

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

**MINUTES**

**July 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Authority Advisory Committee (AAC) held Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 10:32 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Donovan, Yosemite National Park  
Sandy Hogan, Mono County LTC (via videoconference)  
Candy O'Donel-Browne, Mariposa County Economic Development Corp  
Terri Peresan, Mariposa County Department of Community Services  
Moses Stites, Fresno Rural Transit (via videoconference)  
Danna Stroud, Mono County Citizen (via videoconference)  
Nanette Villegas, Merced Mall

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Karen Baker, California Welcome Center, Merced  
Tom Dumas, Caltrans  
Layla Forstedt, Fresno/Clovis Conference and Visitors Bureau  
Rich Green, TheBus, Merced  
Lisa Mayo, Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau  
Michelle Miller, Yosemite/Madera County Visitors Bureau  
Terry Selk, Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau  
Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Development  
Steve Smallcombe, Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government  
Sean Williams, Holiday Inn Express

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Denise Demery, VIA Adventures  
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff  
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff

**1. Introductions**

So noted.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Minutes of the April 6, 2016 YARTS Authority Advisory Committee meeting**

No quorum present, therefore no action was taken.

**4. Information/Discussion Only**

- a. VIA Monthly Service Report for March 2016 – May 2016
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the April 11, 2016 YARTS JPA meeting (to be approved at the JPA July 18, 2016 meeting)
- e. Authority Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

So noted.

**5. Bus Stop Agreement – SilverTip Lodge**

At this time, no quorum was present and no formal action was taken.

The committee agreed by consensus to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority approve the authorization for the Executive Director to sign and execute the agreement between SilverTip/YARTS and Mariposa County.

**6. Short Range Transit Plan**

At this time, no quorum was present and no formal action was taken.

Sandy Hogan suggested Rich Green as a committee member of the evaluation committee.

Dana Stroud stated that the sustainable/growth strategy needs to be a priority in the SRTP and YARTS funding needs to be a collective effort.

Sandy Hogan asked that we not limit representative on the committee to AAC members and suggested that the JPA members choose representative from the counties.

**7. Social Media Statistics**

Cindy Kelly gave an update on the Social Media Statistics.

Terri Peresan asked that staff include 1<sup>st</sup> quarter stats for perspective.

**8. Funding Update**

Dick Whittington gave an update on the funding situation and the efforts to secure funding.

Moses Stites stated caution when pursuing 5311 monies as it can become a feeding frenzy among transit agencies.

**9. Oral Report – National Park Service**

Jim Donovan gave the report from the National Park Service.

**10. Oral Report – Managers' Report**

So noted.

**11. Member Remarks**

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.**