

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The November 14, 2018 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember, Evan Royce; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Connie Williams; Executive Director, Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner and Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner.

Kevin Schroeder was present at today's meeting representing Caltrans District 10.

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

Carol Doud approached the podium and mentioned that staff should consider providing suicide awareness training for the transit drivers.

Consent Calendar:

2. Approval of the October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve the October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.

Councilmember Williams abstained from the vote.

Motioned approved with a 3-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

3. Recommend Approval and Execution of Amendment No. 1 to the TCTA/Storer Transit System's Agreement for the Management and Operations of Tuolumne County Transit, in an amount not to exceed \$3,389,077, to extend the Agreement for an additional two years.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the TCTA currently has a contract with Storer that is set to expire in May of 2019. He added that by signing the attached Amendment, it would extend the contract by two more years. He then stated that Storer has provided excellent customer service along with good management and a hard working staff. Mr. Grossi recommends approval of the Amendment.

Councilmember Garaventa moved to approve execution of Amendment No. 1 to the TCTA/Storer Transit System's Agreement for the Management and Operations of Tuolumne County Transit, in an amount not to exceed \$3,389,077, to extend the Agreement for an additional two years.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

4. Update on Yosemite Area Regional transportation System (YARTS) Short Range Transit Plan development and Tuolumne County specific deliverables.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, provided information on the performance reports as well as additional information on the roll-out of the Short Range Transit Plan for YARTS. He then discussed several alternatives/options of fare increases for the upcoming year. Mr. Summersett also informed Council Members that staff is still in negotiations with YARTS with regards to the fare increases.

Executive Director Grossi stated that we are asking Council to support a re-structuring of the fare increases and modifications to the 3rd run.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve supporting a re-structuring of the fare increases and modifications to the 3rd run.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

5. Review and Comment on preliminary bus stop design on Stockton Road.

Councilmember Williams stated that the consultant should be talking with Caltrans should be regarding the project.

Councilmember Garaventa stated that there should be a cross-walk at Save Mart with the bus stop across the street.

Chairman Ayala stated that it is safer at the Green Street crosswalk. He also added that the TCTC, the City of Sonora and Caltrans should schedule a meeting to go over the project.

Discussion ensued.

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

6. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that he recently attended the CTA conference in Long Beach. He also reported that the NextBus contract will expire in April of 2019 and that Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla has put out an RFP for companies that may be interested in taking over the service.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, reported that Tuolumne County Transit will be providing service for the Christmas Parade and for the Polar Express beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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