

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

MINUTES

February 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Authority Advisory Committee (AAC) held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA and conducted by video/teleconference at the Sierra Center Mall, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Third Floor, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA and Fresno Council of Governments, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA and was called to order by Danna Stroud at 10:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Baker, California Welcome Center, Merced
Scott Burns for Sandy Hogan, Mono County LTC (via videoconference)
Rich Green, TheBus, Merced
Candy O'Donel-Browne, Mariposa County Economic Development Corp
Terri Peresan, Mariposa County Department of Community Services
Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Development (via videoconference)
Steve Smallcombe, Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government
Moses Stites, Fresno Rural Transit (via videoconference)
Danna Stroud, Mono County Citizen (via videoconference)
Nanette Villegas, Merced Mall
Sean Williams, Holiday Inn Express

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Dumas, Caltrans
Layla Forstedt, Fresno/Clovis Conference and Visitors Bureau
Lisa Mayo, Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
Michelle Miller, Yosemite/Madera County Visitors Bureau
Terry Selk, Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Arnest, Fresno Council of Governments (via videoconference)
Mark Choe, The Pines at Bass Lake
Michael Draper, Mono County
Jim Donovan, Yosemite National Park
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff
Denise Demery, VIA Adventures
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff
Dave Wolin, Citizen
Daisy Zaragoza, MCAG staff

1. Introductions

Danna Stroud led the introductions and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes of the October 19, 2016 YARTS Authority Advisory Committee meeting

Jeff Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 YARTS AAC meeting.

Seconded by Rich Green.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Information/Discussion Only

- a. VIA Monthly Service Report for October 2016 – December 2016
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the October 24, 2016 YARTS JPA meeting (to be approved at the JPA February 22, 2017 meeting)

The committee had questions for Jim Donovan regarding traffic increases with increased visitation.

5. YARTS Annual Social Media Statistics

Cindy Kelly gave an update on the YARTS Annual Social Media Statistics.

The committee had questions regarding the creation of Instagram and how it affects Facebook users. The committee asked if there is a correlation with the increase in website activity?

6. Square Payment Services Discussion

So noted.

7. YARTS Online Reservations Update

Cindy Kelly gave an update on the Online Reservations.

The committee asked about the refund policy and the no show policy.

8. Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Annual Audit

Jeff Simpson moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority approve the Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, prepared by Price, Paige & Company.

Seconded by Terri Peresan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Dick Whittington gave an update on the upcoming Public Hearing on the YARTS 5311(f) grant funding.

Rich Green moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority adopt Resolution No. 2017/02-22-01 authorizing funding under FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C Section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation.

Seconded by Candy O'Donel-Browne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Capital Acquisition/Replacement Account – Discussion

Steve Smallcombe moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority direct staff to create a Capital Acquisition/Replacement account and to fund it as is practical for the first year in the 2017-2018 budget and add the account as a component of the work plan required in the Short Range Transit Plan.

Seconded by Candy O'Donel-Browne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Special Orientation Meeting

Dick Whittington

Jeff Simpson moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority approve the staff proposal for a special orientation meeting and agree on a date that such a meeting might be held.

Seconded by Candy O'Donel-Browne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. YARTS Joint Powers Authority Agreement and Bylaws Revision

Moses Stites moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority approve the proposed changes to the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Agreement and the YARTS Bylaws and direct staff to submit them to the Joint Powers Authority members for ratification.

Seconded by Candy O'Donel-Browne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Oral Report – National Park Service Report

Jim Donovan gave the National Park Service report and stated that there may be weather delays on Hwy 120/395 on Memorial Day weekend.

14. Oral Report – Manager's Report

15. Member Remarks

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:40 A.M.