

**YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
(YARTS) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

January 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority Board held Monday, January 25, 2016, at the Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA and conducted by video/teleconference at Sierra Center Mall, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Third Floor, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA and the Fresno Council of Governments, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA, was called to order by Commissioner Carrier at 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Alpers, Mono County Supervisor (via video/teleconference)
John Carrier, Mariposa County Supervisor
Stacy Corless, Mono County Supervisor (via video/teleconference)
John Pedrozo, Merced County Supervisor
Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County Supervisor
Hub Walsh, Merced County Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sylvia Chavez, Mayor, City of Huron
Stephen Hill, Mayor, City of Kerman
John Gray, Tuolumne County Supervisor
Tom Wheeler, Madera County Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise Demery, VIA Adventures
Tom Dumas, Caltrans
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff
Kris Kirby, National Park Service
Robin Lamas, YARTS staff
Curtis Riggs, VIA Adventures
Steve Smallcombe, AAC
Danna Stroud, AAC Committee Chair (via video/teleconference)
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Oral Report – Authority Advisory Committee Chair or Designee - Recommendations

Danna Stroud gave the report from the Authority Advisory Committee.

4. Minutes of the July 27, 2015 YARTS JPA meeting

Commissioner Pedrozo moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 YARTS JPA meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Smallcombe.

Abstain – Commissioner Carrier

Ayes – Commissioners Walsh, Alpers, Smallcombe, Corless, Carrier, Pedrozo

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Information/Discussion Only

- a. VIA Monthly Service Reports for June 2015 – November 2015
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the July 22, 2015 YARTS AAC meeting

So noted.

6. Annual YARTS Social Media Statistics

Cindy Kelly gave a brief review of the Social Media statistics.

7. Public Hearing – YARTS 5311(f) Grant Funding

Dick Whittington gave a brief review of the YARTS 5311(f) grant funding request. Dick stated that receipt of the funding requires a public hearing to receive comments and have discussion on the intended funding and also requires the execution of a Resolution authorizing funding under the FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C. Section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation.

Public Hearing opened: 1:59 p.m.

Public Hearing closed: 2:00 p.m.

No comments were received during the public hearing.

Commissioner Smallcombe moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016/01-25-01 authorizing funding under FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C. Section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation.

Seconded by Commissioner Walsh.

Ayes – Commissioners Walsh, Alpers, Smallcombe, Corless, Pedrozo, Carrier

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Annual Audit

Commissioner Alpers moved to accept the YARTS Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, prepared by Price, Paige & Company.

Seconded by Commissioner Pedrozo.

Ayes – Commissioners Walsh, Alpers, Smallcombe, Corless, Pedrozo, Carrier

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Hwy 41 Update/Summer Recap

So noted.

10. Proposed Greyhound “Interline” Agreement

Dick Whittington gave a brief review of the proposed Greyhound “Interline” Agreement. Dick stated the intent of the Agreement is for Greyhound Lines to be able to sell tickets to locations that they do not travel to in the Yosemite Region, and use YARTS to provide the last part of the trip.

Dick also stated that Counsel has reviewed the contract and is in agreement with the wording.

Commissioner Smallcombe moved to approve the Agreement between YARTS and Greyhound Lines, Inc. and to direct the Executive Director to execute the Agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Pedrozo.

Ayes – Commissioners Walsh, Alpers, Smallcombe, Corless, Pedrozo, Carrier

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. YARTS Joint Powers Authority Agreement and the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Bylaws Review and Revision Draft

Commissioner Alpers moved to approve the Draft YARTS JPA Agreement revision and Bylaws.

Seconded by Commissioner Smallcombe.

Ayes – Commissioners Walsh, Alpers, Smallcombe, Corless, Carrier

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Short Range Transit Plan Preplanning Discussion

Dick Whittington stated that every five years' transit agencies are required to prepare a Short Range Transit Plan. The last plan was completed in March of 2011. The intent of the Short Range Transit Plan is to look at the agency and evaluate the operation and to project what is likely to occur that will affect the agency and recommend actions.

A Request for Proposal will be needed to hire a consultant to prepare the Short Range Transit Plan. It is important that a list of items for the consultant to review be provided to be included in the Short Range Transit Plan. Please forward all ideas to staff by mid-March.

The YARTS JPA Board approved the idea of having combined meetings with the YARTS AAC during the Short Range Transit Plan planning process.

13. YARTS Authority Advisory Committee Nomination

Commissioner Walsh moved to approve the nomination of Terri Peresan and Michelle Miller to serve on the YARTS Authority Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Commissioner Smallcombe.

Ayes – Commissioners Walsh, Alpers, Smallcombe, Corless, Carrier

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Oral Report – National Park Service

Kris Kirby gave the report from the National Park Service.

15. Oral Report – Manager's Report

So noted.

16. Board of Commissioners Remarks

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:00 P.M.