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

- Road crews were busy clearing debris, and clearing snow in several areas of the county. In many areas’ crews had to cut and remove downed trees before plowing the snow off the road. Unfortunately, a tree fell on the snow plow truck missing the cab by a few inches as shown in the attached photos.

- Crews were able to also clear and open Fisher Road in the Hawkins Bar area. Due to the steep terrain adjacent to the road, we had to rent a smaller excavator with “zero-tail-swing clearance” to be able to turn on the very narrow road with steep vertical slope, the attached photographs show the before and after conditions of the debris and final clearing.

- Staff has been busy finalizing the bid documents for Trinity Dam Blvd. storm damage repair. We anticipate bidding this spring and construction later on in the summer. Staff is also is preparing an MOU between Trinity County and CalFire, to officially sponsor the replacement of the Fawn Lodge Station bridge, which is not on a county road but on CalFire property.

- Staff is soliciting Request For Quotation from licensed fence contractors 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.

- Staff is preparing a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for a surveyor on-call to provide construction survey services for county funded projects, this is separate from the County Surveyor as it provides different services. Staff is also preparing a Request For Quotation (RFQ) for an on-call contractor to provide quotes for on-call as needed construction services for both storm related damage or routine construction to augment county crews activities when needed.

- Staff received a Letter of Interest from Health and Human Services to appoint Angela Berglund as a Primary Member and Elizabeth Hamilton as an Alternate Member to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). This appointment would fill the position of a representative from local social service providers for the disabled, and would be valid until December 31, 2026. The Commission will have the opportunity to approve this appointment at the TCTC meeting on April 2, 2024.
• Staff is preparing for the annual SSTAC meeting to gather input from transit-dependent and transit-disadvantaged individuals, including the elderly, handicapped, low-income individuals, and youth, concerning transit needs in Trinity County. The SSTAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Redding Rancheria Trinity location. The SSTAC meeting is required annually by the Transportation Development Act (TDA).

• Staff is preparing an application for the FY 23/24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The project is intended for the purchase and installation of zero emission bus (ZEB) infrastructure, which would be located at the Transit Bus Yard. The project will be a 4-year rollover project, allowing time to complete a ZEB Feasibility Study with a final decision between battery-electric or fuel cell (hydrogen) buses.

• Trinity Transit has one (1) opening for a part-time Transit Driver. The job opening is currently being advertised.

If you have any questions please let me know.
Plowing snow on county roads in the forest has many challenges including falling trees (Ruth area March 2024)
Another day clearing snow for county Road Crews (after removing downed trees)
Fisher Road (one lane rd.) storm damage above, repairs and final opened road below with edge markers