

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

October 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The October 5, 2016 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) TAC/CAC was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Executive Director Darin Grossi. Also in attendance were: Tim Miller with the City of Sonora; Rachelle Kellogg with the City of Sonora; Bev Shane, CRA Director; Duke York, Deputy Director CRA Roads Division; Bob Asquith representing District 4; Dick Southern representing District 3; Baby Girl representing the Canine Community; Stephen Dietrich as a representative of the City of Sonora; Dore Bietz as a representative of the Native American Community; Diane Bynum, 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 September 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**

CAC:

Stephen Dietrich motioned to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

TAC:

Dore Bietz motioned to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Tim Miller seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

3. Award contract to provide graphics for 10 Tuolumne County Transit Vehicles to Custom Vinyl Applications

Tyler Summersett informed Committee Members that an RFQ was advertised in June and that staff received 4 bids. Of the 4 bids, Custom Vinyl Applications provided the more of what appealed to staff, including the cost.

Discussion ensued.

CAC:

Bob Asquith motioned to approve awarding the contract to Custom Vinyl Applications to provide graphics for 10 Tuolumne County Transit Vehicles.

Dick Southern seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

TAC:

Rachelle Kellogg motioned to approve awarding the contract to Custom Vinyl Applications to provide graphics for 10 Tuolumne County Transit Vehicles.

Dore Bietz seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

The Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Adopt final Tuolumne County Transit Service cuts which includes; eliminating Route 6 and a proposal to increase Fixed Route fares to reach minimum farebox recovery ratios.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett reminded Committee Members that at the September meeting, a Public Hearing was held to consider transit cuts. At the Hearing, several transit riders stated that they would prefer a rate increase as opposed to losing certain routes. This option has been duly noted in the options mentioned. Upon reviewing the numbers, and listening to what the public had to say, it was determined that fares would increase and that Route 6 would be eliminated.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that even with the fare increase; Tuolumne County is still consistent with Calaveras fares.

Discussion ensued.

CAC:

Dick Southern motioned to approve adopting the final Tuolumne County Transit Service cuts which includes; eliminating Route 6 and a proposal to increase Fixed Route fares to reach minimum farebox recovery ratios.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

TAC

Bev Shane motioned to approve adopting the final Tuolumne County Transit Service cuts which includes; eliminating Route 6 and a proposal to increase Fixed Route fares to reach minimum farebox recovery ratios.

Rachelle Kellogg seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Set date for Public Hearing to consider transit fare increases for Fixed Route Services.

CAC:

Bob Asquith motioned to approve setting a date for a Public Hearing to consider transit fare increases for Fixed Route Services

Dick Southern seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

TAC:

Rachelle Kellogg motioned to approve setting a date for a Public Hearing to consider transit fare increases for Fixed Route Services

Dore Bietz seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

Rachelle Kellogg seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

6. Tuolumne Transit Center Update

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett informed Committee that there is heavy equipment at the job site and that all of the grading has been done for the Transit center and Administrative building. He also asked that everyone refer to the construction schedule and pour the trenches for the sewer lines. Otherwise, he stated that everything is on schedule and budget. He added that he and Executive Director visit the site on a weekly basis.

There was no action required as this was an informational item.

7. Recommend staff submit a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to analyze an alternate Courthouse Park bus stop design and/or location for Tuolumne County Transit.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the purpose of obtaining this Grant would be to hire a consultant to come up with alternate locations to the Courthouse Park bus stop from which to offer service.

Discussion ensued.

CAC:

Stephen Dietrich motioned to approve submitting a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to analyze an alternate Courthouse Park bus stop design and/or location for Tuolumne County Transit.

Bob Asquith seconded the Motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

TAC:

Rachelle Kellogg motioned to approve submitting a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to analyze an alternate Courthouse Park bus stop design and/or location for Tuolumne County Transit.

Tim Miller seconded the Motion.

Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

8. Reports

Bob Asquith reported that the Rush Creek Lodge will have a driveway available for buses by Christmas time.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician