

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (YARTS)

AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

BYLAWS

WHEREAS, having been designated as the Authority Advisory Committee for the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Authority; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following bylaws are adopted as the Bylaws of the Authority Advisory Committee for the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Authority.

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

The purpose of the YARTS Authority Advisory Committee (AAC) is to advise the YARTS Joint Powers Authority (JPA) on issues and make recommendations to the Authority on policy matters and projects.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the AAC shall consist of thirteen (13) voting members. The members shall be nominated to serve on the AAC from their respective jurisdiction in the following fashion: Three (3) members shall be nominated by one or both of the two Board members of the YARTS Joint Powers Authority from each member county. The YARTS Executive Director shall nominate two (2) members. The National Park Service-Yosemite shall nominate two (2) members.

Vacancies on the AAC will be filled by the elected members of the Joint Powers Authority, from their jurisdictions, to maintain the representational balance previously stated above.

Members of the AAC should be selected from areas such as transportation planning, visitor bureaus, economic development, tourism related business, environmental groups and organizations and the National Park Service or other such groups or organizations that may add perspective and expertise to items being considered by the AAC from time to time.

The YARTS JPA Board will have final approval of all AAC nominees.

ARTICLE III - TERM

The term of each member of the Authority Advisory Committee shall be for two years. Each member may serve a maximum of four terms on the Authority Advisory Committee; however, members shall serve on this committee at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities.

It is anticipated that members of the AAC will faithfully attend all scheduled meetings and participate fully in the discussions of the business brought before the committee. If a member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings unexcused, the appointing authority will be consulted as to the disposition of the member. Another representative shall be appointed to fill the position subsequent to notifying the member. The member must, however, be notified after the second missed meeting.

ARTICLE IV – VOTING

Each appointed member of the AAC shall have one (1) vote. The members shall be entitled to cast their vote on all matters brought to a vote during a regular or called meeting, which said member is present and providing a quorum is present at the time as specified in Article V.

ARTICLE V- QUORUM

The majority of the voting membership of the Authority Advisory Committee, officially holding appointments from the appointing authority, shall constitute a quorum and a quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of any official business by the AAC. A majority of the AAC voting members who are present shall be required to pass, accept or approve motions brought by those members.

Votes taken by the Authority Advisory Committee shall be considered advisory only and shall not be binding on the YARTS Joint Powers Authority governing board.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY

Section 1

The officers of the AAC shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and shall be selected in accordance with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be nominated from the floor at the first meeting of the AAC fiscal year and will rotate between the represented jurisdictions. The chair must have at least one year experience as an Authority Advisory Committee member. The term of the offices shall be for one year.

The Secretary shall be the Executive Director or his/her designee and shall be a non-voting participant.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Section 1

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and is eligible to vote on all matters coming before the Committee. The Chairman shall be responsible for conducting all meetings in an orderly manner and of appointing the necessary committees, which are needed to meet the objectives of the Authority Advisory Committee.

Section 2

The Vice-Chairman shall perform all of the duties and assume all of the responsibilities of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence.

Section 3

The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Authority Advisory Committee.
- b. Be responsible for preparing and issuing all necessary notices, copies of agenda, etc., in a timely manner.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETING DATES

The regular meetings of this Committee shall be held no less than one (1) in every quarter or as established by the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Governing Board.

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the AAC may be called by the Chairman, or in the Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman. Notice by letter or by phone seventy-two (72) hours prior to the schedule time shall be considered ample notice.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the Authority Advisory Committee may be amended by a majority vote at any regular YARTS Authority Board meeting where the proposed Bylaws amendment has been distributed to the Board at least 14 day prior to the meeting.

Adopted _____, 2013

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Chair, Linn Davis

Vice-Chair, Byng Hunt