

## *Tuolumne County Transportation Council*

### *June 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes*

The June 8, 2016 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:01p.m. by Chairman Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Ron Stearn, Councilmember Bill Canning, Councilmember John Gray, Executive Director Darin Grossi, Diane Bynum, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; and Denise Bergamaschi, Administrative Technician.

Also present at today's meeting was Carl Baker 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 wanted to give "props" to Cathy Salsedo for attending the National Alliance for Mental Illness meeting last week.

Mr. John Lang from Twain Harte approached the podium and expressed frustration with the speed of traffic and number of accidents from the Upper Twain Harte entrance on Twain Harte Drive/SR108. He stated that there have been numerous accidents as well as deaths on that road because people cannot see. He state that there needs to be more signage, a traffic signal, or the other option would be to move the hill.

Carl Baker with District 10 stated that he would pass this information along. He also said that he was unsure of the extent of the investigation that was done prior, but that he will have Caltrans do a review and get back with staff to bring back to the next meeting.

#### **Consent Calendar:**

#### **2. Approval of the May 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**

#### **3. Review Tuolumne County Transportation Council's Request for Qualifications for on-call Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering Consulting Services.**

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

Councilmember Canning seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

**Regular Agenda:**

**4. Presentation by Mitch Weiss, Deputy Director of the California Transportation Commission on Transportation Funding and the California Road User Charge Pilot Program.**

Executive Director Grossi introduced Mr. Weiss, and also informed Council that the state is currently experiencing a \$754 million dollar deficit in transportation funding. He explained that this is in part due to lower fuel costs along with more fuel efficient vehicles. He added that letters have been sent to legislators as well as the Governor.

At this time, Mr. Weiss thanked staff for their time and allowing him to come to the meeting and explain the program in better detail. He highly encouraged people to visit the web site and sign up for the program. That being said, Mr. Weiss provided a Power Point presentation of the Road User Charge Pilot Program. He informed everyone that the program will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and run for 9 months. He also stated that the program is in need of rural volunteers.

Discussion ensued.

There was no action required as this item was informational.

**5. Adopt Resolution No. 543-16 approving the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that they reviewed the Draft OWP and based the budget on that.

Sr. Administrative Analyst, Diane Bynum, added that Caltrans requested clarification on several of the work elements, and that she has refined them and made budget changes accordingly.

Councilmember Stearn moved to approve adopting Resolution No. 543-16 approving the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

**6. Consideration of Adopting Resolution No's. 544-16 and 545-16 allocating a total of \$293,737 in Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Reserve Funds to the County Community Resources Agency for the Evergreen Road Re-construction and Tuolumne Park and Ride Projects.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that every year the TCTC estimates how much funding is remaining in the RSTP account and issues a Call for Projects. He stated that he met with the City and County and received a list of projects from both. He reminded Council Members that the notification of the available funds was presented at last month's meeting. He stated that at this time, staff is unable to determine if the Evergreen Road project is available for these funds, but is proposing that the funds go to the Park and Ride project and other projects

that are eligible. He added that he recommends adopting the resolutions approving funds for eligible projects.

Discussion ensued.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve adopting Resolution No's. 544-16 and 545-16 allocating a total of \$293,737 in Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Reserve Funds to the County Community Resources Agency for the Evergreen Road Re-construction and Tuolumne Park and Ride Projects.

Councilmember Canning seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

**7. Consideration of adopting Resolution No. 547-16 allocating \$20,000 in Bicycle/Pedestrian Local Transportation Fund Reserve to the city of Sonora for the Sidewalk Improvement Project.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that the reason for this agenda item is to consider a request from the City of Sonora for a \$20,000 allocation from the TCTC's Bicycle/Pedestrian LTF reserves for the Sidewalk Improvements Project. He informed Council that a call for projects was made and the City requested funds for this project.

Councilmember Stearn moved to approve adopting Resolution No. 547-16 allocating \$20,000 in Bicycle/Pedestrian Local Transportation Fund Reserve to the city of Sonora for the Sidewalk Improvement Project

Councilmember Canning seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

**8. Consideration of adopting Resolution No. 546-16 programming \$36,276 in CMAQ funding to the City of Sonora's Park and Ride Lot Purchase Project.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the reason for this agenda item is to request that the TCTC program \$36,276 in CMAQ funds to the City of Sonora for the Park and Ride Lot Purchase Project. He stated that a call for projects went out last month and that the City requested the funds for this project.

There was no public comment for this item.

Councilmember Canning moved to approve adopting Resolution No. 546-16 programming \$36,276 in CMAQ funding to the City of Sonora's Park and Ride Lot Purchase Project.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

**9. Review of the Fix Our Road Coalition – Roadways to Consensus proposal and direction to staff on TCTC Transportation Funding Principles.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that letters were sent out to Senator Berryhill and Assemblyman Bigelow regarding the roads in Tuolumne County. He added that Assemblyman Bigelow responded to the letter in April. He informed Council that a Fix Our Roads Coalition was recently held in Sacramento where the Roadmap to Consensus was unveiled.

He added that our neighboring counties of Amador, Calaveras, Alpine and Mariposa are anticipating sending a letter to our representatives which could be used as a guideline when considering funding. He then went over the 9 key factors to be outlined in the letter.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Ayala stated that a lot of dollars have been diverted and that it is time to see things stabilize.

Councilmember Gray added that he cannot support any new taxes at this time because they don't go where they are supposed to.

Executive Director Grossi suggested that we should just be silent for now and the re-consider after 2 years.

Councilmember Gray agreed – just be silent for now.

The motion proposed was for staff to be silent for now.

Councilmember Gray moved on the motion and Councilmember Stearn seconded. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

**10. Reports**

Duke York, Deputy CRA Director of Roads, reported on several projects that he and his staff are currently working on. He also reported that he would be in Leisure Pines tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. for a pilot project.

Executive Director Grossi reported that his staff is currently working with vendors regarding charge points for electric quick charges along SR120.

Carl Baker with District 10 reported that the CTC and Caltrans are working on RTP Guidelines and that a draft release will be available on June 30 with comments due on August 1. He also added that the deadline for the Highway Safety Improvement Program is August 12 and the ATP deadline is June 15.

Councilmember Gray inquired about Ole Priest Grade signage.

Executive Director Grossi stated that he would follow up on that for him.

Executive Director Grossi also reported that the EIR is 80% complete and the draft RTP and EIR should be ready in late July.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:26

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi  
Administrative Technician