



MODOC COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

108 S. Main St., Alturas, CA 96101
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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2026

Commissioners Present

John Dederick, Chair
Kathie Rhoads, Vice Chair
Paul Minchella
Ned Coe
Mark Moriarity
Jodie Larranaga

Representative, City of Alturas
Board of Supervisor, District III, Modoc County
Mayor, City of Alturas
Board of Supervisors, District I, Modoc County
Member at Large, Modoc County
Councilmember, City of Alturas

Commissioners Absent

Brian Cox (Alternate)
Shane Starr (Alternate)

Councilmember, City of Alturas
Board of Supervisors, District II, Modoc County

Staff Present

Debbie Pedersen
Michelle Cox
Kathy Tiffie

Executive Director
Accountant 1
Executive Assistant Secretary

Public Present

Mazen Zaina
Skip Clark
Drew Battles
Kathy Grah

Caltrans District 2, Modoc Project Manager
Caltrans District 2, Regional Planning Liaison
Caltrans District 2, Associate Transportation Planner
Caltrans District 2, Regional Planning Chief

1. Call to Order – Chair Dederick called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. in the Sage Stage Conference Room, 108 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA.

- 1. Dederick led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Introductions: Drew Battles, Caltrans District 2, Associate Transportation Planner.

2. Public Forum – There were no public comments.

3. Confirm Agenda

Commissioner Coe asked to amend the agenda by separating the MCTC Regular Meeting minutes from the consent agenda and handling them as a separate item.

Motion by Commissioner Coe to Confirm Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Larranaga. All Ayes; motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the financial reports from January 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.
2. Approve year-to-date expenditure report through February 28, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Coe to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. All Ayes; motion carried.

5. Consider Approving Amended Minutes from February 3, 2026, MCTC Regular Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Coe to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Larranaga. All Ayes; motion carried.

6. Regular Business

1. Public Hearing:

Consider adopting Resolution 26-02 defining the FY 2026-27 Defining Unmet Transit Needs and Needs Reasonable to Meet.

- (a) Chairman Dederick Opened Public Hearing at 1:32 p.m. to consider unmet transit needs and needs reasonable to meet.
- (b) The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires an annual public hearing to discuss unmet transit needs and needs reasonable to meet prior to utilizing any remaining funding for streets and roads.
- (c) Executive Director Pedersen reported that the SRTP advised that there are needs reasonable to meet and requested that Sage Stage continue current services and coordinate with Burney Express to shorten the Alturas to Redding Intercity service.
- (d) There were no public comments written or verbal.
- (e) There were no other written comments.
- (f) Chairman Dederick Closed the Public Hearing at 1:34 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Minchella to adopt Resolution 26-02 defining FY 2026/27 Unmet Transit Needs and Needs Reasonable to Meet, seconded by Commissioner Moriarity.

All Ayes; motion carried

2. Transportation Development Act Findings of Apportionment

Executive Director Pedersen reported these findings were delayed due to the County Auditor's illness. This is crucial for aligning local transportation funding for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, distributing funds amongst the City, County and MTA.

3. Consider adopting Resolution 26-03 Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Allocations.

Pedersen reported that each year the Modoc County Auditor provides an estimate of funds available for apportionment and allocation during the ensuing fiscal year. The estimates for FY 2026/27 are \$308,000 for Local Transportation Funds (LTF), \$83,967 for State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF), and \$16,454 for State of Good Repair (SGR). MCTC is required by the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to determine LTF, STAF, and SGR allocations. MCTC Administration will be allocated \$60,000 LTF and MTA Transit Operations will be allocated \$105,000 LTF. The City of Alturas will be allocated \$44,330 LTF for streets and roads and the County of Modoc will be allocated

\$98,670 LTF for streets and roads. STAF amount of \$83,967 will be allocated to MTA Operations as the funding can only be utilized by a transit operator and \$16,454 of SGR will be allocated to MTA Transit Capital Reserve.

Motion by Commissioner Minchella to adopt Resolution 26-03 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF) Allocations, seconded by Commissioner Minchella. All Ayes; motion carried.

4. **Consider adopting Resolution 26-01 FY 2026-27 Budget.**

Executive Director Pederson explained we have a new format that aligns with reporting out of accounting system. The reports provide greater detail about expenditure.

There was a brief discussion about an existing \$100,000 reserve for contingencies in the MCTC general fund, which the Executive Director explained serves to cover early fiscal year billing shortfalls.

Motion by Commissioner Rhoads to adopt Resolution 26-01 Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget, Seconded by Commissioner Coe. All Ayes; motion carried.

5. **Consider approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund Claims.**

Executive Director Pedersen explained, Transportation Development Act LTF & STAF Annual Project & Expenditure Plan Claim Forms must be filed to transfer funds. The MCTC and MTA have prepared the TDA claim forms for their allocated apportionment. The funds are allocated to administration first and then MTA as the operator. The city and county have unallocated funds and know that anytime during the year they can file a claim for their streets and roads.

Motion by Commissioner Minchella to approve the FY 2026-27 LTF and STAF Claims, seconded by Commissioner Larranaga. All Ayes; motion carried.

6. **Consider adopting Resolution 26-04 FY 2026-27 Planning, Programming, and Monitoring funds.**

Executive Director Pedersen stated the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) allows up to five percent of the Regional STIP county share to be used for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PP&M). The California Transportation Commission (CTC) programmed \$ 47,000 in FY 2026/27 to the Modoc County Transportation Commission for PP&M. MCTC must provide the CTC with a fund transfer agreement as well as other required documents before allocation.

Motion by Commissioner Coe to approve the FY 2025/26 Planning, Programming, and Monitoring Funds, seconded by Commissioner Moriarity. All Ayes; motion carried.

7. **Agency Updates and Project Reports**

1. **City of Alturas Public Works Department – City Streets**

In the absence of Warren Farnam, Director of Public Works, Executive Director Pedersen reported there were no new updates.

2. **Modoc County Road Department – County Roads**

In the absence of Mitch Crosby, Executive Director Pedersen reported that the NEPA document for County Road 1 was nearing completion, potentially enabling construction to commence in summer 2026.

3. Caltrans District 2

Skip Clark reported regionally they are in the process of completing the 26/27 OWP and OWPA that will encompass the budget.

Skip Clark and Drew Battles presented a critical initiative: lobbying to include the northern section of Highway 395 (spanning from Lassen County through Modoc to the Oregon border) in the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP). The state designation is essential for Modoc County to access enhanced federal funding and grants for vital infrastructure improvements, such as truck parking and pavement. They specifically requested a letter of support from the Modoc County Transportation Commission, to be presented to CTC within approximately one month, to bolster their case against potential competing interests from more populous southern counties.

Mazen Zena provided an update on the rockfall mitigation project in Shasta County, noting a delay due to material availability and announced that projects for Alturas, Cedarville, and Bridge work were targeted at RTL delivery (Ready to List) by June 2026, with construction planned for 2027.

4. Modoc County Transportation Commission

No updates.

8. Staff Update, Correspondence and Calendar

No updates.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Larranaga; seconded by Commissioner Coe to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. All Ayes; motion carried. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the Sage Stage Conference Room, 108 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA.

Submitted by,

Kathy Tiffie
Executive Assistant Secretary