

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
June 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

The June 14, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Vice Chair, John Gray. Also in attendance were: Councilmember/Alternate, Randy Hanvelt; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn; Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett; Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Carl Baker 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 May 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

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

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2017 as presented.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

3. Progress report on the construction of the Tuolumne Transit Center.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, stated that due to the recent good weather, that the project is moving along smoothly and is approaching the 90% complete mark. He added that the interior is almost done and that he is looking forward to the possible opening date of August 21st – as things stand right now. He also stated that the letters are on the building and that the bus schedules are being finalized and that they are coming along quite well.

Executive Director Grossi informed Councilmembers that PG&E are causing delays in that roads are unable to go in until the wiring is done.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment on this item.

No action was necessary as this item was for informational purposes only.

4. Recommend adopting Resolution 40-17 approving the TCTA Public Transportation Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Executive Director Grossi informed Councilmembers that the TCTA FY17/18 budget is a little different than last year because of the new Transit Center being such a big expense. He also reminded members that the Unmet Transit Needs hearing, done on an annual basis, founded no unmet needs within the community. However, there will be reductions in service due to low ridership on one of the routes to help with the farebox recovery ratio. He also informed Council Members that with the elimination of that route and other changes being made to accommodate the new transit facility, staff will see savings in the amount of \$80,000.

Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn added that with the approval of the 5311 operating assistance funds transit would receive FY16/17 **and** FY17/18 funding. She also added that the LTF came in at 4.7% increase over last year and that it is going up steadily. She then stated that as far as staff is concerned, the following changes have been made - Change in Transportation Planner by 10% going to TCTC; and Alex Padilla getting a promotion to a Transportation Planner II title. Also, Cost of Living Adjustments to go along with what the County has provided to their employees. She then stated that as of October, CMAQ funding is complete there is a decrease due to bus purchases and also, that Storer's contract will go up 2%, but that this happens on an annual basis. Fuel costs are going up – estimating about \$15k in that area.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Segarini moved to approved adopting Resolution 40-17 approving the TCTA Public Transportation Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

5. Recommend approval of new Fixed Route schedules based on recommendations accepted last fall and incorporation of new Transit Center.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the new schedules reflect the changes that were agreed to last fall and also that new fares will be incorporated. We were anticipating being in the new building by February, but since that hasn't played out we will be implementing the new schedules, hopefully, if everything goes accordingly, by August 21, 2017.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the new Fixed Route schedules based on recommendations accepted last fall and incorporation of new Transit Center.

Councilmember Segarini seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

6. Reports

Executive Director Grossi provided an update on the YARTS service. He stated that it is doing very well and that the service is currently running 3 buses. He also added that since the season began on May 15th, there have been over 1300 rides, which is a 136% increase from the same time last year. He added that Tyler Summersett deserves a huge attaboy!! for his efforts with this program. He then reported to Council Members that the City Parking Committee has agreed to put in a “loading zone” for YARTS passengers between the Inns and Bee Back Motors.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician