

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

**MINUTES**

**April 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Authority Advisory Committee (AAC) held Wednesday, April 5, 2017 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, Mariposa County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, 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  
Rich Green, TheBus, Merced  
Michelle Miller, Yosemite/Madera County Visitors Bureau (via videoconference)  
Candy O'Donel-Browne, Mariposa County Economic Development Corp  
Terri Peresan, Mariposa County Department of Community Services (via videoconference)  
Terry Selk, Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau (via Teleconference) arrived 10:12 a.m.  
Steve Smallcombe, Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government  
Danna Stroud, Mono County Citizen (via videoconference)  
Nanette Villegas, Merced Mall

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Donovan, Yosemite National Park  
Tom Dumas, Caltrans  
Layla Forstedt, Fresno/Clovis Conference and Visitors Bureau  
Sandy Hogan, Mono County LTC  
Lisa Mayo, Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau  
Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Development  
Moses Stites, Fresno Rural Transit  
Sean Williams, Holiday Inn Express

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Denise Demery, VIA Adventures  
Michael Draper, Mono County (via videoconference)  
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff  
Jen Lopez, Tuolumne Visitors Center (via teleconference)  
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff  
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 February 8, 2017 YARTS Authority Advisory Committee meeting**

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

**4. Information/Discussion Only**

- a. VIA Monthly Service Report for January – February 2017
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the February 22, 2017 YARTS JPA meeting (to be approved at the JPA April 10, 2017 meeting)

So noted.

**5. YARTS Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget**

At this time a quorum was noted as present.

Steve Smallcombe moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority approve the proposed YARTS budget for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Seconded by Terri Peresan.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. Mariposa County Annual Contract for Services**

Candy O'Donel-Browne moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority approve the Contract for Services between YARTS and the County of Mariposa and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Contract for Services on behalf of YARTS.

Seconded by Steve Smallcombe.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. YARTS/MCAG Agreement for Services**

The committee agreed by consensus to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority:

- a. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement for Services between the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System and the Merced County Association of Governments for a period of one year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or
- b. Provide direction to staff on how to proceed to secure the services specified in the existing contract.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. YARTS FY 2018-2021 Title VI Program**

Cindy Kelly gave a review of the Title VI Program and its revisions.

Terri Peresan moved to recommend the YARTS Joint Powers Authority adopt the YARTS Title VI Program for FY 2018/2021 with the suggested changes.

Seconded by Candy O'Donel-Browne.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. YARTS 2017 Summer Schedules**

Cindy Kelly gave an overview of the changes in the YARTS summer schedules.

**10. YARTS Quarterly Social Media Statistics**

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

**11. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2017/2018**

Terri Peresan moved to nominate Danna Stroud as Chair and Candy O'Donel-Browne as Vice Chair of the Authority Advisory Committee for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Seconded by Rich Green.

Abstain - Danna Stroud and Candy O'Donel-Browne

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. Oral Report - National Park Service Report**

None. It was agreed to have a report for the upcoming YARTS JPA meeting and the next AAC meeting.

**13. Oral Report - Manager's Report**

So noted.

**14. Member Remarks**

So noted.

**15. Adjournment**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:30 A.M.**