

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

The October 11, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember George Segarini; Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Evan Royce; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Sr. Administrative Analyst Laura Shinn; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Carl Baker 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 September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 44-17 Reauthorizing the Executive Director to Sign, Submit and Execute Applications, Agreements and Related Documents to Receive Federal and State Funding.**

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

Councilmember Gray moved to approve all items on the consent calendar as presented.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Alternate Councilmember Garaventa abstained.

Motion approved with a 4-1-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 4. Update on the completion and grand opening of the Tuolumne Transit Center.**

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that one year after starting, the contract is complete! He also added that the punch list, as well as the floors, are done. The benches for the interior and exterior are being installed on Friday and IT and facilities are tying up loose ends. He also informed Council Members that the gate to the Center will be open by the first bus driver in and will be locked by the last driver out in the evening. He then advised everyone that the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on October 30th at 12:00 and that everyone is invited to attend. And that the first day of public access/ridership will take place on November 1st and that this would be a No Fare day.

There was no action required for this item as it was informational only.

5. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Annual Tuolumne County Transit Performance Report

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that this report is a compilation of the quarterly, weekly and monthly correlation of what's done in house. He also added that we are currently performing at 9.5% recovery ratio due to the under-performing routes, which have been changed with the new schedules coming out on November 1st. He also informed Council Members that Route 6 was replaced with a general Dial a Ride service because that environment is hard to service and just not efficient. As far as the Special services: The Dodge Ski bus was very successful, due in part to the heavy winter this past year; The YARTS bus experienced astronomical growth – up by 71% from last year. This year staff partnered with the Visitor's Bureau which largely contributed to the high ridership. YARTS also began the online booking service making it easier for consumers to purchase tickets in advance. Mr. Summersett also added that in addition to the regular 6 Special Event Service every year, a couple of new ones were incorporated this past year which we are hoping become annual events.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

There was No Action required as this item was for informational purposes only.

6. Presentation of Transit Schedules to take effect on November 1, 2017.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, handed out copies of the schedules due to take effect on November 1st. He went over the major changes and added that the “working” routes were not changed. He added that all 5 routes will go to the new facility for transferring and added that Route 6 has been replaced by Dial a Ride but that all other Routes have remained similar.

Chairman Ayala then asked Mr. Summersett to go over the hours of operation, the Dial a Ride service, the routes and stops for the listening audience.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

There was No Action required as this item was for informational purposes only.

7. Authorize staff to attend the May 2018 POW WOW event to represent public transportation interests to Yosemite National Park.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that Merced has acquired a Marketing Grant from Yosemite national Park in the amount of \$50,000 annually and works with Gateway Partners to improve marketing outreach to ride YARTS. He also stated that Merced will cover the cost of the booth and space and that Partnering Counties will assist with other expenses. He added that he sees this as an opportunity to expand the YARTS service on a more international level.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett added that this gathering is the largest market for US Trips and Travel and that he will be representing Tuolumne as well as 3 other surrounding counties at the event.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve authorizing staff to attend the May 2018 POW WOW event to represent public transportation interests to Yosemite National Park.

Councilmember Segarini seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

8. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn will be attending the Cal Act conference in Monterey from November 1st – November 5th.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician