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Project Update

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Projects in the Mono Basin		
Project Type	Responsible Agency	Project Description
Transit Service	Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System	Project: YARTS Summer Voucher Program Location: Yosemite National Park and surrounding areas Status: Active from July 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026 Description: Mono County residents of all ages can receive free YARTS ticket vouchers to travel to Yosemite National Park and surrounding communities. Please visit https://monocounty.ca.gov/lrc/page/yarts-summer-voucher-program for more information.
Roadway Rehabilitation and Active Transportation	Caltrans D09	Project: Lee Vining Main Street Rehabilitation Location: US 395 on Lee Vining Main Street Status: In progress Continue collaborating with Caltrans Description: A large-scale reconstruction and redesign of US 395 through Lee Vining which will include rehabilitation of the existing pavement area, redesign of the highway, improved bike lanes, new ADA facilities, addition of stormwater treatment facilities, expansion of sidewalks, and new parking facilities.
Active Transportation	Mono County Planning Division	Project: Multi-Modal Placemaking for Lee Vining Main Street Location: US 395 on Lee Vining Main Street Status: Submitted Description: The application requests safety countermeasures that were originally designed under the Caltrans Lee Vining Pavement Rehabilitation Project, including Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, flashing beacons, and pedestrian-scale lighting. Further, the application encourages active transportation modes through the addition of a multi-use path through Guss Hess Park and multi-modal placemaking features, including transit shelters, benches, bicycle parking, and other features desired by the community. If awarded, community workshops will be held to select and design multi-modal placemaking features.
Director Review	Mono County Planning Division	Project: Director Review 26-001 Location: 135 Twin Lakes Drive (APN # 019-163-001-000) in Mono City Status: Approved Description: The applicant proposes a cargo container on a property designated as Single-Family Residential (SFR). The cargo container will be placed behind the single-family home, will be painted matte black to match the color of the single-family home, and will be screened by a fence. The project must comply Chapter 20 of the Mono County General Plan, which includes visual mitigation requirements. If considered controversial, the project could be elevated to a Use Permit.
Director Review	Mono County Planning Division	Project: US Pumice Interim Management Plan Location: 7 mi. south of Mono Lake, Mono Craters Status: Approved Description: Review of a proposed idle mine plan under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). The management plan would be for up to five years and requires financial assurances.

For projects outside of the Mono Basin, please refer to the Community Development Director's report published with every Planning Commission agenda (see "Agendas and Minutes"):
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