

# *Tuolumne County Transportation Council*

## *March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

The March 13, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Councilmember Karl Rodefer; Councilmember Connie Williams; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett; Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner; and Administrative Technician, Denise Bergamaschi.

Gregoria Ponce' 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.**

Arvin Bajwa with Caltrans District 10 approached the podium and informed Council Members that he has been with Caltrans for over 20 years and has worked on a number of projects with staff, He added as well, that he met with Executive Director Grossi to discuss Hurst Ranch. He also added that he will investigate the traffic situation with drivers going the wrong way to Groveland.

Discussion ensued.

**Consent Calendar:**

**2. Approval of the February 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**

**3. Recommend approval of the Tuolumne County MOU for trails.**

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

*Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**Regular Agenda:**

**4. Recommend adopting Resolution No. 594-19 approving the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Unmet Transit Needs Findings Report.**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Council Members that it is required by the Transportation Development Act that the TCTC/TCTA perform an annual assessment of regional transit needs. He added that staff evaluates the requests that come in either via our website, the postal service or at the annual Unmet Transit Needs Hearing and researches whether or not if this is an unmet transit need. He added that the changes made to the Trip Program will cover any out of town medical appointments.

Mr. Summersett then went over the 6 comments which are included in the report and stated that upon further consideration, none of these were found to be unmet transit needs that are

reasonable to meet. Mr. Summersett went over each of the comments received and explained how the outcome of each was determined.

Discussion ensued.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that a lot of people were upset that Route 6 was cancelled. She added that it looks bad when the response to all of the requests are “too bad, so sad”.

*Councilmember Rodefer moved to approve adopting Resolution No. 594-19 approving the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Unmet Transit Needs Findings Report.*

*Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**5. Discussion and approval of Projects for the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Draft Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2019-20.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the TCTC is required to put together an annual work program of various projects and studies that we are planning to work on in the coming year. He added that Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst, has put together this information for the past couple of years and that she has done an amazing job.

Mr. Grossi also informed Council Members that 4 new grants have been incorporated into the OWP and that changes have been made to reflect said grants. He also stated that the TCTC staff coordinates with the CRA every 2 years with regards to data on traffic accidents and recognizes the high priority locations.

Discussion ensued.

*There was no motion required for this item as it was for informational purposes only.*

**6. Recommend adopting Resolution No. 595-19 authorizing the Executive Director to sign Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Certifications and Assurances, Authorized Agent form and Allocation amounts for transit.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this item is requesting Council to authorize him to sign documents for monies to use Cap and Trade dollars on transit related services such as Pinecrest, the Adventure Trolley and week end services. He also added that staff is considering free rides in hopes of increasing ridership.

Discussion ensued.

*Councilmember Gray moved to approved adopting Resolution No. 595-19 authorizing the Executive Director to sign Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Certifications and Assurances, Authorized Agent form and Allocation amounts for transit.*

*Councilmember Rodefer seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**7. Consideration of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality programming priorities and authorization to exchange funding with the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.**

Executive Director informed Council Members that the 1997 emissions standards set forth were not properly rescinded which means that Tuolumne County is still in non-attainment. What this means for us, is an additional \$495,000 in funds for Air Quality projects. He added that these are complex dollars to spend due to restrictions. He also informed Council Members that even if the 2015 standards were applied, Tuolumne County would still be in non-attainment.

Discussion ensued regarding exchanging funding with Metropolitan Transportation Committee (MTC) and suggestions as how to utilize the \$50,000 for an EV pilot program.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

*Councilmember Rodefer moved to authorize the \$50,000 on ZEV's and chargers as discussed and to loan the balance to Metropolitan Transportation Committee for 2 years and for staff to put together a work session regarding mid/long term strategic plan.*

*Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**8. Adopt Resolution 596-19 authorizing the Chairman to sign a 5 year lease agreement with 975 Morningstar, LLC for the office space located at 975 Morning Star Drive, Suite A, Sonora, Ca 95370 with rent starting at \$2467 per month.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the County has adopted a budget to reduce outside lease payments meaning that they are re-locating departments that are currently leasing buildings into County owned buildings. What this means for us is that the County is looking to relocate other departments into our current space prompting us to relocate. Staff has looked at numerous options and has decided upon the 975 Morning Star location as being the best suited for our needs. We have budgeted ourselves to \$2500.00 per month for rent and this space falls in that range. He also added that the County did ask us to vacate our current location at 48 W. Yaney. Mr. Grossi added that a lease has been negotiated with the owner of 975 Morning Star and that he has also negotiated improvements to the premises based upon staff needs. Legal Counsel has reviewed the lease and recommend approval.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

*Councilmember Rodefer moved to approve Resolution 596-19 authorizing the Chairman to sign a 5 year lease agreement with 975 Morningstar, LLC for the office space located at 975 Morning Star Drive, Suite A, Sonora, Ca 95370 with rent starting at \$2467 per month.*

*Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

## **9. Reports**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that he met with Dan McElhinney of Caltrans and talked about numerous safety projects including Hurst Ranch. He added that Mr. McElhinney would also like to meet with the City regarding Washington Street crosswalks. Mr. Grossi also reported that he and Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla attended a conference last week regarding the future of transportation and that it was a good conference with about 200 attendees. He also reminded Council that the deadline for Citizen at Large applications is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Gregoria Ponce' with Caltrans District 10 reported that the 2019/20 Draft overview has been reviewed and that she will provide comments to Executive Director Grossi as soon as possible.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi  
Administrative Technician