

# *Tuolumne County Transportation Council*

## *December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

The December 11, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember John Gray; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Sr. Administrative Analyst Laura Shinn; Tyler Summersett, Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Senior Transportation Planner; and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Gregoria Ponce' 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 informed Council Members and staff that she went all over the county and invited people in the community to attend the Unmet Transit Needs hearing and pointed out that no one showed up.

**Consent Calendar:**

- 2. Approval of the November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Adoption of the Proposed Schedule of the TAC/CAC and TCTA/TCTC Meetings dated for Calendar Year 2020.**
- 4. Update on the Request for Proposals for the Bicycle Tourism Plan.**
- 5. Approval of the TCTC New Position "Assistant to the Executive Director" Job Description and Salary Range.**

**There was no Public Comment for this item.**

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

*Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**Regular Agenda:**

- 6. Public Hearing to receive input on Potential Transit Needs that may Exist within the Tuolumne County Region and that may be reasonable to meet in Fiscal Year 2019/2020.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the Hearing is an annual process in which staff reaches out to the public asking what transit needs they feel are not being met and request either their presence at the hearing or submitted in writing. He also added that this Hearing is required by the TDA and that a 30-day notice was posted for public knowledge. Mr.

Grossi also added that the findings report will be presented at an upcoming meeting and that no action is required tonight – it is just to receive public input.

\*\*\* 3:07 – at this time the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing was open to the public:

Sid Robenseifer with Southside Seniors in Groveland approached the podium and stated that there is a huge Senior/disabled population in Groveland with no public transportation and limited medical services – also, no way to get to the market, errands, etc. She then provided information on what her organization does to help the Groveland senior/disabled community. She informed Council that her organization currently drives 83 clients with no other means of transportation adding that they do not have a vehicle available that can accommodate wheelchairs. She then presented several unmet needs that she believes are not being met as well as places that these people would like to go but are unable to due to lack of transportation.

Executive Director Grossi complimented Ms. Robenseifner on her submittal and informed Council that he has worked with Syd on several occasions and that she is a pleasure to work with.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that Ms. Robenseifner made some valid points and added that Chinese Camp, Phoenix Lake, Soulsbyville as well as a lot of other communities have students trying to get to Columbia College and there are no routes available for them. She added that she has a friend that used transit for 17 years and with the new routes, she is unable to use now. She stated that there are a lot of unmet needs and that she told a lot of people to come to tonight's hearing and that no one bothered showing up. She pointed out that the buses don't even run on Sunday's suggesting maybe a small bus for people wanting to attend service.

\*\*\* 3:23 p.m. – at this time the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing was closed.

Chairman Ayala thanked everyone for their comments.

*There was no action required for this item as it was for public input purposes.*

**7. Adopt Resolution 615-19 recognizing the contribution of Volunteers for an Outdoor California (V-O-Cal), Dragoon Gulch caretaker Kevin Anderson and Sonora local Karie Lew, who served as the project coordinator, for selecting Dragoon Gulch trail System as a V-O-Cal project and delivering a new ½ mile of trail to the overall network.**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, stated that he appreciates brining this item forward as it is consistent with the vision for Dragoon Gulch.

Councilmember Garaventa suggested that this item be delayed until Ms. Lew arrives.

**8. Adopt Resolution 614-19 approving the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that there is little to no new money for Tuolumne County in the upcoming RTIP Cycle adding that an advance was taken on the last cycle to fund projects. He also stated that there are delays for the Peaceful Oak project due to funding delays. The next available funding cycle will be 2027/28.

Discussion ensued.

*Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting Resolution 614-19 approving the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.*

*Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**\*\* At this time, Karie Lew arrived and Council resumed with Item 7:**

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Tyler Summersett stated that V-O-Cal laid the groundwork for the TCTC involvement with this project by initiating a call for volunteers adding that Kevin and Keri made the project come together by going above and beyond what was expected. Mr. Summersett went over the informational package included with the agenda, which included a map and event overview.

At this time, Kevin Anderson and Karie Lew were called up to the podium where Mayor/Councilmember Garaventa presented each of them with a certificate of recognition for their efforts.

*Councilmember Garaventa moved to approve adopting Resolution 615-19 recognizing the contribution of Volunteers for an Outdoor California (V-O-Cal), Dragoon Gulch caretaker Kevin Anderson and Sonora local Karie Lew, who served as the project coordinator, for selecting Dragoon Gulch trail System as a V-O-Cal project and delivering a new ½ mile of trail to the overall network.*

*Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

*Karie thank all Councilmember for the recognition adding that it was not expected. She stated that a lot of locals have called for another project collaboration with V-O-Cal and that she is certainly up to the challenge.*

*Kevin thank everyone adding that it is nice to be recognized. He stated that he grew up here and ran that trail when it was just a hill!! He thanked V-O-Cal and said that they brought a lot of people here to help. He also stated that there is a lot of local interest in more projects.*

**9. Adopt Resolution 613-19 to adopt the updated Tuolumne County Regional Travel Demand Model.**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla, informed Council that this item was presented last month adding that the model provides improved VMT estimates. He also added that he went over the model with the stakeholder group and went over Caltrans' comments and that staff is now ready to adopt a resolution adopting the model.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

*Councilmember Campbell moved to approve adopting Resolution 613-19 to adopt the updated Tuolumne County Regional Travel Demand Model.*

*Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**10. Reports**

Executive Director Grossi reported that he met with the Mother Lode bicycle coalition, and Chicken Ranch staff at Mackey Road with regards to the round-about design to ensure safety of cyclists and pedestrians. He added that there is a meeting today in Stockton regarding the round-about as well.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Grossi also reported that on December 17<sup>th</sup> he will be attending a Climate Change forum in Stockton. He also informed Council that the Purchase Order is ready for the TCTC to purchase an electric vehicle and that staff has spoken to Charge Point regarding a charger for the vehicle. He added that a meeting will take place in the next couple of weeks regarding installation of the charger.

Gregoria Ponce' with Caltrans District 10 stated that she applauds the TCTC on the new trail and electric vehicle. She reported that Cycle 5 of the ATP call for projects will be open from November 2019 through March 2020. She added that the Mobility program is available for public review. She discussed the upcoming Climate Forum.

*There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Denise Bergamaschi*

*Administrative Technician*