

**YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
(YARTS) AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

February 25, 2015

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Authority Advisory Committee held Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Chair Danna Stroud at 10:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Carrier, Mariposa County Public Works
Layla Forstedt, Fresno/Clovis Conference and Visitors Bureau
Tom Gaffery, Fresno State
Rich Green, The Bus, Merced
Sandy Hogan, Mono County LTC (via video conference)
Candy O'Donel-Browne, Mariposa County Economic Development Corp
Sheri Ogden, Yosemite National Park
Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Development (via video conference)
Moses Stites, Fresno Rural Transit
Danna Stroud, Mono County Citizen (via video conference)
Sean Williams, Holiday Inn Express

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Baker, California Welcome Center, Merced
Tom Dumas, Caltrans
Terry Selk, Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau
Steve Smallcombe, Mariposa County Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Demery, VIA Adventures
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff
Robin Lamas, YARTS staff
Darin Soukup, Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff
Dave Wolin, Coarsegold Chamber of Commerce

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes of the October 15, 2014 YARTS AAC meeting

Sandy Hogan moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 YARTS AAC meeting.

Seconded by Jeff Simpson.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Information/Discussion Only

- a. VIA Monthly Service Reports for October 2014 - January 2015
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the October 20, 2014 YARTS JPA meeting (to be approved at the JPA March 2, 2015 meeting)

So noted.

5. Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

Dick Whittington gave a brief review of the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Dick stated that Caltrans and the Federal Transit Administration needed to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy before they could release funds to us.

Sandy Hogan moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Board review and approve the VIA Adventures Drug and Alcohol Policy application to YARTS.

Seconded by Moses Stites.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Amendment to Amtrak Service Agreement

Moses Stites moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Board approve the suggested financial proposal for the Fresno Amtrak Thruway Service and authorize the YARTS Executive Director to execute the agreement when it is submitted to YARTS.

Seconded by Candy O'Donel-Browne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Fiscal Year 2013/14 Annual Audit

Candy O'Donel-Browne moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Board accept the YARTS Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014, prepared by Price, Paige & Company.

Seconded by Moses Stites.

Abstained – Sandy Hogan

MOTION CARRIED.

8. YARTS Service Contract Adjustment

Tom Gaffery moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Board approve the requested CPI adjustment in accordance with the provisions of the contract between YARTS and VIA Adventures.

Seconded by Sandy Hogan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Hwy 41 Project Update

Dick Whittington gave a review of the Hwy 41 Project.

10. Oral Report – National Park Service

Sheri Ogden gave the report from the National Park Service.

11. Oral Report – Managers' Report

So noted.

12. Member Remarks

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.