

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

February 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The February 14, 2018 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember George Segarini; Executive Director Darin Grossi; 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 Betty Kibble representing Caltrans District 10. Councilmember Evan Royce was not in attendance at today's meeting.

- 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 December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Request for Trolley Service for the Celtic Faire in March**

Councilmember Gray moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Segarini seconded the motion. Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 4. Recommend approval of the use of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding to expand Tuolumne county transit service from May to September to serve Jamestown, Sonora and Columbia with week-end service (primarily Saturdays). Allow the Executive Director to sign, submit and execute all necessary documents relate to the LCTOP.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that thanks to the Cap and Trade program providing credits on emissions, the TCTA is currently receiving formula funds through a program called the LCTOP.

He then added that staff recently received a request from the Visitors Bureau to re-start the week-end trolley services and that they would take the lead on the marketing efforts. He also added that staff and the Visitors Bureau are currently working together on the details and that an application as well as the route and dates will be presented at next month's meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve the use of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding to expand Tuolumne county transit service from May to September to serve Jamestown, Sonora and Columbia with week-end service (primarily Saturdays). Allow the Executive Director to sign, submit and execute all necessary documents relate to the LCTOP.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

- 5. Recommend adopting the revised policy language for Special Event Transit Services to allow for: 1) When appropriate, regular fares to be collected for events that meet the identified criteria; and 2) Post event evaluations that affect an organization's consideration for future public transit service.**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett informed Council Members that the trolley has become more popular than ever for service and that staff is hoping to serve as many events as possible in the upcoming year. He provided a list of criteria being taken into consideration: Is the event free to the public; Is the event non-profit and Is it a multi-day/week-end event. He informed Council that staff will be reviewing the cost vs. profit for each event, presenting the results to the Board of Supervisors and making changes accordingly.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Grossi also informed Council Members that a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee suggested accepting donations and that staff is definitely considering that as an option.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve adopting the revised policy language for Special Event Transit Services to allow for: 1) When appropriate, regular fares to be collected for events that meet the identified criteria; and 2) Post event evaluations that affect an organization's consideration for future public transit service.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

- 6. Consideration of joining Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Board, and making a financial contribution to the service.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that an invitation has been extended to Tuolumne County to become a voting member of the YARTS Board and that if Tuolumne County does in fact become a voting member, that a financial contribution to the service would be anticipated. He also added that he and Councilmember Gray would be attending the next meeting of the YARTS Board via teleconference to discuss becoming voting members as well as having input on the short range transit plan.

At this time, Cindy Kelly with YARTS approached the podium and informed Council that currently, the Board consists of representatives from Mariposa, Mono and Madera counties. She added that it is time that the non-voting counties are represented.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve joining Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Board, and making a financial contribution to the service.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

7. Recommend Approval of Resolution 45-18 Approving the California State of Good Repair Program Project List.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the SB1 enhanced funding will keep local roads in good repair but that the FY 17/18 SGR funds be used for transit maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing fleet. He also stated that this item is being presented on both agendas.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Resolution 45-18 Approving the California State of Good Repair Program Project List.

8. Reports

Executive Director Grossi had no reports for this agenda.

Caltrans had no reports for this agenda.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician