

# *Tuolumne County Transportation Council*

## *April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

The April 8, 2020 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:27 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala.. Also, in attendance were Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; and Assistant to the Executive Director, Denise Bergamaschi.

Absent from today's meeting was Councilmember Matt Hawkins. Gregoria Ponce' and Dan McElhinney were present at today's meeting representing Caltrans District 10.

Also present at today's meeting was Rob Williams with the California Bicycle Coalition.

- 1. Oral communication (15 minutes) to allow the public to speak on any item not on the printed agenda.**

There was no oral Communication at today's meeting.

### **Consent Calendar:**

- 2. Approval of the March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Approval of an application from Jennifer Grabowski as a representative for a Social Service Provider for the Disabled on the SSTAC.**

*Councilmember Campbell moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.*

*Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.*

***There was No Public Comment for this item.***

### **Regular Agenda:**

- 4. Execute an agreement with Fehr and Peers to prepare the Interregional Bicycle Tourism Plan with a not-to-exceed amount of \$199,820.00. This is a grant funded project.**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett informed Council Members that the TCTC was awarded a Sustainable Community Grant to create bicycle tourism as an interregional collaboration with other counties. He stated that an MOU was brought forth prior to the RFP to hire a consultant adding that 4 proposals were received - which that they were all good. However, the stakeholders were most impressed with Fehr and Peers. He also pointed out that bicycle tourism has a big impact in Tuolumne County and the foothills.

Councilmember Campbell stated that this is a great idea and asked if the consultants would be working with the Visitors bureau as well as other outlets with regards to tourism.

Mr. Summersett replied that they would be doing so adding that a Public Outreach effort will be put in place for this purpose.

Discussion ensued.

*Councilmember Gray moved to approve executing an agreement with Fehr and Peers to prepare the Interregional Bicycle Tourism Plan with a not-to-exceed amount of \$199,820.00. This is a grant funded project.*

*Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.*

***There was NO Public Comment for this item.***

**5. Recommend adopting Resolution 619-20 approving the 2019/2020 Unmet Transit Needs Findings Report**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that this is an annual process in which staff works with the SSTAC as well as other organizations and that the purpose is to receive input/feedback regarding the overall service area. At this time, Mr. Summersett went through the list of Unmet Needs adding that the request from Groveland will be met, as a grant has been approved to provide service to that community. He also added that the SSTAC provided no requests for Unmet Needs this year.

Councilmember Gray inquired as to whether Southside Connections would consider going to Chinese Camp.

Mr. Summersett stated that he would look into it.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting Resolution 619-20 approving the 2019/2020 Unmet Transit Needs Findings Report.

Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

**6. Recommend authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate a contract amendment with GreenDOT Transportation Solutions, not to exceed \$15,000 to prepare two California Active Transportation Program grants for the June 2020 Cycle 5 call for Projects.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that GreenDOT is knowledgeable about the needs of Tuolumne County and that they are engaged in Sacramento – he added that they are a good, reputable company. He stated that two applications were sent on behalf of the County and City and that the applications are due by July. However, Caltrans is looking to extend a lot of deadlines due to COVID19.

Discussion ensued.

*Councilmember Campbell moved to approve authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate a contract amendment with GreenDOT Transportation Solutions, not to exceed \$15,000 to prepare two California Active Transportation Program grants for the June 2020 Cycle 5 call for Projects. Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.  
Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.*

## **7. Reports**

Executive Director Grossi reported that the COVID 19 has had impacts on project delivery with numerous agencies and that there will be a possibility of time extensions if proven they were impacted. He then provided a list of projects that may be impacted.

Dan McElhinney with Caltrans stated that he appreciates the opportunity to participate in today's meeting and that he has been working with Executive Director in getting timelines for projects mentioned. Mr. McElhinney also added that snow removal crews have been working. He also reported that he and Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works, on a regular basis.

Gregoria Ponce' with Caltrans reported that with regards to the FY 20/21 OWP, she will be submitting comments shortly.

*There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Denise A. Bergamaschi  
Assistant to the Executive Director*