

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday November 13, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, State of California, met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009, at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, California. The following members were present: Jeff Griffiths, Skip Harvey, Susan Cash, Linda Arcularius, John Eastman, David Stottlemire and Vikki Bauer. Director Byng Hunt absent. Director Bauer led the pledge of allegiance.

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| Public Comment | The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 10:08 a.m. There was no one from the public wishing to address the Board. Public Comment was closed. |
| Consent Agenda | Moved by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Harvey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2009. Motion carried 4-0, with Directors Arcularius, Cash and Stottlemire abstaining and with Director Hunt absent. |
| Joint Powers Agreement | Executive Director John Helm updated the Board on the status of development of concepts for possible modification of the JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) to address provisions related to funding and service changes. Mr. Helm reported that he is actively working on this and plans to meet with executive staff from all of the member jurisdictions, to receive input. Mr. Helm plans to have concepts finalized and to bring these to the Board at the December meeting. |
| Clarification of ESTA's Mission, Values and Goals | Mr. Helm reported that a meeting was held with a select group of ESTA employees to discuss the mission clarification document. Information and input from this meeting helped to form the draft of the Mission Statement Clarification. The Board reviewed and modified the draft of the Mission Clarification Statement. Moved by Director Bauer and seconded by Director Eastman to approve the Mission Statement Clarification as modified. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Hunt absent. The Board requested a copy of the Mission Statement Clarification document be forwarded to the Board Members and to the employees. The Board would like to show appreciation to the ESTA employees for their work and dedication in helping to more clearly define the goals of ESTA's mission. |

CalPERS Contract
Amendment Approval

Moved by Director Eastman and seconded by Director Arcularius to approve Resolution 2009-06 authorizing an amendment to the contract between CalPERS and ESTA providing for an additional two years of service credit, and to authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution and Amendment on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 7-0, with Director Hunt absent.

Grant Status Update

Mr. Helm gave an update on the status of the grants ESTA has applied for. Since the October meeting, ESTA has received completed contracts for all the grant-funded programs included in the fiscal year 2009/10 budget, with the exception of the Section 5311(f) program. Mr. Helm is hopeful the 5311(f) grant will be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Helm will present a mid-year budget update at the January meeting.

Red's Meadow Recap

Mr. Helm gave a recap of the Red's Meadow Shuttle service. Mr. Helm reported that ridership exceeded projections and that excess revenues will be applied to the service next year. Plans have been made to meet with the Forest Service and the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to discuss the service for next year.

At 12:25 Director Eastman left to attend another appointment.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Helm gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. There are sufficient funds as of October 31, 2009 to meet the next 30 days' obligations. During October the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved a \$50,000 line of credit to ESTA. The line of credit was received in early November, and is not reflected in the October statement. Revenues and expenses are on track with projections.

Operations Report

Transit Director Monicka Watterson gave the Operations Report for the month of October. Ms. Watterson reported that, overall, ridership continues to be down compared to last year. Due to October being a part of the off-season in Mammoth, ridership on the Mammoth fixed routes was also down slightly.

Online Agenda
Demonstration

Board Clerk Susan Rottner gave a demonstration of the online agenda. In October ESTA began using a hyperlink function on the agenda that is available on the Eastern Sierra Transit website. Through this function when a viewer clicks on an agenda item, the staff report for the item will be displayed.

After-Hours Bishop
Dial-A-Ride Phone

Transit Analyst Jill Batchelder gave an update on the after-hours Bishop dial-a-ride phone. Ms. Batchelder explained that a new phone number has been dedicated to the Bishop dial-a-ride service, and only the new number is forwarded to the cell phone in the vehicle during evening and weekend hours. This will hopefully eliminate the calls for CREST and other information from going directly to the driver. The use of the new phone number was implemented on October 31. The Board requested an update at the December meeting.


Reports

Mr. Helm reported that the ADA paratransit service begins tonight (November 13th) in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Outreach efforts have been made to Inyo and Mono County Health and Human Services departments, the Mammoth Hospital and the Eastern Sierra Center for Independent Living. At this time, no one is certified for the service, although one application has been received. Mr. Helm also reported that he had the chance to visit Tecopa and spent the day riding the service between Tecopa and Pahrump.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is to be held on Friday December 18, 2009 in the City of Bishop.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Minutes approved: **December 18, 2009**