

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The September 12, 2018 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTC) was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Karl Rodefer; Councilmember John Gray; 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.

Also present at today's meeting was Gregoria Ponce' 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 August 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Update on release of Request for Proposal (RFP) to create an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for Tuolumne County.**
- 4. Re-appointment of Stephen Dietrich to the TCTC Citizen's Advisory Committee as a representative of the City of Sonora.**
- 5. Adopt Resolution 590-18 amending the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Overall Work Program and Budget summary to include the newly awarded Transportation Planning Grant, the Strategic Partnership Transit Local cash match, and the SB-743 Grant.**
- 6. Adopt Resolution 588-18 approving the Authorization for the Executive of the Certifications and Assurances for the California State of Good Repair Program.**
- 7. Schedule this year's Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for October 10, 2018 at 3 p.m. and authorize staff to provide transit services free of charge to persons with no other way to access the Hearing.**

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

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

8. Acceptance of the Transportation Development Act Fiscal Year 2006/17 Financial Audits.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that staff has been working with Debi Bautista to get the audits completed and the other than being late, there were no findings. He also added that the audits have been submitted and sent to Caltrans.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve acceptance of the Transportation Development Act Fiscal Year 2006/17 Financial Audits.

Councilmember Hawkins seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

9. Review and presentation on Senate Bill 1 (SB1) programs including transportation projects that the Tuolumne County region could potentially construct with the new SB1 funds in the next 20 years.

Executive Director Grossi and Kim MacFarlane, CRA Director, provided a Power Point presentation of how the SB1 funds could be used in Tuolumne County and added that this presentation will also be shown at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on September 18th.

Discussion ensued.

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

10. Review the US EPA's Final Rule designation Tuolumne County for non-attainment for the 2015 Ozone Air Quality Standard. Review the Transportation Conformity Guidance.

Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla, informed Council Members that effective August 3, 2018 Tuolumne County is considered "non-attainment" and will be eligible for CMAQ funds in FY 2018/2019 which will help with pedestrian, transit and road projects. He also reported that Transportation Conformity is set to begin on August 3, 2019. He also added that this is a 3 year process.

Discussion ensued.

There were no questions or action as this item was for informational purposes only.

11. Adopt Resolution No. 589-18 allocating \$151,400 in Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds to the Sierra Northern Railway project for the Campo Seco Railroad Crossing Improvement Project.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this is a top priority project at this time adding that the crossings are in bad condition. He added that this project would include replacing railroad ties, rail replacement and new asphalt.

Duke York added that there are safety concerns for drivers as well as the railroad.

Councilmember Rodefer added that this is an important project and is worth the investment.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Rodefer moved to improve Adopt Resolution No. 589-18 allocating \$151,400 in Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds to the Sierra Northern Railway project for the Campo Seco Railroad Crossing Improvement Project.

Councilmember Hawkins seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

12. Consideration of Approving Employment Agreement Amendment #4 with Darin Grossi to serve as the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Executive Director effective September 12, 2008 for a term of 5 years.

There was No Public Comment on this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve Employment Agreement Amendment #4 with Darin Grossi to serve as the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Executive Director effective September 12, 2008 for a term of 5 years.

Councilmember Rodefer seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

13. Reports

Executive Director Grossi had no reports at today's meeting.

Gregoria Ponce' with Caltrans, District 10, thanked Executive Director Grossi for the presentation on SB 1 adding that it was very informative. Ms. Ponce' also mentioned that the submitted Planning Grant went through on September 7 and that there were no problems – it went through great. She also added that the County's Plan Update is being reviewed and that the deadline is October 1st. Ms. Ponce' then informed Council Members and TCTC staff that the new contact Project Manager for Tuolumne County will Sam Sherman.

Executive Director Grossi then informed Council Members that he received a call from Stephanie Suess with Chicken Ranch and that she requested a spot on next month's agenda to present environmental documents for the access improvement project.

Duke York then reported that there is currently a lot of work going on at Pedro “Y” right now due to the paving/re-surfacing project – he added that Caltrans is doing the work.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician