

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee*

July 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The July 5, 2017 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) (TAC/CAC) was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Executive Director Darin Grossi. Also in attendance were: David Gonzalves, CRA Director; Duke York, Deputy Director CRA Roads Division; Tim Miller with the City of Sonora; Stephen Dietrich representing the City of Sonora; Harry Ohls representing District 1; Dick Southern representing District 3; Bob Asquith representing District 4; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner and Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner

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.

Carol Doud mentioned that people are getting "mowed down" on Washington Street and that the meeting last week was crummy. She added that more people should be taking the bus and that people left the meeting frustrated.

Consent Calendar:

2. Approval of the June 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

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

TAC:

Tim Miller moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

David Gonzalves seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

CAC:

Dick Southern moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

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

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that trenches are being dug for the fiber optics and that this has been include in the budget.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett added that the roads are being worked on and that the project is about 95% complete.

***** 3:10p.m. – at this time, Committee Member, Stephen Dietrich arrived.**

Mr. Summersett also added that the roll up doors will be put on once the trench is complete and that an application is in to PG&E for water meters. He also stated that bids are currently out for furniture and polishing the concrete floors for the facility and will be brought back at the August meeting.

Discussion ensued.

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

4. Consider a pilot project with Token Transit, a transit fare pay app, allowing Tuolumne County Transit passengers to pay public transportation fares with their smart phones for a 10% retainage fee, which could result in reduced revenues.

Senior Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that there are a few hurdles in this program that need to be worked out before committing to it. He added that staff is looking at and weighing the options. He also added that some of the pros include being convenient to the user in that it is a free down-loadable app and simple to execute. The main downside to the program is that a percentage of fare revenue gets taken and that transit would lose roughly 15,000 annually.

Executive Director Grossi added that we are barely making farebox now and that this would really offset us. He recommended not entering into a contract for this program as it cannot be justified.

Committee Member, Stephen Dietrich recommended putting it out to the riders and asking them if it would be something they would use.

Executive Director Grossi added that is something that staff could do. However, would still need to find a way to increase revenue.

Discussion ensued.

Staff's recommendation was to NOT approve the Token Transit program at this time.

CAC

Bob Asquith moved to not consider a pilot project with Token Transit, a transit fare pay app, allowing Tuolumne County Transit passengers to pay public transportation fares with their smart phones for a 10% retainage fee, which could result in reduced revenues.

Dick Southern seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

TAC

Tim Miller moved to not consider a pilot project with Token Transit, a transit fare pay app, allowing Tuolumne County Transit passengers to pay public transportation fares with their smart phones for a 10% retainage fee, which could result in reduced revenues.

David Gonzalves seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously to NOT approve the Transit Token program at this time.

5. Reports

Tyler Summersett provided an update on the YARTS service. He stated that it is doing great! He reported that Tuolumne County is number one for the online booking service- outperforming Mariposa. The service is currently running 3 buses and there is some issues with booking so people are being encouraged to get there early. Mr. Summersett also reported that that Mother Lode Fair is taking place this coming week end and that we will be providing transit service as we did last year.

Bob Asquith reported that Tioga Pass opened on June 29th.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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