 1C. Public Forum: Commissioners**
Chair Bill Powers reported that at the recent DEAL meeting that he had conversations with Caltrans and CHP regarding needed signage in Cromberg due to repeated special events in the Chalet View area.

- 2. Consideration of Draft Minutes for the PCTC Meeting Conducted on September 16, 2019**
Motion is made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Thrall to adopt the minutes of the September 16, 2019 PCTC meeting. Motion passes 4-0.

- 3. Update on the Proposed Taylorsville Bus Route**
In regard to the previous request of the Plumas Charter School pertaining to a proposed Taylorsville Bus Route, Jim Graham reported that the Plumas Charter School has decided to use Sierra Charter Bus services which will offer them morning and evening runs. Taletha Washburn of Plumas Charter School has asked to delay the proposed Plumas Transit route change for a month.

- 4. Caltrans' Projects Update**
Stacey Barnes, Caltrans, presented a list of projects and their status including the completion of the Opepee Curve and the West Almanor Paving Maintenance Project. The Chilcoot Rehabilitation and Rush Creek Fish Passage projects are near completion.
Stacey stated that a Value Analysis (VA) of the Cromberg Rehabilitation Project resulted in design changes that saved approximately \$4 million and shortened completion time by 29 days. Stacey reported that the Greenville Enhancement Project was awarded an Annual Excellence Award by Caltrans. Stacey and Bob Perreault will coordinate for a future official presentation date.

5. **Plumas Rural Services 4th Quarter Report for FY 18/19 for Plumas Transit**
Kelly McElwain, Plumas Transit, reported that ridership is down but with winter coming that should improve with more FRC students using transit. The FRC ridership flexes due to class schedule changes. Kelly stated Plumas Transit is now on Facebook and is using flyers to encourage transit use. Portola is offering increased night runs. John Mannle indicated that Public Works plans to have the Chester Bus shelter installed before winter.
6. **Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTIP) 2020**
Jeff Schwein, Green Dot, distributed the 2019 RTP and a schedule outlining the circulation of the draft RTP and final adoption of the RTP and approval of the environmental document. Jeff asked for the PCTC Commissioners to read the RTP in order to provide comments at the November 18, 2019 PCTC meeting. Following receipt of final comments, a final RTP will be prepared and circulated along with the Initial Study/Negative Declaration for 30 days. Green Dot foresees adoption of the RTP at the January 2020 PCTC meeting.
7. **Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTIP) for the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**
John Mannle presented the Draft RTIP previously in July, August and September. This Final Draft will come before PCTC for Resolution approval in November 2019. The plan will then be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by December 15, 2019 using a new CTC template.
8. **FY 20/21 State Route 36 Chester Safe Mobility Study Project**
Jim Graham reported that the Chester Sustainable Communities Grant Application which proposed to analyze multiple safety issues including non-motorized mobility was submitted to Caltrans approximately two weeks ago. This project will be integrated with the 2009 Main Street plan and the recently completed Plumas County Active Transportation Program – Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan. The Grant amount to be awarded is \$185,000 with matching LTF funds of \$45,000. The Grant award will be released in spring 2020.

Commissioner Thrall reported that she has received many complaints regarding the pedestrian crossings of Highway 36 as being unsafe due to poor lighting. Commissioner Thrall pointed out that the blinking warning lights do not seem effective. Future planning outreach activities for SR 36 corridor through Chester will have to address for street lighting which the community now seems to embrace as an answer to some safety issues.

Jim Graham indicated that the County recently measured lighting intensities at the crosswalks along SR 36 in Chester. Jim questioned if some high use crosswalks might receive enhanced lighting while other safety projects are being considered.
9. **PCTC Next Meeting Date.**
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 1:30 pm.
10. **Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM



Robert A. Perreault, Jr., Interim Executive Director PCTC

Date: 11/18/2019