

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

October 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The October 23, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Councilmember John Gray, Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember Connie Williams Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Tyler Summersett, Senior Transportation Planner; Sr. Transportation Planner Alex Padilla; Sr. Administrative Analyst, Laura Shinn and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

- 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 September 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Schedule this year's Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for December 11, 2019 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 Campbell seconded the motion. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Regular Agenda:

- 4. Adopt Resolution 610-19 allocating a total of \$138,331 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Reserve Funds to the TCTC Budget Fund to cover the minimum 90-day cash flow need of the TCTC FY 19/20 Final Budget.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the previously presented budget did not include the 90-day cash flow policy even though the budget was approved. Mr. Grossi added that staff is bringing this item back to make it whole.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Garaventa moved to approve Resolution 610-19 allocating a total of \$138,331 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Reserve Funds to the TCTC Budget Fund to cover the minimum 90-day cash flow need of the TCTC FY 19/20 Final Budget. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

There was No Public comment for this item.

5. Adoption of Resolution 609-19 Setting Policies for the Minimum Restricted Fund Balances in the TCTC and Public Transportation Funds and Maintenance of the TCTC Employee Leave Liability Fund that will supersede Resolution 433-11.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this item relates to the previous item in that both accounts have reserves to avoid disruption in transit operations and to keep staff functions and the agency going.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Campbell moved to approve Resolution 609-19 Setting Policies for the Minimum Restricted Fund Balances in the TCTC and Public Transportation Funds and Maintenance of the TCTC Employee Leave Liability Fund that will supersede Resolution 433-11. Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Prioritize Eight Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects.

Alex Padilla reminded Council Members that the ZEV was adopted last month, and that staff is beginning to implement and is looking for Board approval for the list of items being presented. He added that this is the first step in initiation.

Councilmember Gray noted that the hardest part of this project is finding property to install the charging stations.

Councilmember Garaventa pointed out that Columbia is missing and inquired as to why?

Executive Director Grossi stated that it is due to the State Park but that it can be added to the list if Council wishes.

Chairman Ayala requested that the Transit Yard be added to the list as well. He then added that Columbia and Railtown are in the same District now and that they should be added to the list.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

Paul Goldemberg approached the podium and asked if the public charging stations are going to be free?

Executive Director Grossi informed Mr. Gledemberg that the p[olicy for this is currently in the making and that discussions have not happened yet adding that the charging station for the TCTC may be publicly accessible.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve prioritizing Eight Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects with the inclusion of State Parks.

Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

7. Report on Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that staff is partnering with the City, County and stakeholders to look at the road system and discuss plans for mass evacuation(s). He added that he will bring the proper application to the next meeting.

Discussion ensued.

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

There was No Public Comment for this item.

8. Report on the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Transportation Development Act Financial Audits.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that staff is still not in possession of the completed audits and that at this point they are extremely late – they were due on December 31, 2018!! He added that the TCTC is at risk of losing funds at this time.

Councilmember Gray asked if any reason or explanation has been offered as to why?

Chairman Ayala asked if there was an estimated time of completion from the Auditor?

Executive Director Grossi stated that there have been multiple completion times given and none were met.

Discussion ensued.

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

There was No Public Comment for this item.

9. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the wording for the Jamestown RSTP exchange funds and that he received unanimous support. He also added that he would bring this item back to Council in December.

Mr. Grossi also reported that he and Chairman Ayala attended the CTC meeting and that he would report on the meeting in November. He added that attending this meeting showed that the TCTC is aligned with State objectives and also, that we recognize that we are in competition with larger counties such as Los Angeles and Orange County.

Mr. Grossi also informed Council Members that Alex Padilla attended a workshop yesterday and three out the same ideas so that we have some “traction”.

Mr. Gross then discussed SB743 reform and that he attended a stakeholders meeting on September 26th adding that it went very well, and that staff needs to start reaching out. He also mentioned that he met with Caltrans District 10 at Chicken Ranch and stated that the environmental document is expected to be completed by January 2020.

Mr. Grossi also reported that he and Councilmember Gray met with Dan McElhinney from Caltrans at the Old Priest Station for lunch to observe the confusion due to a lack of signage.

Councilmember Gray stated that it was a very positive meeting.

Mr. Grossi also reported that he attended a YARTS meeting on September 20th and he feels that staff should work on becoming a Board Member on YARTS.

10. CLOSED SESSION with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)): one case.

There was No Public Comment for the Closed Session.

*** 2:55 p.m. – at this time, Executive Director Grossi and all Council Members went into Closed Session with Legal Counsel.

*** 3:10 p.m. – at this time, Executive Director and all Council Members returned from Closed Session. Chairman Ayala stated that there was nothing to report.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise A. Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician*