

The “Department Head Reports” from DOT for the April 18, 2023, meeting are listed below:

- Our small engineering group is working on a multitude of projects and issues some of these include: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant selection to provide engineering support as “Program Manager” and will manage the FEMA and CalOES process for the road repairs due to past disasters; the agreement is planned for BOS approval in late June. Continuing work with CalOES and FEMA to identify and catalog all the recent damage for the latest storms. Continuing work with regulatory agencies for environmental permits to repair/replace disaster damaged facilities from past events.
- The slip-out on Mad River Road from the January 2023 storms continues to worsen, and it is apparent that this will require thorough geotechnical engineering and extensive repairs. Additional damages due to the March storms have been reported in areas south of Highway 36. Many of these locations were not identified earlier because they were covered with snow, and the crews were very busy removing snow and debris from the roads. There are new slip-outs from the March storms on Hoaglin Road, Peak Road, Zenia Lake Mountain Road, and Ruth Zenia Road. Some of these damages will result in closure of a lane, and no new road closures have resulted yet. DOT crews are working to install new warning signage and protective barriers. Temporary repairs might be completed during the summer when the groundwater conditions improve, but permanent repairs may take multiple years to design and complete.
- About a 2-mile portion of Ruth Zenia Road between Ruth Lake and Hettenshaw Valley is still closed. The road has many slip-outs (failures) that have narrowed the roadway substantially for safe travel. There is one slip-out where the roadway has dropped at least a foot across the full width of the road. Heavy snow, combined with the many damaged locations have made it difficult to assess the magnitude of failures. This was an area that was severely burned during the 2020 August Fire Complex, and most of the failures are a direct result of the fire damage. Repair cost for this segment of road is likely to be in excess of \$10 million dollars, and likely much higher.

- Temporary and permanent repairs of the Lower South Fork Road failure likely include moving the roadway into the existing bank. Work cannot begin on the temporary repair until the soils are less saturated (to allow use of equipment), however, staff started work to address environmental/regulatory concerns and coordination with the USFS.
- Hyampom Road has had a large amount of slide material over the recent storms, and a site for permanent disposal of this is needed. A small emergency contract for \$6,000 has been issued to survey County property near the Hyampom Airport, and to provide an area topographic data. This will assist in quantifying the amount of slide material for FEMA, and will also assist in obtaining environmental clearance for the disposal area. This area may also be used for disposal of materials from the road failure on Lower South Fork Road.
- DOT is soliciting bids (due May 4, 2023) for the construction of the Transit Bus Parking Lot Facility. The Facility will provide a secure parking area for Trinity County transit buses, located just South of the Weaverville DOT Maintenance Yard. The parking area will be paved with ample parking spaces to accommodate the fleet of transit buses, well lighted, have water and power connections, chain link fence, and two access driveways for ingress and egress with secure automatic gates.
- The Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) approved the purchasing documents for two (2) Glaval Class C buses from AZ Bus Sales for a total of \$337,746, of these \$330,000 are from federal transit funds, and \$7,746 from the State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, which are generated by a sales tax on diesel fuel.
- Sara Stillman has been selected as a new part time transit driver, and is currently completing the required training.
- The Transportation Commission will appoint two members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) during the April 18, 2023 BOS (Commission) meeting.
- The Good Neighbor Authority Agreement (GNA) has been submitted to the Forest Service Grants and Administration for review. Approval is

anticipated as early as mid-May. Work has continued on the first Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA). The draft SPA includes numerous projects (unusual since a 'normal' SPA would be drafted for only one project). The multitude of projects complicates the development of the SPA, nonetheless submission to the Forest Service for approval is scheduled for the end of April, for work that is mutually beneficial to the county and USFS. Work elements include road brushing in the Hyampom and Burnt Ranch areas, assistance on Canyon Creek road, Temporary Bridge rental and fuels reduction. The SPA will be a 10-year agreement for more than \$1.4 million.

If you have any questions please let me know.