

The “Department Head Reports” from DOT for the March 21, 2023, meeting are listed below:

- A BIG THANK YOU! to all the DOT road crews who battled the recent snowstorms, working 12-14 hours a day, seven days a week, from February 27, 2023, to March 11, 2023, to keep the county roads open. These first responders worked diligently with old equipment in adverse conditions to make sure county residents had safe roads.
- Also THANK YOU to Supervisor Frasier for assisting the Ruth Yard crews to clear eight (8) foot-high snow berms with his personal equipment. His efforts were appreciated by our crews; they specifically asked me to thank him!
- DOT has many pieces of old equipment with restricted operational limits. According to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations, the majority of DOT road equipment can only be used up to 200-hours a year. A large snow event will exhaust close to, if not exceed, the 200-hour use allowance. Seven of our eight graders can only be used for 200-hours a year, which makes it difficult to plow snow, grade roads, or clean ditches in a given year with the same machine. The same 200-hour annual operational restriction is for 10 of our 12 (five-ton) trucks used for plowing snow, which also makes these trucks unavailable for other uses.
- The Canyon Creek repairs are proceeding as planned. In the last two weeks the contractor completed the installation of bearing pads and post-grouted anchors (PGAs). Concrete testing on pads and anchors are yielding favorable results with an average of 7000 psi @ 6 days and 8000 psi @ 7 days respectively. Dyer crews are able to work around the rain and snow to maintain 40+ hours/week. At this time, the contractor does not anticipate any significant traffic closures needed in the next two weeks. The contractor anticipates project completion to be late May/early June, dependent on weather conditions.
- On March 9, DOT submitted a grant application to fund transit operations to Redding, Lewiston, and Willow Creek; Hayfork operations funds are in place for this cycle. Staff is also preparing the Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan, a requirement of the California Air

Resources Board (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation. The ICT regulation requires all public transit agencies to gradually transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleet. There are various exemptions and compliance options based on certain criteria.

- Trinity County Transportation Commission (TCTC) staff is working on the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP describes the budget, allocation, and use of federal and state transportation planning funds in Trinity County for each fiscal year.
- TCTC will appoint an additional member to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. TCTC staff is preparing to have the annual SSTAC meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Additional information on SSTAC will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions please let me know.