

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

April 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The April 12, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairman Ayala. Also in attendance were: Executive Director, Darin Grossi; Councilmember Randy Hanvelt; Councilmember Evan Royce; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Denise Bergamaschi, Administrative Technician.

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 March 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Federal Transit Administration (Section 5310) application to expand service program to fund out of county medical transportation. Application submitted by Sierra Senior Providers Inc. (SSPI). SSPI will operate the program which will be available to Tuolumne County Seniors and those with a disability. Project summary included for information purposes only.**

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

Chairman Ayala requested that Item 3 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further information.

Councilmember Royce moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2017.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 3. Federal Transit Administration (Section 5310) application to expand service program to fund out of county medical transportation. Application submitted by Sierra Senior Providers Inc. (SSPI). SSPI will operate the program which will be available to Tuolumne County Seniors and those with a disability. Project summary included for information purposes only.**

Vickie Garrett approached the podium and added that Leon Cazas, CEO of SSPI, was also in attendance to discuss this item. She stated that this service would address a need in this community for a lot of Seniors that have out of county medical needs.

Tyler Summersett explained further how the funding works in that with the 5310 it has to be part of the coordinated plan, which was done in 2013/2014.

Mr. Cazas approached the podium and stated that he is very excited about the Grant. He added that he receives a lot of calls from clients for out of county non-emergency medical services.

Doreen Schmidt, from Area 12 Agency on Aging, approached the podium and stated that her agency also receives a lot of calls from clients for out of county transportation for medically related services. She added that this is a critical unmet need.

Discussion ensued.

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

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

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that due to the weather there are additional delays.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, stated that it has been a tough go this year! The facility is definitely behind schedule; although both structures are there. He added that with the weather, that staff has been working on the interior of the project in terms of furniture, fabric, and color schemes. He also reported that PG&E has looked at the entire site and that he and Mr. Grossi have a pre-construction meeting with them tomorrow. He added that staff will be presenting a bid for furniture at next month's meeting.

Discussion ensued.

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

5. Mid-Year report on Tuolumne County Transit Services.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett informed Council Members that the attached report covers the period of July 2016 through December 2016. He added that the farebox recovery ratio is at about 8.9% and that the state requirement is 10%. He also added that although there is a decrease in ridership, the service is more efficient due to changes. Mr. Summersett also added that the Ski Bus had a very strong year with a farebox recovery ratio of 33%. He then informed Council that the YARTS bus will be starting on May 15 and running through Labor Day.

Discussion ensued.

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

- 6. Adopt Resolution 38-17 selecting Pinecrest Public Transit service as the project to be funded with Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), designate the Executive Director as the Authorized Agent for all project submittals and agree to abide by Grant Assurances in accepting funds.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that the TCTC is receiving Greenhouse Gas funds that will pay for the service. He also added that this would help with the congestion in Pinecrest and that once there, the bus will remain in Pinecrest to assist with shuttling locals and tourists around. He also informed Council that Dodge is considering expanding to promote summer activities on their facility and the bus would help with shuttling people to and from there as well. He stated that the hours of service would be the same as the Ski Bus.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve adopting resolution 38-17 selecting Pinecrest Public Transit service as the project to be funded with Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), designate the Executive Director as the Authorized Agent for all project submittals and agree to abide by Grant Assurances in accepting funds.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

- 7. Adopt Resolution 39-17 allocating California Office of Emergency Services Transit Security Grant Funds for Information Kiosk and Trip Planning Equipment at the Tuolumne Transit Center**

Executive Director Grossi provided information on the various services transit affords with these funding dollars. He stated that staff is requesting that the next round of these dollars go to the aforementioned projects.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve adopting Resolution 39-17 allocating California Office of Emergency Services Transit Security Grant Funds for Information Kiosk and Trip Planning Equipment at the Tuolumne Transit Center

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

8. Reports

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that Carol Doud has suggested that Transit be present at the Spring Festival taking place downtown on Saturday, April 29th from 11-4 and that Denise Bergamaschi has agreed to work and the City has waived the fee for us. He also reported that SB1 has passed and that he would talk more about it on the TCTC Agenda. He reported that he, Tyler Summersett and Cathy Salsedo will be attending Cal Act from April 24-27.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician