

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
May 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

The re-scheduled May 13, 2020 meeting was reconvened on May 20, 2020. The Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Councilmember Gray; Councilmember Such; Councilmember Garaventa; Councilmember Campbell; Executive Director Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner and Assistant to the Executive Director, Denise Bergamaschi.

Gregoria Ponce' and Dan McElhinney were 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.

There was no Oral Communication at today's meeting.

Consent Calendar:

2. Approval of the April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

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

Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.

Councilmember Such abstained from voting.

Motion approved with a 4-0-1 vote.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Regular Agenda:

3. Direct staff to generally follow the COVID-10 Response and Beyond white paper (attached) created by Mobility Planners (the consultant currently working on the Short-Range Transit Plan), as guidance for returning various elements of Tuolumne County Transit services to the community.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that ridership has decreased since the onset of the COVID Pandemic due to people staying home. He added that Fixed Route and Watch have both been discontinued for now. He stated that transit is currently providing 140 riders per day and that staff are looking into different strategies for re-building the services. He added that staff is also working with the consultant in putting together a new "model".

Discussion ensued regarding the various steps Mr. Summersett is anticipating for the re-building of the service.

Executive Director Grossi stated that this will be exciting – an opportunity to re-build the services for our riders.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Campbell moved to approve directing staff to generally follow the COVID-10 Response and Beyond white paper (attached) created by Mobility Planners (the consultant currently working on the Short-Range Transit Plan), as guidance for returning various elements of Tuolumne County Transit services to the community
Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.
Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

**** 4:12 p.m. – at this time, Chairman Ayala excused himself from the meeting. Vice Chair Campbell ran the remainder of the meeting.*

4. Approval to eliminate fares for the Pinecrest Transit Service and use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to cover the cost.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the service is not generating what staff had hoped it would. It was decided that the service would run on the 3 Holiday week-end of the summer season: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. These services would be paid for with LCTOP funds.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Garaventa moved to approve eliminating fares for the Pinecrest Transit Service and use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to cover the cost.

5. Reports

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that 3500 masks were purchased for the transit service. Not only for the drives, but for riders that may need them as well.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett reported that the generator purchased for the transit facility is expected to arrive tomorrow – this way we are prepared for the rolling power outages.

Executive Director Grossi also added that the electric vehicle is being delivered tomorrow.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi
Assistant to the Executive Director