

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The August 12, 2020 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Councilmember Gray; Councilmember Garaventa; Councilmember Campbell; Councilmember Such; Executive Director Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner and Assistant to the Executive Director, 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.**

There was no Oral Communication at today's meeting.

Consent Calendar:

- 2. Approval of the June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Approve and Execute a four-year agreement for Engineering and Transportation Planning Consulting Services with Wood Rodgers, Inc.**
- 4. Adopt Resolutions 624-20 through 627-20 approving the allocation and claims of the FY 20/21 LTF funding from the Tuolumne County Transportation Council.**
- 5. Recommend authorizing the Tuolumne County Transportation Council to enter into a Letter of Agreement with San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) for a Federal Apportionment Exchange of FY 178/18 and FY 18/19 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds.**

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

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

Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Regular Agenda:

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

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that every three years the Transit Agency and Transportation Council are required to be reviewed for their performance according to the Transportation Development Act. He added that the only issue that surfaced is the untimely fashion in which the annual audits are submitted. It was recommended by the consultant that the TCTA/TCTC look for an outside contractor to alleviate this ongoing problem. Other than that, no problems were noted.

Genevieve Evans with LSC Transportation Consultants provided a Power Point presentation and went over ridership, audits and other concerns mentioned by Executive Grossi.

Discussion ensued.

There was No Public Comment for this item.

There was no action required for this item as it was presented for information purposes.

7. Release of the Draft Tuolumne County Active Transportation Plan and setting a date for a Special Meeting of the TCTC to host a workshop on the Active Transportation Program.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett informed Council Members that this item is “three-fold”: Releasing the ATP document; the presentation; and scheduling a date for a special workshop. At this time, Mr. Summersett introduced Jeff with Green Dot who then presented a Power Point presentation on the Active Transportation Plan.

Discussion ensued after the presentation.

Chairman Ayala then called for Public Comment:

Carl Baker approached the podium and stated that he wrote a letter to the TCTC stating that there should be changes made stating that there is no walking/cycling to or from the Law & Justice Center and that it should be noted as a priority. He stated that people need these services. He also stated that Sonora to East Sonora is ignored and that he sees a problem in the planning process.

Jeff with GreenDot responded that it should be in three and he will make modifications.

Chairman Ayala thanked Mr. Baker for his input.

There was No Action required for this item as it was for informational purposes.

8. Presentation of the Peaceful Oak/SR108 Interchange Construction Award

Executive Director Grossi reminded Council Members that the ESB Stage II was completed without all four ramps due to cost. He added that with funds from the RTIP and sale of right of way properties, there is over 10 million dollars available for the completion of the much-needed ramp. He informed Council Members that 4 bids were received and that the winning bid came from Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. of Sonora. He stated that construction will most likely begin next spring due to the winter months upcoming.

Discussion ensued.

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

9. Presentation of Draft State 49 Multi-Modal Complete Streets and Congested Corridor Plan.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that the TCTC received a grant from Caltrans to expand the SR49 Corridor from Sonora to Columbia to merge as 1.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett then informed Council Members of the Public Input process and that a joint outreach was conducted via Zoom meetings. He added that these meetings were advertised via social media, on the TCTC and Caltrans websites and through multiple press releases.

At this time, Charles Carroll with Caltrans presented a Power Point presentation on the Sonora – Jamestown Study which was followed by Derek Kirkland with Wood Rodgers presenting a Power Point on the Jamestown - Columbia Study.

Both presentations were then followed up with a question and answer session.

Councilmember Gray thanked both gentlemen for their presentations.

Chairman Ayala called for public input.

At this time, Carl Baker approached the podium. Mr. Baker stated that these plans need to be more thought out adding that this would not be an attraction to tourists and that this is mostly a “local” need. He also asked when the public outreach meetings are going to take place.

Executive Director Grossi responded that staff did reach out to stakeholders and that an extensive curriculum for public outreach was to take place until Covid hit. He added that numerous documents were adopted for this type of trail but that if Council does not see fit to pursue this project, it can be cancelled.

Discussion ensued,

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

10. Draft Project Study Report for SR49/108 Widening and Complete Streets Project in Jamestown.

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that this project will not only help with congestion issues but will add sidewalks on both sides of the highway making it safer for pedestrians. He added that staff is working with Caltrans on this project to split the cost adding that there are a lot of funding sources available.

Discussion ensued.

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

11. Reports

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that Dan McIlhenney has moved, and that Dennis Agar will be the acting interim District Director. He also reported that Ken Baxter retired in June.

Caltrans had no reports at today's meeting.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise A. Bergamaschi
Assistant to the Executive Director*