

*Tuolumne County Transportation Council
February 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

The February 8, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Councilmember Evan Royce; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn; Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett; Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla and Denise Bergamaschi, Administrative Technician.

Also present at today's meeting was Carl Baker representing Caltrans District 10.

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 January 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

There was No Public Comment.

*Councilmember Gray moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.
Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.
Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

Regular Agenda:

3. Report on the SR120/108 (Yosemite Junction) Intersection control Evaluation.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that he and staff are currently working together with Caltrans and the County on safety concerns and a budget for the project. He then pointed out that Sam Sherman from Caltrans was in attendance at today's meeting to provide information and answer questions.

At this time, Sam Sherman approached the podium. Mr. Sherman provided a brief status on the project and informed Council Members that this was initially as a safety project due the number of accidents. He added that it was put into the 2014 SHOPP and that there have been a couple of alternatives offered including signalization, a roundabout and most recently, a high-t.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment.

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

4. Approve Resolution 558-17 Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report, adopting the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, adopting the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, and approve Resolution 559-17 adopting the Final 2016 Regional Transportation Plan.

Executive Director Grossi explained to Council Members that staff, in particular Alex Padilla, has been working on the RTP for quite some time and that it goes back a few years. He then provided a brief explanation as to the importance of the RTP.

Mr. Grossi then introduced Matt Maddox with Rincon and added that he and Alex Padilla will be presenting a slideshow on the RTP and that questions will be answered afterwards.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Maddox also presented a slideshow on the Environmental Impact Report and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment on this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve Resolution 558-17 Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report, adopting the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, adopting the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, and approve Resolution 559-17 adopting the Final 2016 Regional Transportation Plan with modifications on p. 202 in the Railroad Section regarding drainage issues related to projects in the city.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion with mentioned changes.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

5. Adopt Resolution 556-17 allocating \$51,682 in Bicycle/Pedestrian Local Transportation Fund Reserves to the City of Sonora for ADA sidewalk improvements on the east side of Stewart Street associated with the Restroom Improvement Project.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the TCTC is in support of the City's effort to secure grants for Vision Sonora. He added that the restrooms would benefit the community for tourism in that they would be utilized during the season of the downtown Farmer's Market as well as by visitors on a daily basis. He stated that this is a good opportunity to further help the City's efforts with making downtown more tourist friendly.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting Resolution 556-17 allocating \$51,682 in Bicycle/Pedestrian Local Transportation Fund Reserves to the City of Sonora for ADA sidewalk improvements on the east side of Stewart Street associated with the Restroom Improvement Project.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Consideration of authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of support for AB174 (Bigelow).

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that currently, there are no representatives on the California Transportation Commission from rural areas. He added that Assembly Member Frank Bigelow has introduced Assembly Bill No. 174 requiring that at least one voting member reside in a rural county with a population of less than 100,000. He then informed members that the TAC/CAC recommend that the Chairman sign the letter of support to Assembly Member Bigelow, being presented at today's meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of support for AB174 (Bigelow).

Councilmember Segarini seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

7. Reports

Sam Sherman with Caltrans reported on repair work being done to the James E. Roberts Memorial Bridge. He added that Golden State Bridge is currently working on the project and that it is very complex and difficult to work on. He informed Council Members that the workers have been constrained to winter months and night as well as working 14 hour days. He added that a 7 day closure would be necessary to replace all of the joints and that Caltrans is looking at the week of 3/27 – 4/2. He stated that after the closure, there will still be work to be done on the underneath, barren rails and polyester concrete overlay.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Grossi reported that President Trump put a call out for projects for his infrastructure plan that are “shelf ready”. Mr. Grossi added that it was a very short notice, and that the projects submitted were the Peaceful Oaks Interchange and Gardella Ranch Road. He also added that there may be FLAP grant funds available for Dodge Ridge Road and Pinecrest Road.

Carl Baker with Caltrans District 10 reported that the RTP guidelines have been adopted. He stated that the biggest changes are that it has been separated into two categories: Metro and Smaller. He also added that there is a call for FLAP projects out and that they are due by April 7th. He also provided a list of long range transportation plans currently being addressed.

Discussion ensued.

Duke York, CRA Roads Director reported that the CRA has received funding from two FLAP grants recently submitted: 1) 17 million dollars for Buchanan Road; and 2) 13 million dollars for Evergreen. He also reported that he has applied for grant money for Dodge and Pinecrest Road(s). Mr. York then provided a list of streets that have been affected by the recent storms and what his department is doing to repair them. He stated that this has been a very challenging winter!

There being no further items to discuss, this segment of the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician