

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

August 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The August 8, 2018 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council was called to order at 3:44p.m. By Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Matt Hawkins; 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 Gregoria Ponce' representing Caltrans District 10. Councilmember Evan Royce was absent from today's meeting.

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 July 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

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

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Regular Agenda:

3. Current vacancies on the Advisory Committees/Councils of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that more often than not, especially with the Technical Advisory Committee; there is a lack a quorum to vote at the TAC/CAC Meetings. He suggested that members of the TAC appoint alternates to avoid this from happening. He is asking that Council approve staff sending a letter to the TAC Members appointing alternates to attend the TAC/CAC Meetings in their absence.

There was No Action required for this item as it was intended for informational purposes.

4. Status report on County Projects

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that his staff reaches out to the County and City every year for a list of projects in which the TCTC may allocate funds to. He added

that this month the County will provide a list of their projects and that at next month's meeting the City will present their list.

At this time, Duke York approached the podium and informed Council Members that there are 54 projects for this year; 11 of which have been completed, 38 are currently active and 15 more to go. He added that in 2019 there will be 13 construction jobs including 12 bridges. He then provided an update on all of the projects as far as timelines as well as financial aspects.

Discussion ensued.

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

5. Review the SB743 Vehicle Miles Travelled Study for

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that CEQA reform no longer looks at impacts on new projects for "traffic delays" – they now look at Vehicle Miles Travelled, or traffic impacts. He also added that Level of Service is also no longer a part of the CEQA process. He then went over the goals for the study and discussed the difference between rural and urban travel.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

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

6. Reports

Executive Director Grossi informed Council members that he will be on vacation on August 9th and 10th. He also reported that he, as well as Laura Shinn and Alex Padilla will be attending a conference in Sacramento on the 28th and 29th on Federal Highway funding/Corridor Congestion.

He also reported that he received a proposal from Channel 8 for advertisement and that he will bring this item back next month.

He also reported that he is working with Duke York on the railroad crossing at Campo Seco because a lot of people have complained about getting flat tires. He stated that the railroad has offered to do re-paving – which is a short term solution. However, he and Mr. York's staff are more interested in long term solutions which will be brought forth at the September meeting.

Mr. Grossi also reported that the Audits still are not quite complete. He added that even with numerous attempts on his end, there is no response from anyone regarding the audits. He also informed Council Members that Caltrans is threatening to withhold funding due to the lateness of the audits.

Gregoria Ponce' with Caltrans reported that they received a request from someone at the CAC meeting to look at safety concerns on SR49/Rawhide. She added that it would take 3-4 months for an investigation. Ms. Ponce' also reported that the ATP application was forwarded to the CTC. She also mentioned that there will be a public auction of excess lands on August 15th.

Duke York reported that his staff is currently looking at the 2018 Storm Damage with FEMA and that this is the second tour. He also reported that the Tuolumne County is now secure on the Tulloch Bridge.

7. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54957.6) TCTC representatives: Sarah Carillo, County Counsel; Carlyn Drivdahl, Deputy County Counsel; Ann Fremd, Human Resources Manager; Unrepresented Employee, Executive Director.

At this time, Council Members along with Executive Director Grossi, Legal Counsel and Human Resources announced that they were going into Closed Session.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that she thinks very highly of Executive Director Grossi and that he should get a good review.

At 4:20 p.m. – Closed Session commenced.

At 4:47 p.m. – all parties returned from Closed Session. Chairman Ayala stated that there was nothing to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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