

*Tuolumne County Transportation Council  
January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

The January 9, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:31p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Connie Williams; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Kevin Schroeder 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 November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**

*Councilmember Gray moved to approve the November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**Regular Agenda:**

**3. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

*Councilmember Gray moved to elect Michael Ayala as the Chairperson. Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Ayala moved to elect Councilmember Gray as the Vice Chair. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.*

*Both motions were approved with a 5-0 vote.*

*There was No Public Comment for this item.*

**4. Consideration of appointment to the position of Citizen at Large for the Tuolumne County Transportation Council.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this position is voted upon every 4 years and explained the process.

Councilmember Gray motioned to nominate Chairman Ayala for the Citizen at Large position.

Councilmember Williams questioned if the vacancy should be publicized. Councilmember Garaventa agreed, adding that that is how he began his political career in the county. He stated that it should be open for public nomination. Councilmember Campbell also agreed, adding that it should be more available for the interest of public engagement.

Executive Director stated that he would advertise the position in the Union Democrat accepting applications until February 1, 2019 at which point a committee will then be chosen to conduct interviews for the vacancy.

At this time, Carol Doud approached the podium stating that several committees have more than 1 public member.

**5. Review the Draft Background Assessment Report for the Central Sierra Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Plan.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the TCTC received a \$200,000 grant from the California Energy Commission to study and analyze site locations for ZEV infrastructure for Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties prompting staff to hire Central Sierra to take care of this process. He also pointed out that a lot of transit systems are going in the way of all electric fleets adding that we should have a plan in process when this happens here. He added that the grant will help us get ahead of the curb a little.

Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla discussed the report in further detail adding that along with the new technology that staff is also learning a lot of new acronyms. He also added that staff needs to study and analyze where charging stations are needed.

Discussion ensued.

Dan McCullhany with Caltrans approached the podium and stated that it is a struggle when converting to ZEV's. He added that there are over 26 transit systems in the Bay Area that need to achieve consumer awareness adding that they are all expanding their fleets to include more ZEVs.

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

**6. Recommend entering into an Agreement with GreenDOT Transportation Solutions for \$115,700 to create an Active Transportation Plan for Tuolumne County.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that staff received 4 proposals that were then reviewed by a committee, who in turn interviewed all 4 proposers. The interviews took place on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> where it was determined that GreenDOT Transportation Solutions was ranked as the top firm by all 3 members of the review committee prompting staff to draw up an agreement with said firm.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Grossi added that the Technical and Citizen's Advisory Committees both recommended approval of the agreement with GreenDOT.

*Councilmember Garaventa moved to approve entering into an Agreement with GreenDOT Transportation Solutions for \$115,700 to create an Active Transportation Plan for Tuolumne County.*

*Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

## **7. Reports**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the State scored the ATP grant applications and the Groveland did well – however, not good enough to receive any funding – he added that the same stands for the Washington Street Project. He also informed Council Members that not even half of the funds went to Rural Counties.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Williams stated that this is very discouraging considering the number of persons hit and/or killed. She added that she hopes Mr. McCullhany takes this information back to the District and can figure out to how important safety is.

Don McCullhany with District 10 approached the podium and stated that he recently went to Bodega Bay and updated the cross walks, striping, etc., adding that this is also a small tourist town, much like Sonora. He also stated that his division IS the Public Works team and that there is a lot they can do.

Executive Director Grossi also reported that he recently participated in a General Plan meeting and that there was a lot on talk regarding fire safety.

Mr. Grossi also informed Council that on November 29<sup>th</sup> Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi celebrated 15 years with the County and that on December 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Grossi celebrate 25 years with the County.

Kevin Schroder with Caltrans reported that they are trying to fill the position of Associate Planner for Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties. He also reported that the Chinese Camp paving should be done in February and that Yosemite Junction will begin in spring. He added that the rumble strips on SR49 will begin work in the spring as well. Mr. Schroeder also informed staff and Council Members that 9 sustainable grants were submitted and encourages everyone to apply. He then added that there are 12 excess parcels in Tuolumne are up for said and will be going to bid soon.

8. **CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Price and Terms (Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8) Negotiators: Darin Grossi, Executive Director and Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst related to property at 975 Morning Star Drive, Suite A, Sonora, CS 95370 owned by Alan Sagouspe.

4:25 – At this time, Executive Director Grossi, Senior Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn; Councilmembers Williams; Garaventa; Gray and Campbell along with Chairman Ayala all went into Closed Session.

4:42 – At this time, all participants in Closed Session returned. Chairman Ayala stated that there was nothing to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi  
Administrative Technician