

The “Department Head Reports” from DOT for the 5 March 2024 meeting are listed below:

- Road crews are busy clearing debris, monitoring the county roads for storm damage and clearing snow in several areas of the county.
- DOT staff met with CalOES and FEMA about the recent storms. Currently FEMA is not considering the damages in January to be eligible for FEMA, but they may be eligible for the CDAA program. Damages for February storms do not qualify for FEMA, as the most significant damage on Mad River Road (see attached photo) is not a FEMA eligible road, and other damages were too minor to be covered by FEMA (this is a good thing!).
- The Mad River Road storm damage at post mile 13 would normally be eligible for the FHWA ER program, but it is unknown if FHWA will approve Emergency Relief (ER) funds for the storm event at this time. Staff has submitted an Initial Damage Estimate (IDE) to Caltrans for the Mad River Road damage. According to Caltrans *“DAF’s can be submitted but cannot be signed by FHWA until the Finding of Eligibility is returned to Caltrans declaring the disaster as eligible for ER funds,”* and Trinity is not included in the Governor’s Proclamation yet. The fill portion of the road shifted and has 4-6-inch drops with cracks about 4-6 inches wide and 18 to 20 inches deep. We placed temporary warnings and we will place a K-rail and permanent signs warning travelers of a one lane restriction.
- A large slide on Long Ridge Road in Kettenpom appears unstable, and additional material may come down to block the road, (see attached photo). Staff is working with USFS and TCRCD to find appropriate locations to dispose of the spoils.
- Watkins tree service is scheduled to remove approximately 38 trees that are dead, dying or uprooted on Sydney Gulch, including removal of downed wood within the channel, adjacent to Miner Street. The work will begin next week (weather dependent) and will take approximately 4-5 days, including pruning seven trees to enhance safety for vehicles traveling or parking on Miner Street and more efficient channel flow..
- Engineering staff is working on the Cal Fire Fawn Lodge Station Bridge replacement project. This is a special project as the county does not own the facility, road, or bridge, which are located on California Department of Forestry Cal Fire property. However, the county was authorized 100% funds for

preliminary engineering through the Highway Bridge Program (HBP), and Trinity County is acting as a project sponsor for Cal Fire. Trinity County engineering staff along with representatives from Caltrans, Cal Fire, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and consultants met last week on site to verify final design parameters.

- TCTC staff is preparing the draft Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY 2024/25. The draft OWP is due to Caltrans by March 1, 2024, and will be reviewed by Caltrans District 2 and Headquarters. The final OWP will incorporate any comments received by Caltrans and will be adopted by TCTC before June 30, 2024. The OWP describes the budget, allocation, and use of state and federal transportation planning funds in Trinity County for each fiscal year.
- TCDOT staff is preparing an application for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339(b) Grants for Buses & Bus Facilities Program to purchase a diesel cutaway bus. The application deadline is April 18, 2024.
- TCTC staff completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant to complete a Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Feasibility Study. An in-depth ZEB study will determine how Trinity Transit makes the transition to zero-emission buses, a requirement of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation. The RFP is being released on March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions please let me know.