

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

MINUTES

October 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Authority Advisory Committee (AAC) held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 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 was called to order by Danna Stroud at 10:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Burns for Sandy Hogan, Mono County LTC (via videoconference)
Rich Green, TheBus, Merced
Candy O'Donel-Browne, Mariposa County Economic Development Corp
Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Development (via videoconference)
Steve Smallcombe, Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government
Danna Stroud, Mono County Citizen (via videoconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Baker, California Welcome Center, Merced
Jim Donovan, Yosemite National Park
Tom Dumas, Caltrans
Layla Forstedt, Fresno/Clovis Conference and Visitors Bureau
Lisa Mayo, Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
Michelle Miller, Yosemite/Madera County Visitors Bureau
Terri Peresan, Mariposa County Department of Community Services
Terry Selk, Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau
Moses Stites, Fresno Rural Transit (via videoconference)
Nanette Villegas, Merced Mall
Sean Williams, Holiday Inn Express

OTHERS PRESENT

Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff
Marbella Quintero, VIA Trailways
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes of the July 13, 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

The committee members asked why there were so many missed runs in the report compared to previous reports. Staff responded and stated that a conversation has taken place with the contractor to rectify missed runs along with a process to avoid missed runs in the future.

5. YARTS Quarterly Social Media Statistics

So noted.

6. Square Payment Services Pilot

So noted.

7. Online Reservations Pilot

Cindy Kelly gave an update on the Online Reservations Pilot.

Jeff Simpson suggested we add language to the website stating “Limited availability at this time – Stay tuned.”

Dana Stroud suggested we promote online reservations at trade shows.

8. Service Contract Extension Proposal

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

The committee agreed upon by consensus to support the recommendation to the YARTS Joint Powers Authority to authorize the YARTS Executive Director to execute an extension of the existing service contract with VIA Adventures for a period of one year, under the same terms and conditions as the existing contract, and to include provision for month to month beyond the fixed term extension.

9. Caltrans – YARTS Master and Program Supplemental Agreements

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

The committee agreed upon by consensus to support the recommendation to the YARTS Joint Powers Authority to adopt:

- a. Resolution No. 2016/10-24-01 approving Master and Program Supplemental Agreements and authorizing the Executive Director to execute them; and
- b. Resolution No. 2016/10-24-02 authorizing the Executive Director to execute Program Supplemental Agreement No. F010 for CML-6305(012).

10. The Brown Act and Teleconferencing

So noted.

11. Conflict of Interest Code Required Filing

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

The committee agreed upon by consensus to support the recommendation to the YARTS Joint Powers Authority to authorize the Executive Director to execute Resolution No. 2016/10-24-03 establishing a Conflict of Interest Code for the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS).

12. YARTS Short Range Transit Plan – Timing

Danna Stroud asked when the Short Range Transit Plan RFP will go out.

Dick Whittington stated that he estimates the Short Range Transit Plan RFP to go out the beginning of next year.

13. A Discussion of Opportunities

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

The committee agreed upon by consensus to support the recommendation to the YARTS Joint Powers Authority to discuss items presented in the staff report and provide staff with direction on how to proceed. Include the Short Range Transit Plan in the provided list of opportunities.

14. Oral Report – National Park Service Report

Dick Whittington gave the National Park Service Report for Jim Donovan.

15. Oral Report – Managers’ Report

So noted.

16. Member Remarks

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:09 P.M.