

*Tuolumne County Transportation Council
September 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

The September 11, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Vice Chair John Gray; Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Connie Williams; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Alex Padilla, Senior Transportation Planner; and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Dan McElhinney and Kevin Schroder were 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.

Carl Baker from Columbia provided a hand out to Council Members as well as citizens present at today's meeting regarding Active Transportation Plan (ATP) awards listed by county. He stated that this information provides date/data of award as well as rural vs. other areas. He pointed out the disparity between the two adding that there are "structural" issues with the ATP and queried as to what formula distribution/criteria would work best. Mr. Baker also stated that greenhouse gas emissions in rural areas will not be reduced by building bike lanes and sidewalks. He pointed out that rural areas serve as recreational areas for suburban areas.

Consent Calendar:

- 2. Approval of the August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Administrative amendment #1 to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Overall Work Program and Budget summary to include Recommended Changes from Caltrans.**

Councilmember Garaventa moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 4. Discussion with California Transportation Commission, Vice Chairman, Paul Van Konynenburg.**

Executive Director Grossi provided a brief bio on Mr. Van Konynenburg informing Council Members that he is the new Vice Chair of the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Mr. Grossi also informed Council Members that he and Mr. Van Konynenburg drove around the county and looked at high priority projects.

Mr. Van Konynenburg thanked Executive Director Grossi for the invite, the nice introduction and for the tour of Tuolumne County. Mr. Van Konynenburg then informed Council Members of the challenges that rural counties face in obtaining transportation projects. He added that Tuolumne County has an aging population and financial constraints; which are both challenges for us. He also reported that CTC has new transparency measures and that all phases of Caltrans projects are being looked at on a higher level. He also informed Council Members that the STIP is constrained this cycle, but offered the following recommendations with competitive programs:

1. *Engage with community staff – be pro-active;*
2. *Remember that your priority list is not a “wish” list*
3. *Shovel ready projects are funded first; and*
4. *Establish record of delivery on time/budget*

Mr. Van Konynenburg stated that he is excited to work with Tuolumne County and thanked Council for having him at today’s meeting.

At this time, there was a question and answer session with Mr. Van Konynenburg, Council Members and Citizens present in the audience.

Chairman Ayala then called for a 15minute break.

5. Adopt the Final Central Sierra Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Plan.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that at last month’s meeting, staff presented a detailed presentation from the consultant adding that all Boards have had presentations and/or input on this item. He stated that the majority of the changes are administrative and that he is recommending approval as presented.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting the Final Central Sierra Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Plan.

Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

5. Public Hearing to consider approval of Resolution 605-19 adopting the Final Proposed Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget for the Tuolumne County Transportation Council.

Executive Director Grossi reminded Council that the recommended budget was presented at the June meeting but with Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn, out on medical leave that 70% of the budget was complete. He stated that there have been a number of changes and this year’s budget and apologized for it being confusing. At this time, Mr. Grossi presented a slideshow and went over the changes with the budget.

Discussion ensued.

**** 4:47 – at this time, Chairman Ayala opened the Public Hearing for approval of the Proposed FY 19/20 TCTC Budget.

****4:48 – At this time. the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Campbell moved to approve Resolution 605-19 adopting the Final Proposed Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget for the Tuolumne County Transportation Council.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Adopt Resolution 608-19 Authorizing the Tuolumne County Transportation Council to contribute Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding to the ongoing California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Effort.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this item supports statewide efforts to maintain paving.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve Resolution 608-19 Authorizing the Tuolumne County Transportation Council to contribute Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding to the ongoing California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Effort.

Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

7. Reports

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that staff is nearing the completion of Phase I of the SB743 Grant and that the paperwork has been submitted to Caltrans for review. He also reported that there will be a meeting on September 26 to look at the VMT model and to consider adding functions. He added that trips will be looked at by “land use” and is hoping that by July 1, 2020 the model will be ready to launch.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise A. Bergamaschi
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