

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

May 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The May 9, 2018 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember George Segarini; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember John Gray; Executive Director; Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Kevin Shroder representing Caltrans District 10. Absent from today's meeting was Councilmember Evan Royce.

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 stated that she attended the educational forum yesterday and that some people were interested in going to Yosemite and was disappointed about not being able to get a ride. She also stated that there are a lot of people with unmet needs in the community and that she does not like hearing that.

Consent Calendar:

2. Approval of the April 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

3. Submit a Letter of Support to the Adventure Bicycling Association in support of designating US Bike Route 85 as part of the National Bike Route Network.

There was No Public Comment for any item presented on the Consent Calendar.

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

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

4. Adopt Resolution 581-18 supporting Proposition 69 Protecting California's Transportation Taxes on the Statewide June 2018 Ballot.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the passing of SB1 helped a lot with road maintenance but that not all of the funds are protected. He added that Proposition 69 would protect the SB1 funds from being used for anything other than roads and road maintenance. He stated that he highly recommends support of Proposition 69.

Discussion ensued.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that while she is aware of SB1 and added that she doesn't care for it – however, she has never heard of Proposition 69. She stated that the Resolution being presented is good but that there should be more action. She also added, in a mocking tone, that it was nice that the press was able to make it to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve adopting Resolution 581-18 supporting Proposition 69 Protecting California's Transportation Taxes on the Statewide June 2018 Ballot.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

5. Adopt Resolution 580-18 approving the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn, informed Council Members that the Draft OWP was presented in March then forwarded to Caltrans for comments/changes. She stated that Caltrans made a few technical adjustments and that more detail was required for a couple of projects and that those changes are included in the document being presented today. She stated that once those changes and the document approved the OWP will be sent to Caltrans for a Final which will be presented to Council at the December meeting.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting Resolution 580-18 approving the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

Councilmember Segarini seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

6. Adopt Resolution 582-18 approving the TCTC Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn, informed Council Members that the Budget is based off the Overall Work Program. She then provided information concerning multiple funding sources as well as expenses and revenue for the TCTC. She then informed Council Members that the TCTC will provide an increase in staff salary to mirror that of what the County will be doing for their staff.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Grossi then informed Council Members that rent has been factored into the budget as the County has requested that the TCTC start paying rent for space occupied in the Yaney Building. He added that monies for J59 were put back because staff needs to look at what long term needs are required to better accommodate trucks. He also stated that there will

125,000 for the North South Connector of which the City committed to match and 120,000 in RSTP funds for a Call for Projects.

At this time, Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that she feels Council should submit a strongly worded letter to the City with regards to rent as Mr. Grossi's office has been under construction for over a year now! She added that it is toxic and dangerous and that if the County wants to charge rent – it should be fixed.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting Resolution 582-18 approving the TCTC Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

7. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (authority: Government Code Section 54957) – Executive Director

Executive Director Grossi suggested hearing the Reports first then doing the Closed Session so that anyone not required in the Closed Session may leave.

8. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that staff received notification of a new bill of Transportation Grants and that there is over \$1 million up for award for rural counties – he added that he tried to sign up but that the list was already full. He then thanked Caltrans for \$76,000 in RPA Grant Funds – he stated that he is pretty excited about it. He then reminded Council that a few years back we received non-attainment ozone funds and that those funds are being offered again. He added that we should be getting some monies from that pot and that it can be used for shoulders, walkways, park & ride, etc. He stated that once he is made aware of the amount, staff will begin looking at projects.

Kim McFarlane, Assistance CRA Director, provided an update on several road projects currently being worked on. She stated that there are two bridge projects being done this year. She also reported that the CRA has received FEMA money for Marshes Flat Road.

Kevin Schroder with Caltrans reported that starting on May 4th, a new person will be coming on board and added that this person has over 20 years' experience in the industry. He added that Betty Kibble will still be helping out. Mr. Schroder also reported that for the Groveland ATP, he has received the go ahead to move forward with the application. He stated that support letters are needed to make a stronger case. Mr. Shcroder then informed Council Members that he can no longer talk about anything pertaining to SB1 and that if anyone wants information that they have to go to the Caltrans web site. He added that Caltrans is accepting Climate Change Grants until the end of May and that when he hears back, he will inform Executive Director Grossi.

Councilmember Gray thanked Caltrans for the prompt action on the 120 culverts.

Councilmember Segarini informed Council Members and staff that this may be his last meeting – depending on what happens in June. He added that it has been a pleasure working with Executive Director and his staff and that this is one of the better running agencies in the County.

Executive Director Grossi stated that his door is always open.

At this time, 4:43 p.m., the meeting was adjourned and the CLOSED SESSION will begin.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that she thinks the TCTC/TCTA is one of the better run departments and that Executive Director Grossi deserves a good office and that he does a great job for the County.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m. and Executive Director Grossi and Council Members went into Closed Session.

Executive Director Grossi and Council Members returned from Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. wherein Chairman Ayala stated that there was nothing to report.

The meeting was then adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician