

*Tuolumne County Transportation Council
November 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes*

The November 9, 2016 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also in attendance were: Councilmember John Gray; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Councilmember Evan Royce; Executive Director Darin Gross; Diane Bynum, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Denise Bergamaschi, Administrative Technician.

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 October 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

*Councilmember Segarini moved to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented.
Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.
Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

Regular Agenda:

3. Review Public Input on the Regional Transportation Plan's Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) , and direct staff to finalize the Regional Transportation Plan and Draft EIR.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that this item is being brought forth again this month due to the shortage of time to review it last month. He added that he reviewed the comments with the consultant and that there were no errors and that staff will move along with the choice of projects. He also discussed the letter that was presented last month from John Buckley, Executive Director of the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, and stated that once the final is re-written, it will have a more balanced approach. Mr. Grossi also added that it is important to have the Peaceful Oak Interchanges that it is a good corridor for commercial growth.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

There was no motion required for this item either, as it was informational.

4. Review and Comment on the SR 120/108 Intersection Control Evaluation Report.

Executive Director Grossi informed council that he has requested that Caltrans do a safety inspection on this intersection. He presented the three alternatives being suggested, which consist of: Signalization, a Round-about or a High "T". He stated that the round-about seems to have the best safety record. He also informed Council that the TAC/CAC does not support signalization and feels there should be more public outreach on this issue. He stated that Caltrans would like us to go back with one alternative so that they can move forward. Chairman Ayala stated that he likes the high "T" as is it more natural flowing and that the round-about should be looked at with caution. He also added that if the round-about is chosen, more public outreach should occur.

Public Comment: Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that there was no one present from the Citizen's Advisory Committee at the last TAC/CAC meeting.

Bev Shane approached the podium and added that if the round-about is chosen, it should have a through west bound lane. She added that this was Jim Garaventa's idea.

There was no motion required for this item as it was for discussion/comment purposes.

5. Approval and Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc., for Engineering and Transportation Planning consulting Services.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the current contract we have with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for Consulting Services has expired. He added that we received bids from other companies but since we have worked with Wood Rodgers for many years, we feel confident in their work.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Royce motioned to approve execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc., for Engineering and Transportation Planning consulting Services.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Consideration of joining Alpine, Calaveras, San Joaquin and the California Bicycle Coalition to examine Routes 4, 49, 12, 108 and 120 to be improved to promote safe travel of bicyclists and other users of the State Routes.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that the mentioned counties are interested in forming a bicycle "coalition". He apologized for having such little information as this was a late add to the agenda and the deadline was last Friday. He added that this coalition would address safety concerns for cyclists on local state routes. He stated that by joining forces with other counties, it would make us more competitive.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Royce moved to approve joining Alpine, Calaveras, San Joaquin and the California Bicycle Coalition to examine Routes 4, 49, 12, 108 and 120 to be improved to promote safe travel of bicyclists and other users of the State Routes.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

7. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that in February, Council authorized staff to work with Calaveras and Amador counties on a Preparedness Plan Grant for electric vehicles, chargers, etc. He added that Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla is working on that Grant.

Carl Baker, with Caltrans reported that there are currently 15 applications for Grants and that 2 are from the TCTC/TCTA. He also added that the ATP is out, but other than that, not much going on this month. He also stated that it is of concern to all of us that funding is hard to come by for rural areas. He added that rural areas usually get 10% of the pot.

Discussion ensued.

8. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Authority: Government Code Section 54957) – Executive Director.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that she thinks Darin should get an outstanding evaluation because he always give Gold Standard Service.

4:36 p.m. – At this time, Executive Director Grossi and all Council Members went into Closed Session.

4:49 p.m. – At this time, Executive Director and all Council Members returned from Closed Session and stated that there was nothing to report.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician