

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

*August 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

The August 7, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) (TAC/CAC) was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Executive Director Darin Grossi. Also, in attendance were Dore Bietz representing the Native American Community; Stephen Dietrich representing the City of Sonora; Dick Southern representing District 3; Bob Asquith representing District 4; Carl Baker representing District 5; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Senior Transportation Planner; and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Kevin Schroder was present at today's meeting representing Caltrans District 10. Also, in attendance was Michael Casas with 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 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Report on the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Transportation Development Act Financial Audits**

**TAC:**

*The TAC did not have a quorum at today's meeting; therefore, was unable to cast a vote on any items presented on the agenda.*

**CAC:**

*Dick Southern moved to approve all items on the consent calendar as presented.*

*Bob Asquith seconded the Motion.*

*Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.*

**Regular Agenda:**

- 4. Presentation on the new Tuolumne Transit Tracker and new Tuolumne County Transit bus technologies**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla, provided a power point presentation of the new DoubleMap application to be installed on the transit buses. He informed Committee Members that the web-site and kiosks are being updated and that free wi-fi will be available on the buses once the new program is installed.

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

## 5. Report on the WATCH/Storer Collaboration

Executive Director Grossi reminded Committee Members that staff reported at the June meeting that WATCH decided to discontinue services to clients from their homes to the WATCH offices. He added that elimination of the services would likely overwhelm the Dial-a-Ride services. Mr. Grossi stated that staff was contacted and asked to use the transit operations until a business model could be put in place adding that staff worked with the property owners for permission to operate an additional transit service on the property. Staff is currently working with legal counsel on how the existing agreements should be modified so that this transition may occur. Mr. Grossi will be meeting with Donald Storer in August to negotiate a fair funding agreement.

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

## 6. Reports

- *Report on Common Ground*

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that staff was approached by Common Ground, a service that provides transportation for Veterans, Seniors and the Disabled, stating that they had taken over the Catholic Charities transportation services. They asked if their buses could be stored at the Tuolumne County Transit property. Mr. Grosso stated that they will be parking there free of charge, but that staff is working on an Indemnity Agreement.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, reported on the Pinecrest Service Bus adding that it is not doing that well and that he feels it is under-utilized. He also reported that the Adventure Trolley is not doing well this year either. As far as the YARTS service, the numbers were in in May from last year, but back down in June – the July numbers were not in for this meeting. Mr. Summersett did add that there are 2 projects coming up that he feels could help with ridership. He also added that staff is still considering a place on the Board for YARTS and that legal counsel is still reviewing the paperwork for this. Executive Director Grossi also pointed out that this is the first year of fare increase for YARTS which may be affecting ridership as well.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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