

Tuolumne County Transit Agency

June 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The June 13, 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; Councilmember Evan Royce; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Gregoria Ponce 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 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Information on the Grant Award updating the Coordinated Human Services-Public Transportation Plan (CPTP) as part of a Tri-County effort with Amador and Calaveras Transportation Planning Agencies.**

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve all items presented on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Royce seconded the move.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 4. Update on the planning, marketing and implementation of the Tuolumne Adventure Trolley Service to begin operations on Saturday, July 7th.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this item is a joint effort with the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, presented Council Members with a brochure outlining the service and added that this would be an extension of the current services being offered. He added that the service is set to begin on Saturday, July 7th and will make 9 loops per day from Jamestown to Columbia and that each loop will last approximately 1 ½ hours long. He added that the service will also be going to the Junction Shopping Center.

Councilmember Royce stated that this is a good thing to partner with the Visitor's Bureau and helps encourage tourism.

Councilmember Williams asked if Mr. Summersett would present the service at the City Council meeting taking place next Monday.

He stated that he would.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

This item was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

5. Presentation of the new Tuolumne County Transit Commercial that will play with Comcast Spotlight as part of the Tuolumne County Transit Marketing Plan.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, provided a showing of the new Transit Commercial and informed Council Members that it has already began airing and will play on various platforms on Comcast.

Executive Director Grossi added that staff worked with Larry Cope and Mother Lode Job Training in putting the commercial together as we wanted to use “real” people in the community that were also current users of the transit system.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

This item was for informational purposes and no action was required.

6. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reminded Council Members that at the previous meeting, it was discussed that zero emissions would be required for all Public Transit by 2020. He added that staff has been writing letters opposing this decision and that this requirement has been delayed until 2026. He also mentioned that areas with larger fleets are required to implement this plan by 2023; adding that we need to start coming up with a plan.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Grossi also reported that he attended a YARTS Board meeting on May 24th and a budget contract was discussed. He informed Council Members that the first year of the budget is good, however, for the second year they are anticipating a 20% fare increase.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett reported that he is working with Columbia College to fund rides for students making them free – anytime/anywhere.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician