

The “Department Head Reports” from DOT for the 16 July 2024 meeting are listed below:

- The Weaverville road crews are clearing ditches in the Lewiston area; Hayfork crews are grading roads and fixing potholes in the Trinity Pines area; and Ruth crews are repairing potholes in the southern part of the county.
- Engineering staff is advertising for Architectural and Engineering services for the Veteran’s Memorial Building. Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) are due on July 19, 2024.
- The county received four (4) construction bids ranging from \$304,760 to \$474,010 to repair a 300-foot section of storm damaged roadway along Trinity Dam Blvd PM 22.9. The low bidder was R. Brown Construction, from Willow Creek, CA. Construction is expected to begin sometime after August 1, 2024, due to regulatory/environmental constraints.
- Construction to upgrade a section of fence at the Trinity Center Airport, as recommended by Caltrans Aeronautics, to improve both safety and security for the airport is planned for Monday July 15, 2024. As stated previously, the low bidder for the project is Humboldt Fence Company, from Fortuna, CA for \$22,845.
- Engineering and Caltrans environmental staff met at Ruth-Zenia Road on July 3, 2024, to evaluate the site for expedited repairs. Engineering staff and the consultants are busy working on plans and related documents to fast track repairs to Ruth-Zenia Road at post mile 18.75 caused by the 2024 winter storms. The expedited work was approved by Caltrans, we are waiting Federal Highways approval.
- Engineering staff is preparing for the upcoming arbitration with FEMA, based on the latter’s denial of a \$500,000 claim due to the 2020 August Complex Fire. FEMA denied the county’s first appeal for reimbursement.

- Staff has received qualifications from three (3) consulting firms in response to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering, planning and environmental services at the Trinity Center Airport.
- Staff is preparing an update to the Trinity County Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). The LRSP builds upon previously conducted corridor plans in Trinity County and directly ties in with the goals outlined in California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Based on the results of the data-driven safety analysis, this plan focuses on the following four emphasis areas: Roadway/Lane Deviation Crashes, Crashes Involving Alcohol, Crashes Involving Aging Drivers, and Crashes Involving Motorcycles. The LRSP is required for discretionary federal and state grants for all road safety projects.
- Staff selected Stantec Consulting Services Inc to prepare the Trinity County Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Feasibility Study. The Study is vital in order for the County to comply with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation, which mandates public transit agencies in California to transition to a full ZEB fleet. The agreement is planned for approval at the July 16, 2024 BOS meeting. The required study will be paid by \$60,000 in Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) Funds and \$60,000 in Local Transportation Funds (LTF).
- Staff submitted Trinity County's unmet transit needs documents for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to Caltrans. The documents were found to be complete and in accordance with current statutes, as required under Public Utilities Code Section 99401.6 of the Transportation Development Act.
- Caltrans approved the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) and the Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) for the Trinity County Transportation Commission. The OWP addresses the on-going transportation planning process and allocates \$428,000 to Trinity County.
- Caltrans granted pre-award authority for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311(f) operating projects for 2024, which includes operations for the Willow Creek, Redding, and Lewiston routes for

\$424,500. The grant for FTA 5311 & 5311(f) will be submitted to FTA this fall and the agreements for Fiscal Year 2024 will be issued after the grants are awarded by FTA.

If you have any questions please let me know.