

# *Tuolumne County Transit Agency*

## *October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes*

The October 10, 2018 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Vice Chairman John Gray. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Matt Hawkins; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Michelle Demetrius 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.**

There was no Oral Communication at today's meeting.

**Consent Calendar:**

**2. Approval of the September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**

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

Councilmember Jim Garaventa seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

**Regular Agenda:**

**3. Public Hearing to consider approval of Resolution 51-18 adopting the Final Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for the Public Transit System.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that they received the budget at a previous meeting and that this is the Final Budget with changes.

Senior Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn, presented the changes of the final budget to Council.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Discussion ensued.

*Councilmember Matt Hawkins moved to approve Resolution 51-18 adopting the Final Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for the Public Transit System.*

*Councilmember Jim Garaventa seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.*

**4. Approval of Cable 8 Access Tuolumne proposal to air TCTC/TCTA meetings and commercials.**

*Councilmember Garaventa stated that due to his affiliation with Cable 8, that he would be recusing himself from making a motion on this item.*

*Due to Councilmember Garaventa's recusal, there is no quorum and this item will be brought back on the November agenda.*

**5. Authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting YARTS defer action or fare increase until after January 2019 allowing time for discussion with the Yosemite National Park Superintendent to increase funding for YARTS and explore alternate solutions to recommendation included as part of the Draft Short Range Transit Plan.**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that the YARTS Board has presented various increases in fare structures to take place beginning 2020. He added that staff is reviewing each alternative as well as presenting to Council Members for input. He also added that draft documents for the Short Range Transit Plan are currently in staff's possession.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Gray added that delaying a decision until January is the smart thing to do.

There was No Public Comment on this item.

*Councilmember Jim Garaventa moved to approve authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter requesting YARTS defer action or fare increase until after January 2019 allowing time for discussion with the Yosemite National Park Superintendent to increase funding for YARTS and explore alternate solutions to recommendation included as part of the Draft Short Range Transit Plan.*

*Councilmember Matt Hawkins seconded the motion.  
Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.*

**6. Recommend Executive Director sign contract for Tuolumne County Transit Commercial to air with Comcast Spotlight between October 2018 and June 2019, not to exceed twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that last year a presentation from Comcast was brought forth from Comcast and that Tuolumne County Transit signed a short term (4 month) contract. He pointed out that a lot of people have told him that they have seen the commercial and that it has had a good impact. He added that he and staff have considered making minor modifications to the commercial this go round.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

*Councilmember Jim Garaventa moved to approve the Executive Director signing a contract for Tuolumne County Transit Commercials to air with Comcast Spotlight between October 2018 and June 2019, not to exceed twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars.*

*Councilmember Hawking seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.*

## **7. Reports**

*Executive Director Grossi reported that on September 19<sup>th</sup>, he, Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett and Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla all went to Porterville to check out their transit facility and the technologies they are using to secure good ridership. He added that for a rural town, they are pretty “cutting edge”. Mr. Grossi also reported that all 3 of the aforementioned persons will be attending the CTC Conference to look at buses, vendors and check out new bus technology. Mr. Grossi added that he met with the City on September 27 to discuss bus stop options and that he will bring information regarding this item back at next month’s meeting.*

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi  
Administrative Technician