

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The December 13, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember George Segarini; Darin Grossi; Executive Director; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Carl Baker 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 October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Adoption of the Proposed Schedule of the TAC/CAC and TCTA/TCTC Meetings dated for Calendar Year 2018.**
- 4. Review the Steering Committee for the SR49 from Jamestown to Columbia Complete Streets Corridor Plan Grant**
- 5. Approve sending a letter to local Congressional Representative Opposing a Federal Increase in Truck Size and Weight**
- 6. Notice of a Public Workshop on December 14th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Washington Street Improvements Project**

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

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

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 7. Public Hearing receive input on Potential Transit Needs that May Exist within the Tuolumne County Region and that may be reasonable to meet in Fiscal Year 2017/2018.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires the TCTC to conduct a Public Hearing on an annual basis to solicit comments on

any unmet transit need that may exist in the Tuolumne County Region and to determine if those needs are reasonable to meet. He also asked that Council keep in mind the 10% farebox ration.

****** 3:35 – at this time the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing was open******

Beth Driscoll approached the podium and stated that she is 77 years of age and was released from a nursing home about a year ago – with that being said; she now faces a new set of problems. She stated that she used to drive people around but that now she needs to restrict. She added that there is a way to help people like her. She said that there should be someone at a desk on a phone where she can make a request. She also noted that there are a number of people in positions that should not be driving but still do. She pointed out that where she lives, the bus is unable to turn around so they will not provide service to her. She also added that there should be a program where she can use her own vehicle and have her friends drive her around and reimburse them because they are all broke.

Executive Director Grossi informed her that the Senior Center and Area 12 both have programs. He also informed her about the Trip Program through our office.

Discussion ensued.

At this time, another public member approached the podium and suggested that the buses start using Bio Diesel fuel because they consume so much gas.

******3:45 p.m. – at this time the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing closed to public input ******

Councilmember Segarini mentioned that at previous meetings the board chambers was full to capacity and that there are only a couple tonight – he added that we must be doing something right!

Executive Director Grossi stated that we have a good service because we really care and try to meet the needs of all riders.

There was no action required for this item.

8. Update on the development of Dragoon Gulch Trail System and Master Plan

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that Rochelle Kellogg was planning on attending today's meeting but was unable to, so Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett will be presenting this item.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that multiple businesses within the community have helped provide funding for this project. He also added that after seven years of the initial 2.5 miles being developed, the prospect of a new trail is becoming a reality. He then informed Council Members that he reached out to George Reed to assist with the paving portion of the project for ADA compliance and that he agreed. He also added that signage and markers will all be re-done soon and that he is hoping to receive funding

for the remainder items. Mr. Summersett also mentioned that the TCTC funded the environmental documents and worked with the City on that aspect of the project.

Discussion ensued.

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

9. Approve Resolution No. 576-17 adopting the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Executive Director Grossi distributed updated information for this item and informed Council Members that there have been significant changes. He added that Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn is at the office working on the RTIP right now and that the numbers changed right up to the last minute. He stated that some projects that were fully funded in the 2014 RTIP are not fully funded now due to the 2016 RTIP funds being cut. He added that two permits lapsed and that construction costs have escalated, changing the numbers.

Discussion ensued.

Tim Miller, City Administrator, stated that he supports all changes that were made and that is is unfortunate that monies were taken out. He recommended approval.

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve Resolution No. 576-17 adopting the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

10. Approve letter to Caltrans with List of High Priority SHOPP Projects for the Tuolumne County Region.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that with the passing of SB1 and the amount of funding in the SHOPP, there are a lot of new revenues to move forward with shelf ready projects and that it is being encouraged to make priorities known. At this time Mr. Grossi went over the project list and added that they are broken out into several priority groups and that this list can be modified based on today's input.

Discussion ensued.

Duke York requested that that east Twain Harte Drive entrance be added to the project list. He also mentioned that on p 3 Item 2 – Mackey Ranch Road is mentioned twice for various projects. He added that both projects do need to be done, but that it is either one or the other.

Executive Director Grossi stated that he would add a paragraph explaining.

Carol Doud approached the podium re-iterating her safety concerns about Stockton Road/Washing Street. She said that this is a major issue for her. She stated that she still does not feel safe when walking in that crosswalk – even in reflective clothing! Although, she mentioned that with the time changes on the signals, she can almost make it all the way across.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve a letter to Caltrans with List of High Priority SHOPP Projects for the Tuolumne County Region.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

11. Sierra Northern Railway Rail Improvement Project Grant Application update

Executive Director Grossi stated that it seems like ions since we've submitted a federal grant. He informed Council Members that staff will manage the project but that a consultant would be hired to oversee. He added that this is a big project and that staff has received a lot of support from the community.

Discussion ensued.

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

12. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that the CTC approved the Red Church allocation request and that is good news. He also informed Council that he and Duke York hosted an excess right of way meeting on December 4th with Caltrans at the Opera Hall. He said that a lot of people attended and that the auction will take place on January 16th at the same location.

Carl Baker with Caltrans reported that Caltrans released the Draft SHOPP project list for review and to forward to the CTC. He then went over the Tuolumne County list. Mr. Baker also added that the Final Report on the California Road Charging Program is out and available online. Also, that the SB1 allocation purposes map is also available online. He also reported that unfortunately Tuolumne County did not receive any grants on the last cycle but that there is another cycle coming up and that deadline is February 23, 2018.

Discussion ensued.

Duke York reported that his staff is working on Kewin Mill and that the weather has been a blessing. He also provided a list of the multiple projects currently being worked on.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician