

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee*

June 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The June 7, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) (TAC/CAC) was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Executive Director Darin Grossi. Also in attendance were: Duke York, Deputy Director CRA Roads Division; Tim Miller with the City of Sonora; Dick Southern representing District 3; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner and Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner

Also present at today's meeting was Betty Kibble representing Caltrans District 10.

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 May 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

There was No Public Comment for any item on the Consent Calendar.

TAC:

Duke York moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Tim Miller seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

CAC:

Dick Southern moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 2-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

3. Progress report on the construction of the Tuolumne Transit Center.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, stated that the "spicket" has finally turned off on this winter and that at this point, we are finally sailing here a little bit. The building itself is really coming together and it has windows on it now as well as a roof and most of the flat work surrounding the building is finished. Ran into a problem with the slope for ADA but worked through it. The interior is all painted and the roll up doors just went on, bathrooms are tiles, wood tongue groove have been installed and stained and the lettering is on. The main hiccup continues to be PG&E – awaiting final drawings from them and approval on certain items. The buildings themselves are getting close. Wiring has been pulled for the cameras, tv's, etc.

Duke York inquired about an anticipated date for the opening of the Transit Center

Discussion ensued.

No action was necessary as this item was for informational purposes only.

4. Recommend adopting Resolution 40-17 approving the TCTA Public Transportation Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Executive Director Grossi asked Sr. Administrative Laura Shinn to provide an update to Committee Members of the TCTA FY17/18 Budget. Ms. Shinn stated that the budget is a little different than last year because of the new Transit Center being such a big expense. She added that the approval of the 5311 operating assistance funds has a 2 year call for projects meaning that we would receive FY16/17 and FY17/18 funding. She also added that the LTF came in at 4.7% increase over last year and that it is going up steadily. There are little changes to staff finding. CMAQ funding is complete as of October and there is a decrease due to bus purchases. Farebox revenue – not a big change; it is down a little. However, with the implementation of the new schedules on the opening of the new facility; we hope to see some increase. Storer's contract will go up 2% - this happens on an annual basis. Fuel costs are going up – estimating about \$15k in that area. As far as staff is concerned, the following changes have been made - Change in Transportation Planner by 10% going to TCTC; and asking that Alex Padilla get a promotion to Transportation Planner II. Also, Cost of Living Adjustments go along with what the County has provided to their employees. Also, staff title and salary will be posted on the website for public availability.

CAC

Bob Asquith moved to recommend adopting Resolution 40-17 approving the TCTA Public Transportation Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Dick Southern seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 2-0 vote.

TAC

Tim Miller moved to recommend adopting Resolution 40-17 approving the TCTA Public Transportation Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Duke York seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Recommend approval of new Fixed Route schedules based on recommendations accepted last fall and incorporation of new Transit Center.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the new schedules reflect the changes that were agreed to last fall and also that the new fares will be incorporated.

Unfortunately, we were anticipating being in the new building by February, but that hasn't played out and with the sad passing of Paul Bell; we kind of had to start over on the schedules. Mr. Summersett added that consistent with the new transit center – we have wrapped the facility in with the new schedules so we don't want to put the new schedule out until the facility is open.

Discussion ensued.

TAC

Tim Miller moved to approve recommended approval of new Fixed Route schedules based on recommendations accepted last fall and incorporation of new Transit Center.

Duke York seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

CAC

Dick Southern moved to approve recommended approval of new Fixed Route schedules based on recommendations accepted last fall and incorporation of new Transit Center.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 2-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

6. Reports

Tyler Summersett provided an update on the YARTS service. He stated that it is doing great! The service is currently running 3 buses and despite their promptness; it is still a little rough to get an accurate headcount. For the first couple of weeks there were mostly full buses - that was with one bus. With the 3 buses running – we don't have accurate numbers yet. The Park numbers are through the roof and so is the online ticketing. We are pleasantly surprised and we are not even in the peak season. We requested that Rush Creek document how many rides are being generated and hope to have that number by next week.

Discussion ensued.

Bob Asquith reported that he rode YARTS and there were only 2 empty sets – and that was on a Thursday. He also added that changes have been made to the parking in Yosemite and that a round-about has been added!

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician