

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee*

October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The October 4, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) (TAC/CAC) was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Executive Director Darin Grossi. Also in attendance were: Quincy Yaley, Assistant Deputy CRA Director sitting in for David Gonzalves, CRA Director; Tim Miller with the City of Sonora; Duke York, Deputy Director CRA Roads Division; Dore Bietz representing the Native American Community; Harry Ohls representing District 1; Bob Asquith representing District 4; Dick Southern representing District 3; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Betty Kibble 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 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 44-17 Reauthorizing the Executive Director to Sign, Submit and Execute Applications, Agreements and Related Documents to Receive Federal and State Funding.**

There was No Public Comment for any item on the Consent Calendar.

CAC:

Dick Southern moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Stephen Dietrich abstained.

Motion approved with a 3-0

TAC:

Tim Miller moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Duke York seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

4. Update on the completion and grand opening of the Tuolumne Transit Center.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that the transit facility is 97% complete. He added that the floors are now complete and that we are waiting to put furniture in and then it will be open and ready to go! He also informed Committee Members that the gate to the Center will be open by the first bus driver in and will be locked by the last driver out in the evening. He then advised everyone that the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on October 30th at 12:00 and that everyone is invited to attend. And that the first day of public access/ridership would be on November 1st.

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

5. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Annual Tuolumne County Transit Performance Report

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that this report is a compilation of the quarterly, weekly and monthly correlation of what's done in house. He then discussed the new schedules that will be coming out and will be effective on November 1st. he also informed Committee Members that Route 6 was replaced with a general dial a Ride service because that environment is hard to service and just not efficient. He then added that Route 1 performed very well and that the Dial a Ride services were above 12%. As far as the Special services: The Dodge Ski bus was very successful, due in part to the heavy winter this past year; The YARTS bus experienced astronomical growth. This year staff partnered with the Visitor's Bureau which largely contributed to the high ridership. YARTS also began the online booking service making it easier for consumers to purchase tickets in advance. Mr. Summersett also added that in addition to the regular 6 Special Event Service every year, a couple of new ones were incorporated this past year which we are hoping become annual events.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the on-time performance of our service it at 94% which is great.

Discussion ensued.

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

6. Presentation of Transit Schedules to take effect on November 1, 2017.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that the new schedules have been reviewed and tested and will be ready to roll out for service on November 1st. He added that all 5 routes will go to the new facility for transferring. He reminded everyone that Route 6 has been replaced by Dial a Ride but that all other Routes have remained similar.

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

7. Authorize staff to attend the May 2018 POW WOW event to represent public transportation interests to Yosemite National Park.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that Merced has acquired a Marketing Grant which will cover the booth and space costs and that Partnering Counties will assist with other expenses. He added that he sees this as an opportunity to expand the YARTS service on a more international level.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett that this gathering is the largest market for US Trips and Travel and that he will be representing Tuolumne as well as 3 other surrounding counties at the event.

Lisa Mayo with the Visitor's Bureau explained that the event has Pre-set appointments and added that she had 65 appointments last year. She also added that this is a great opportunity to market and amplify the YARTS service.

CAC:

Dick Southern moved to approve authorizing staff to attend the May 2018 POW WOW event to represent public transportation interests to Yosemite National Park.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

TAC:

Dore Bietz moved to approve authorizing staff to attend the May 2018 POW WOW event to represent public transportation interests to Yosemite National Park.

Tim Miller seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

8. Reports

Bob Asquith reported that YARTS out of Groveland may increase due to the hotel recently being purchased by YARTS supporters.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician