



**Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)  
Joint Powers Authority  
MINUTES**

**DATE**

**Wednesday, August 22, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority Board was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the Sierra Center Mall, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Third Floor, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA and conducted by video/teleconference at Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, 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 Chair McDaniel at 10:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daron McDaniel, Merced County Supervisor, Chair (via videoconference)  
Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County Supervisor, Vice Chair (via videoconference)  
Stacy Corless, Mono County Supervisor  
Bob Gardner, Tuolumne County Supervisor  
Jerry O'Banion, Merced County Supervisor (via videoconference)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rhonda Armstrong, Council Member, City of Kerman  
John Gray, Tuolumne County Supervisor  
Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County Supervisor  
Nathan Vosburg, Council Member, City of Coalinga  
Tom Wheeler, Madera County Supervisor

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Denise Demery, VIA Adventures (via videoconference)  
Michael Draper, Mono County  
Jonathan Farrington, Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau (via videoconference)  
Gordon Shaw, LSC Transportation Consultant (via videoconference)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Nav Bagri, Finance Director (via videoconference)  
Stacie Dabbs, Executive Director (via videoconference)  
Cindy Kelly, Assistant Transit Manager  
Artis Smith, Transit Director (via videoconference)  
Mauricio Torres, Staff Services Analyst (via videoconference)

**1. Introductions**

Chair McDaniel led the introductions.

Cindy Kelly informed the YARTS Board that director Smallcombe was working on the Ferguson Fire recovery and unable to attend, but wanted it to be noted that she favored option B for Item 13.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

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

AAC Chair Candy O'Donel-Browne did not attend. Ms. Kelly informed the Board that she would email her and ask her to email a report of AAC meeting to the JPA Directors.

**4. Minutes of the April 9, 2018 YARTS Joint Powers Authority Meeting**

Director O'Banion moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 YARTS Joint Powers Authority meeting.

Seconded by Director Menetrey.

**Ayes - Directors Corless, Gardner, McDaniel, Menetrey, O'Banion**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Minutes of the May 24, 2018 YARTS Special Joint Powers Authority Meeting**

Director O'Banion moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 YARTS Special Joint Powers Authority meeting.

Seconded by Director Menetrey.

**Ayes - Directors Corless, Gardner, McDaniel, Menetrey, O'Banion**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Information/Discussion Only**

- a. Monthly Ridership and Customer Service Report for March 2018 - May 2018
- b. YARTS Ridership History
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the April 4, 2018 YARTS Authority Advisory Committee meeting

Director Menetrey asked that if his district (Fish Camp) can be included in the Mariposa County LCTOP program. Ms. Kelly stated that she would reach out to her LCTOP program contact and see if she could revise the application to include service on Hwy 41 for Fish Camp residents. Ms. Kelly responded that she would follow up with an email.

**7. Social Media Statistics Second Quarter 2018**

No questions. So noted.

**8. Reservation System Update**

Director Menetrey asked for an updated reservation status because of the refunds due to the Ferguson Fire. Ms. Kelly stated that the updated reservation status would be provided in October at the regularly scheduled meeting.

**9. Free Day Update**

No questions. So noted.

**10. Authority Advisory Committee Nomination**

Director Corless moved to approve the nominations of and appoint Matt McClain and Jonathan Farrington to serve on the YARTS Authority Advisory Committee, representing Mono and Mariposa Counties. Seconded by Director Gardner.

**Ayes - Directors Corless, Gardner, McDaniel, Menetrey, O'Banion**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. VIA Trailways Revised Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and Resolution**

Director O'Banion moved to:

- a. Accept the revised VIA Trailways Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy 2018; and
- b. Adopt Resolution 2018/07-23-01 accepting the revised VIA Trailways Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.

Seconded by Director Corless.

**Ayes - Directors Corless, Gardner, McDaniel, Menetrey, O'Banion**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. YARTS Fare Alternatives**

Director Corless thanked Gordon Shaw for presenting YARTS Fare Alternatives to the Board so they could do a comparison between what he recommends and what staff recommends. She appreciated the effort and looks forward to the Short Range Transit Plan being completed.

**13. Fare Increase Options, Process and Timeline**

Cindy Kelly informed the Board that Director Smallcombe stated that she is in favor of option B.

Director Gardner moved to approve option B (staff recommended)- Assumes an initial 20% fare increase in 2019 and 15% fare increase in 2020, with years 2021-23 to be determined based on YARTS' operations and capital needs (increase is estimated to be between 10 and 30% for years 3-5). The fare increase will not affect NPS or Aramark employees, commuters, seniors, disabled, reduced children or Veterans at this time.

Seconded by Director Corless.

**Ayes - Directors Corless, Gardner, McDaniel, Menetrey, O'Banion**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14. 2018-19 Budget Amendment No. 1**

Director O'Banion moved to approve 2018-19 Budget Amendment No. 1, which includes additional funding from Caltrans 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program grant for operating assistance, in the amount of \$61,186 for FY 2018-19.

Seconded by Director Menetrey.

**Ayes - Directors Corless, Gardner, McDaniel, Menetrey, O'Banion**

**Noes - None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Kathleen Morse was unable to attend - Director Corless suggested having her send an email out to the directors so that they know about what's going on in the park. Ms. Kelly said she would contact Ms. Morse to get updates about Yosemite and will provide updates to the Board.

**16. Short Range Transit Plan Update**

Gordon Shaw provided the Short Range Transit Plan updates.

Director Corless suggested that the AAC and JPA Board should have a joint meeting prior to the final draft-sometimes in October at Yosemite Valley. Ms. Kelly said she would coordinate a meeting with the AAC and JPA Board for October after she discussed it with the chair.

**17. Transit Director's Report**

Artis Smith provided the Transit Director's report. No questions from the JPA Board.

**18. Directors' Report**

Stacie Dabbs introduced herself as the new Executive Director. All directors expressed best wishes and they were looking forward to meeting her in person.

**19. Adjournment**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY THE MEETING WAS  
ADJOURNED AT 10:44 a.m.**