

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

February 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:04p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Rodefer; Councilmember Campbell; Councilmember Garaventa; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner; Cathy Salsedo, Transit Manager and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

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 thanked Storer Transportation for sending their staff to suicide prevention training. She added that she is also annoyed that the City of Sonora is getting sued for someone getting hit on Stockton Road stating that pedestrians getting hit on that road has been a problem in the past few years.

Transit Manager, Cathy Salsedo then approached the podium and provided an update on the delays and cancellations due to the inclement weather conditions. She also gave Kudos to her employees who fought the storm to make it in to the office. She also reported how well the drivers have handled driving in the snow.

Executive Director Grossi added that his staff, as well as the transit staff will follow the lead of the Office of Emergency Services and the County as far as late starts and closures.

Councilmember Rodefer added that the reason for the late starts/closures is to keep as many people off the roads as possible in order to keep it clear for emergency responders.

Consent Calendar:

2. Approval of the January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

*Councilmember Rodefer moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented, Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.
Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.*

Regular Agenda:

3. Presentation of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency 2018/2019 Mid-Year Budget

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that Senior Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn, would provide information regarding the forecast of revenue/expenses for the budget of the TCTA.

Ms. Shinn went over the variations within the budget.

Discussion ensued.

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

4. Recommend approval of the TRIP Program changes to encourage greater use and improved convenience.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the TRIP program originated roughly 4 years ago to help fulfill a gap after the Groveland services were discontinued. He added that the service is also a good substitute for those riders unable to utilize any other transit service(s) offered and that it is ultimately, a last resort transit alternative. He also stated that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) has been inquiring about expanding the service for out of town medical appointments for some of their clients. Mr. Grossi then discussed the proposed changes that he and staff have been working on for the TRIP program and added that if all the changes are approved today, staff will provide the public with more information via public outreach and our web site.

Discussion ensued.

Doreen Schmidt with Area 12 approached the podium and thanked Mr. Grossi and his staff for doing this and that it is long overdue. She added that her agency receives a couple hundred calls annually for out of town medical appointments. She added that she is thrilled that this is happening.

Councilmember Karl Rodefer moved to approve the TRIP Program changes to encourage greater use and improved convenience.

Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

5. Reports

Executive Director Gross informed Council that the marketing contract with our current consultant for bus advertising has ended and that an RFP will be going out. He also reported that Cole Video is no longer doing marketing and that he and staff are working with legal counsel to format a contract to still be able to work with Mr. Pryzybla's associates

Tyler Summersett reported that ridership on the ski bus has been quite good and that he is working with Dodge to "move" people. He also reported that transit will be servicing the Celtic Faire on March 8 – 10 adding that it was very successful last year.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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