

Bishop Creek
Recreation Area
Summer Service

Mr. Helm presented a plan for a pilot program to service Bishop Creek Recreation Area. Service to this area was identified as a need in the 2016 Short Range Transit Plan. The pilot program would provide 7-day service from June 17th – August 20th then weekends through October 15th with two round trips per day. Operating costs would be covered through fares and other anticipated operating cost savings in FY 2016/17 as a result of moderate fuel prices.

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Hoff to approve Bishop Creek Recreation Pilot Service and to include it in the bi-annual service review. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

June Lake Summer
Shuttle

Mr. Helm reviewed the June Lake Summer Shuttle program and reported that, although there was disappointing ridership, the June Lake Community Advisory Committee (CAC) indicated they would like to continue the shuttle service in 2017. The CAC was interested in looking at cost savings in the form of a shortened service period and perhaps a financial contribution to the service.

In addition to a shortened service season, the board directed staff to present the following options to the CAC:

- 1) A request that the community provide 10% of the operating costs, estimated at \$2,100, to achieve the state-mandated 10% farebox return.
- 2) A suggestion that the community provide additional funding equal to the estimated fare revenue from the service (approximately \$400) and then offer the services as a free shuttle to riders. The benefits of a free shuttle would likely greatly increase ridership.

2017 Board Meeting
Calendar – ESCOG
Dates

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Pecsí to start ESTA Board meetings at 11:00a.m. on days that ESCOG meets. Non-ESCOG meeting dates will start at 8:30a.m. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

2017 Federal
Certifications and
Assurances Approval

Moved by Director Sauser and seconded by Director Griffiths to have Mr. Helm sign the 2017 Federal Certifications and Assurances. Motion carried 7-0 with Director Tillemans absent.

Revised Title VI
Program

This item was rescheduled for the March 17, 2017 meeting of the ESTA Board of Directors.

Fiscal Year 2015/16
Audited Financial
Report

The financial audit for fiscal year 2015/16, prepared by Fechter and Company, was presented by Mr. Helm and received by the board.

Financial Report Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 15, 2017.

Operations Report Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of January 2017.

Board Member Reports None.

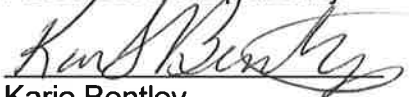
Executive Director Report Mr. Helm reported on Old Mammoth Limited service to address concerns related to the elimination of the Gray Line.

Mr. Helm reported on cuts to funding of the 5311(f) Grant Program, which funds the Reno and Lancaster routes. The reductions are not anticipated to result in any service reductions for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

Future Agenda Items Director Sauser would like to address issues related to the loss of Gray Line and a possible turnaround spot out Old Mammoth Road. Director Hoff would like to reach out to residents of Red Fir Road about interest in transit service.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for March 17, 2017, in the City of Bishop

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Minutes approved: **March 17, 2017**