

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

May 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The May 10, 2017 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, Even Royce; Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember George Segarini; Councilmember, Sherri Brennan; Executive Director, Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Transportation Planner and Denise Bergamaschi, Administrative Technician.

Also present at today's meeting was Carl Baker 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 approached the podium and thanked TCTA staff for participating in the Spring Festival. She stated that it was nice to see

Consent Calendar:

- 2. Approval of the March 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Accepting the Board of Supervisors recommendation of Harry Ohls as a representative of District 1 for the Citizen's Advisory Committee.**

Councilmember Segarini inquired about page 2 of the Meeting Minutes adding that it appears a sentence was started and not complete and questioned if there was some language missing.

Executive Director Grossi stated that the Minutes will be pulled, reviewed and brought back at the July meeting.

There was No Public Comment for the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Royce moved to approved Item 3 on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

- 4. Approval of the Draft Final Triennial Performance Audits of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council and Regional Public Transportation System, Tuolumne County Transit.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that this is the same item that was presented on the TCTA Agenda and provided a brief explanation for the purposed of the audits. He added that

Genevieve with LSC, the firm that performed the audits, is present should anyone have any questions.

At this time, Genevieve Evans took the podium: She informed Council that her firm was hired to conduct the audits of the TCTA and TCTC and that it is required every 3 years; unlike Fiscal audits which are done on an annual basis. She added that these particular audits are more for Performance Compliance reasons. She stated that she met with staff regarding the daily functions of the TCTA and TCTC and did number crunching on the Transit Operator side. Ms. Evans then provided her findings with these audits and reported that for the TCTA: Ridership has increased. Although farebox recovery is below 10%, she sees this as temporary and that with the upcoming schedule changes it should boost back up. She also added that as far as compliance issues are concerned, that 1 of the State Controllers reports was not readily available and that the recent staff change was not duly noted. She recommended that staff should continue to work closely with the auditor and to continue to streamline costs and increase revenue and provide mobility to clients. She mentioned that Calaveras has a Zone Fare program and that staff should think about something along those lines. For the TCTC findings Ms. Evans noted that there are no rules and regulations currently in place to use LTF funds for bike/pedestrian projects. Also, she added that there was a 90 day extension for the Fiscal Audits. Her recommendations for the TCTC were: Update the Short Range Transit Plan because it is over 5 years old; adopt rule and regulations for using LTF for bike/pedestrian projects.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Brennan applauded staff for doing all of the Grants “in-house”.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council that there is No Action required for this item as the Final will be brought back in June.

5. Acceptance of the Transportation Development Act Fiscal year 2015/2016 Financial Audits.

At this time, Debi Bautista, the County Auditor/Controller, approached the podium and reported that following: She stated that there were no material findings. She also added that as far as personnel changes, that the current person is stronger in accounting. She stated that she and Laura Shinn will be meeting in July to go over what is needed and that the TCTC will be part of the August audits because of PERS. She stated that she and the TCTC staff need to work together so there are no gaps.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Royce moved to approve for the acceptance of the Transportation Development Act Fiscal year 2015/2016 Financial Audits.

Councilmember Brennan seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects and Application for the Operating Assistance Apportionment.

Executive Director Darin Grossi informed Council that these funds can only be used for transit related projects.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects and Application for the Operating Assistance Apportionment.

Councilmember Segarini seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

7. Approval of Resolution 561-17 approving the Executive Director to sign, submit applications, execute agreements, and other documents, with the California Energy Commission for the Central Sierra Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Plan.

Executive Director Grossi congratulated Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla, on the good job he did in writing this grant application. He informed Council that SR49 was identified as an area viable for the zero emission plan and that staff has received letters of commitment from Calaveras, Amador and Alpine Counties to be members of the Coordinating Council. He also informed Council that the TCTC would be the Grant Administrator for this Plan. He asked that Council approve and sign the resolution in order that it may be presented to the Energy Commission.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Royce moved to approve Resolution 561-17 approving the Executive Director to sign, submit applications, execute agreements, and other documents, with the California Energy Commission for the Central Sierra Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Plan.

Councilmember Brennan seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

8. Approval of Resolution 562-17 Approving the Executive Director to execute agreements, and other documents with Caltrans for the SR49 from Jamestown to Columbia Complete Streets Corridor Plan.

Executive Director Grossi stated – More Kudos to Alex! He wrote the grant to connect corridors! He added that Columbia College has given their support as well. He also stated that

this was a timely grant but could potentially lead to funding opportunities down the road. He then turns to Carl Baker and thanks Caltrans.

Discussion ensued.

Duke York approached the podium and stated that there are 2 trails in the Master Recreations Plan that goes to the college.

Councilmember Brennan added that she is very happy to see this and hopes that it leads to more project funding.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Brennan moved to approve Resolution 562-17 Approving the Executive Director to execute agreements, and other documents with Caltrans for the SR49 from Jamestown to Columbia Complete Streets Corridor Plan.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

9. Approval of Resolution 563-17 approving the recently submitted Application for Grant Funds for the Urban Greening Program.

Executive Director Grossi again stated what a great job Alex Padilla did with this Grant as well. He stated that staff was instructed to work with the City and added that they, and Caltrans helped greatly. He also informed Council that he was out of town and that Alex did this grant solo, and once again – Great Job! He stated that he doesn't know how lucky we will get, but it is definitely worth pursuing.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Resolution 563-17 approving the recently submitted Application for Grant Funds for the Urban Greening Program.

Councilmember Royce seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

**** 4:18 p.m. – at this time, Councilmember Brennan excused herself, as she had to leave to attend another meeting.*

10. Reports

Executive Director Grossi reported that he and Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla, attended a Sustainability Workshop in Walnut Creek last week. He stated that he spoke with someone at the end of the conference and told them how difficult it is as a rural county to compete for

funding. He added that this person is a good contact. Mr. Grossi then reported that staff is working with Chicken Ranch Casino on better access to their facility.

Carl Baker with Caltrans reported that it is bike month. So get out and ride!! He also reported that, with SB1, there are going to be a lot of changes with how funding dollars can be used. He then congratulated Alex Padilla on the god job he did with the grants.

Discussion ensued.

Duke York reported that he met with Road Partners regarding the problems with the road system. He added that they are taking a multi-agency approach and that there will be a couple of upcoming meetings for public knowledge – May 18th from 4-8 pm at the Board of Supervisors Chambers and May 23rd in Groveland. He added that everyone is invited to attend. Mr. York also reported that for the first time, in probably 3 years, that there will be a firework display at Don Pedro on July 4th. Mr. York also reported on the excess parcels from ESBII and stated that he is working with the GIS technician to pinpoint these parcels in order that they can be sold. He stated once located, and APN numbers are added, a copy will be given to Larry Cope and realtors in the community. Mr. York also informed Council that 38 sights have been identified as having storm damage and that the cost to repair will be around \$8 million dollars.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician