

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The January 9, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:02p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Connie Williams; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner 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 stated that Councilmember Campbell looks very professional in his tie. She also re-iterated the importance of pedestrian safety on Stockton Street. She then stated that Peter did a great presentation. Ms. Doud also expressed concern regarding public charging stations for electric vehicles and that there are currently 5, none of which are for public use.

Dan McCullhany with Caltrans District 10 then approached the podium and introduced himself as the new Acting Director effective two weeks ago. He provided a hand-out with winter tips for District 10 residents which also provided highlights, the Mission, Vision and Goals of Caltrans. Mr. McCullhany also stated that he works closely with rural counties and felt that it was important to stop by and introduce himself.

Councilmember Gray stated that Caltrans has been a good partner for Tuolumne County and thanked Mr. McCullhany for stopping in.

Consent Calendar:

- 2. Approval of the November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Coordinated Plan and Short Range Transportation Plan.**

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

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

4. Recommend renewing the trade agreement between Clark Broadcasting and Tuolumne County Transit Agency to exchange advertising between both parties.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the TCTC has been doing the advertising exchange agreement with Clarke Broadcasting for several years and recommends continuing in the same manner.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve *renewing the trade agreement between Clark Broadcasting and Tuolumne County Transit Agency to exchange advertising between both parties.*

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

5. Update of the Request for Proposals to continue the Real Time Passenger Information System

Executive Director Grossi explained to Council Members how the information system works and added that a contract had been in place for several years but that it will be coming to an end soon which is why staff is putting out a Request for Proposals. He added that staff is also looking to add more options to the existing system. He also added that the RFP is almost complete and that staff is awaiting the final version back from legal counsel.

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

There was No Public Comment for this item.

6. Approval of Cable 8 Access Tuolumne proposal to record and air TCTC/TCTA meetings and public transit commercials.

Councilmember Garaventa recused himself from this item due to his affiliation with Cable 8.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that we have been taping the meetings for years and that it is not expensive. He added that Cable 8 is currently undergoing changes. Mr. Grossi also added that a Proposal has been attached for Council's review and that staff is asking for approve of said proposal in order to continue doing business with Cable 8. He stated that a contract will be prepared with Legal Counsel.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Cable 8 Access Tuolumne's proposal to record and air TCTC/TCTA meetings and public transit commercials
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
Councilmember Garaventa recused from voting.
Motion approved with a 4-1-0 vote.

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Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, provided Council Members with a Yarts SRTP update in adding that staff was unsuccessful with the fare proposals discussed at several TCTC Meetings. He added that there will, in fact, be fare increase of 15% beginning 2019. He explained that each stop will see the increase adding that there were numerous discussions surrounding this decision. Mr. Summersett also reported that the Ski Bus service started earlier than prior years and that it averaged between 15-16 passengers per day over the holiday weekend. ☺ Mr. Summersett also reported that the Polar Express did well this year. He explained the operations of the Polar Express and provided the days and hours of service.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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