

**Background Information:**

**Consent Calendar:**

**2. Approval of the July 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**

**Regular Agenda:**

**3. Progress report on the construction of the Tuolumne Transit Center.**

The construction work at the Transit site has primarily been focused on Justice Center drive. The trenches have been dug and the conduit to extend power to the site is in place. Backfilling of the trench has been completed in some areas. PGE inspectors are scheduled to sign off on the contractors' work the week of July 24-28, if all goes according to schedule. There is a threat to this timeline based on the Detwiler fire burning in Mariposa County.

Transit center activities included a staff site tour of the property. This allowed for the office to get a first-hand account of progress at the site and better understand the future operations of the facility. We also conducted a site tour with staff from California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). We have roughly \$150,000 in Proposition 1B transit funding invested in the project to enhance security at the site, including video surveillance, lighting, and technology to support future emergency response operations. The site visit went well and the CalOES representative was pleased with the progress of our project.

Staff is expecting to receive proto-types of the furniture that will be placed at the facility. The trial run will be at the office, so plenty of folks will have an opportunity to sit in them and give feedback. Once approved, Maker Metals to fabricate the remaining units for the property.

Finally, and also on the agenda for the Transit Agency's consideration, staff has had a bid being circulated to polish the concrete floors at the transit center. This item was sent directly to all firms listed under Central California at the Concrete Network site, along with a firm that was recommended by the transit center project architect, HMC. The notice has been posted to the Transportation Council website since July 6 as well. We are hoping to have several competitive bids to do the work.



**Attachments:**

*There are no attachments for this item.*

**Recommended Action:**

*Receive and file this report. This item is for informational purposes only.*

**4. Approve Resolution No. 41-17 to increase the maximum annual funding for Special Event Transit Services to \$16,000.**

At the October 9, 2013 TCTA Meeting, Resolution No., 12-13 was passed creating policies for supporting community events with special transit services for activities in Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora. Transit Services to special events have many benefits including improved public safety, reduced traffic congestion and parking impacts. These services are developed by Tuolumne County Transit staff, typically do not charge a fare and do not involve payment for services from third parties. Last year 2,818 people rode Tuolumne County Transit to special events around the county. Serving these same events in FY 2017/2018 is estimated to cost \$12,750. Unless the TCTA wishes to reduce services to these events, the “not to exceed” amount of \$10,000 in resolution 12-13 will need to be increased. Staff recommends adopting resolution 41-17 to increase the maximum amount available to special event services to \$16,000.

**Attachments:**

*Resolution No. 41-17*

**Recommended Action:**

*Approve Resolution 41-17 increasing the amount of funding available for special event transit services.*

**5. Approval of Special Event Transit Services request from the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau**

Staff received a request to serve a new event at the Fairgrounds called the Unruly Country Brew N’ Que on September 30, 2017. The event is a one day music based event that is expected to draw a large crowd (because it is the first time the event has been offered, only estimates are being provided by project proponent, ~2000 attendees). The event offers several popular Country artists, along with other activities for festival goers.

The event is generally consistent with the policy established by the Transit Agency for community event service. With this said, there are two areas that staff would like to highlight as part of the review and consideration of this request.

If this event is as successful as the project proponents anticipate, it could easily create parking impacts, traffic congestion, delay in downtown Sonora and raise concerns about pedestrian safety thus making it the type of event the service was set up to serve. Other large events hosted by the Fairgrounds have benefitted from Trolley Service, including the Mother Lode Fair and Round Up. The Fairgrounds central location is a boon for downtown businesses and lodging and Trolley Service could be a popular option for getting and from the event.

*Is the event sponsored by a Charitable or Service Organization?*

This event is being sponsored by the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau (TCVB). The TCVB is the marketing organization for Sonora and Tuolumne County and is a major advocate and supporter of large scale events (which the Brew N’ Que is expected to be).

One last consideration is budget. The TCTA sets aside \$10,000 in Local Transportation Funds to serve community events that would otherwise be underserved by public transportation. The currently approved events including Polar Express, Sonora Christmas Parade, Father's Day Fly-In, Mother Lode Fair and 49er Festival essentially require the full budget. The events already served by Tuolumne County Transit absorb the full \$10,000 budget for special event services. Therefore, a Resolution to increase the cap on special event transit services will need to be approved. Our cost estimate for serving the event is \$1,500 to \$3,000.

Staff requests flexibility in working with the project proponents to determine the final Trolley service details, including route, time of service and stop locations, if the item is approved.

*The Citizens Advisory Committee approved this item with a vote of 2-1-0. The Technical Advisory Committee had a motion and a second. However, the two remaining members of the Committee opposed and abstained from voting. The item failed to get TAC support.*

**Attachments:**

*Resolution 12-13 Special Event Policies and The Request for Transit Service for said event.*

**Recommendation**

*Staff recommends the approval of special transit services to the Unruly Country Brew N' Que event at the Motherlode Fairground on September 30, 2017.*

**6. Reports**