

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency  
August 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

The August 9, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Councilmember Karl Rodefer; Executive Director, Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Also present at today's meeting was Betty Kibble 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 July 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**

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

*Councilmember Gray moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.*

*Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**Regular Agenda:**

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

Sr. Transportations Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that he was at the Transit site today and that right now the focus is on Justice Center Drive. He also added that with the potential threat of fire, we were concerned with PG&E delaying electrical. However, Cal-Fire did an amazing job of taking care of all of the fires. He stated that CalOES went by a couple of weeks ago and were very pleased with how their money was spent. He also informed Council Members that we currently have a prototype bench in the Yaney building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and invited everyone to come by and test it out. He added that staff put a bid out for polishing the concrete floors of the new transit facility and received no bids. He stated that staff is going to open the bid up again and hopefully will receive some this time. Mr. Summersett added that he attended a project team meeting today and that PG&E will be there next week to "energize" us. He also stated that ½ the concrete is being poured tomorrow. He then said that he is looking forward to closing out next month.

Councilmember Gray requested a picture of the bench be sent to him.

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

**4. Approve Resolution No. 41-17 to increase the maximum annual funding for Special Event Transit Service to \$16,000.**

Executive Director Grossi explained to Council Members that providing Transit Services to special events benefits the community for numerous reasons including public safety, reduced traffic congestion and parking impacts. He added that the amount should be increase to meet the demands. He added that staff recommends increasing the amount and that the monies would be transferred from the marketing account.

Carol Doud approached the podium and added that she likes to see people on the buses and added that over 500 used public transit during the week end of the Mother Lode Fair. She agrees with increasing usage for special events.

Ron Kopf then approached the podium and stated that attracting events such as this one to the fairgrounds is beneficial to the community and that he also recommends approval.

Councilmember Gray moved to approve Resolution No. 41-17 to increase the maximum annual funding for Special Event Transit Service to \$16,000.

Councilmember Rodefer seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

**5. Request for Trolley Service to the Unruly Country Brew N' Que Festival on September 30, 2017**

*\*\*\* Councilmember Williams excused herself from this item as she is involved in business discussions with Trado Group.*

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> time for this event and that a large crowd is anticipated– roughly 2000 people. He added that this event has received sponsorship form the Visitor's Bureau and that staff was asked to provide shuttle service to and from the event from various locations within the community. He then informed Council Members that even though Tuolumne County Transit is already exceeding its dollar limit on services for events; we would be willing to adjust the Final Budget in September should this item be approved. He also added that this would be a huge economic benefit to the community and is recommending approval.

At this time, the meeting was open to Public Comment:

Tiffany, Marketing Director from Trado Group, approached the podium and informed Council of what it is Trado Group does and that their goal is to put Sonora on the map! She added that there will be 5 acts performing at the event as well as line dancing. She stated that the event will run from 11 am – 10 p.m. She also informed Council that 80% of the pre-sale tickets are

from out of the county. She provided detailed information regarding security at the event as well as the benefits to the community economically. She stated that Trado is also looking to host another event in May of 2018.

Glen Caldwell, President of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau approached the podium and stated that the encourages approval of this item and strongly supports entrepreneurs that put on these types of events.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that at that TAC/CAC meeting this item was opposed and that the conversation was quite different from the one taking place today. She also added that this is a “for profit” event and that a precedent needs to be set.

Lisa Mayo from the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau approached the podium and stated that they are the ones asking for the transit service. She added that this has the makings of a great event that will hopefully continue into the future and that the Visitor’s Bureau wants it to be a good experience for everyone.

Councilmember Segarini moved to approve Trolley Service to the Unruly Country Brew N’ Que Festival on September 30, 2017

Councilmember Rodefer seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

\*\*\* At this time, Councilmember Williams returned to the meeting.

## **6. Reports**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that Tuolumne County Transit was asked to assist in the evacuation of several people from the Detwiler Fire and transport them to the Fairgrounds.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi  
Administrative Technician