

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
October 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes*

The October 12, 2016 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Executive Director Darin Grossi; 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 Councilmember Evan Royce was absent from today's meeting.

- 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 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Award contract in the amount of \$18, 090.60 to provide graphics on 10 Tuolumne County Transit Vehicles to Custom Vinyl Applications.**

********Councilmember Segarini asked that item 3 be placed on the regular agenda for further discussion.***

Regular Agenda:

- 3. Award contract in the amount of \$18,090.60 to provide graphics for 10 Tuolumne County Transit Vehicles to Custom Vinyl Applications**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that an RFQ was advertised in June and that 4 bids were received. Of the 4 bids, Custom Vinyl Applications provided more of what appealed to staff, cost included.

Councilmember Segarini asked if any local companies contributed bids.

Executive Director Grossi responded that no bids were received from local companies.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment regarding this item.

Councilmember Segarini motioned to approved awarding a contract to Custom Vinyl Applications in the amount of \$18,090.60 to provide graphics for 10 buses.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

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

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett reminded Council Members that at the September meeting, a Public Hearing was held to consider transit cuts and that several transit riders stated that they would prefer a rate increase as opposed to losing certain routes. He also reminded Council that staff attempted changes a couple of years back to help maintain the required 10% farebox recovery ratio and that those changes did not work, either. He went over the offered options and it was decided by the public hearing that option “C” – increasing fares and eliminating Route 6 would benefit the riders without impacting other Routes.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that even with the fare increase; Tuolumne County would still be consistent with Calaveras fares.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Segarini motioned to approve the Tuolumne County Transit Service cuts which include eliminating Route 6 and a proposal to increase Fixed Route fares to reach minimum farebox recovery ratios.

Councilmember seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

5. Set date for Public Hearing for November 9, 2016 to consider Transit Fare increases for Fixed Route Services.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approved setting the Public Hearing date for November 9, 2016 to consider Transit Fare increases for Fixed Route Services.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Chairman Ayala suggested advertising the hearing the radio

6. Tuolumne Transit Center Update

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett informed Council that there is heavy equipment at the job site and that all of the grading has been done for the Transit Center as well as Administrative building. He also asked that everyone refer to the construction schedule in the agenda and briefly went over each item. He also informed Council that he added that he and Executive Director Grossi have bi-weekly meetings with the contractors and architects to make sure everything is going according to schedule.

***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 reminded Council that comments were taken at the September meeting and that Councilmember Williams inquired about re-location of the Courthouse bus stop. He added that staff is looking at new designs as well as location. He stated that this is an opportunity for Grant funds and asks that Council give staff direction to submit.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve that staff submit a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to analyze an alternate Courthouse Park bus stop design and/or location for Tuolumne County Transit.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

8. Reports

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla attended a California Air Resources Board meeting last month and that the topic discussed was about 0% emissions for the state. He also learned that a lot of transit facilities are converting to e-buses, of which they receive CMAQ dollars for. However, this does not work as well in rural communities as it does in urban areas, due to the low demand. He informed Council that we may get a break with the “Near Zero” program and that staff is looking into grant opportunities for this but, he added, that this is a tough rule to break for rural areas.

Executive Director Grossi also reported that staff and the transit facility are working together with the Me Wuk Tribe and First Responders on a triage taking place on Thursday, November 17th.

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