

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The August 12, 2020 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember Colette Such; Executive Director, Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner and Assistant to the Executive Director, Denise Bergamaschi.

Gregoria Ponce' 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 June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Adopt the Final Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, as prepared by AMMA Transit Planning consultants.**
- 4. Adopt Resolution 59-20 approving the updated Title VI Policy for Tuolumne County Transit Services.**

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

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

Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 5. Recommend approval of Amendment 1 to AMMA Transit Planning Contract in an amount, not to exceed \$37,980 to perform surveys of various aspects of Tuolumne County Transit Public Transit.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that transit services were revised/reduced at the onset of the COVID-19 virus adding that since then, services are being restored as needed. He added that AMMA is under contract to perform the Short-Range Transit Plan and surveys for the Plan adding that since then, the services changed to Covid causing additional changes as well as delays in the process. He stated that with this being said, the contract requires amending.

Discussion ensued.

**** 3:09 p.m. – at this time, Councilmember Garaventa arrived.

There was No Public Comment on this item.

Councilmember Campbell moved to approve Amendment 1 to AMMA Transit Planning Contract in an amount, not to exceed \$37,980 to perform surveys of various aspects of Tuolumne County Transit Public Transit.

Councilmember Such seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Consideration of Response to the 2020 Grand Jury Report on Tuolumne County Transit.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that he has been working with the Grand Jury for the past year, meeting on several occasions and have provided them with a lot of information with regards to the Transit operation(s). He explained the decrease in ridership due to Covid-19 as well as the Transit Agency's efforts to still maintain some sort of services for those requiring it while following the restrictive guidelines that were put in place. He informed Council Members that Route 1 was restored being that it is the most productive route. Also discussed was the possibility of using smaller vehicles for the transit services.

Councilmember Campbell suggested that the TCTA submit a letter to the Grand Jury thanking them for their analysis of the transit services and as a recognition of their work. Other Councilmember agreed that this would be a good idea.

Executive Director Grossi stated that staff will follow-up with sending a letter to the Grand Jury.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

This item was presented for informational purposes and required no action.

7. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that ridership is slowly coming back adding that Route 1 will be in full effect beginning July 1st. He stated that for the first 50-70 days there were only 8 riders allowed on the bus at a time in order to maintain social distancing. He also reported that the service was under hours and the contractor is having a hard time with the numbers. He added that some of the drivers took administrative leave due to Covid and that CARES funds can be used to cover that for them. He added that staff is also looking at a 2.00/hr. increase for hazard pay for the drivers.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that YARTS is running 3 times per day requiring masks and reservations but that, people are still going! He added that YARTS is being marketed very heavily and that 30 passengers are allowed per trip. there is strong ridership.

Gregoria Ponce' with Caltrans reported that Caltrans adopted an action plan for waling and cycling projects. She added that the 2020 SHOPP is implementing cycling improvements into

the system. She also reported that Dennis Agar will be the interim Director for now as Dan McIlhenny has moved.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise A. Bergamaschi
Assistant to the Executive Director*