

## ***Tuolumne County Transit Agency December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes***

The December 11, 2019 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Chairman Michael Ayala. Also, in attendance were: Councilmember Connie Williams; Councilmember Ryan Campbell; Vice-Chair John Gray; Councilmember Jim Garaventa; Executive Director Darin Grossi; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Senior Transportation Planner; Alex Padilla, Sr. Transportation Planner and Administrative Technician, 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 November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**

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

*Councilmember Garaventa seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.*

**Regular Agenda:**

**3. Performance Report Update**

Executive Director Grossi informed Council Members that ridership has taken a down-turn but that in speaking with other transit services – they are experiencing the same. He stated that staff will be bringing back customer surveys done for the Short-Range Transit Plan at an upcoming meeting but that in reviewing the ones already received, it indicates that customers are satisfied with the service – especially the drivers.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, stated that this is a difficult report to present but that ridership has been decreasing for some time now; yet costs are up. He also informed Council Members that the contract increases every year and that the on-time performance on Route 1 is suffering.

Discussion ensued regarding ridership and ideas on how to get the numbers up and partnering with agencies within the community.

Carol Doud approached the podium and stated that she met many people at the Senior Center that use transit – including a lady that uses Dial a Ride to go out and a homeless man that buys monthly passes to travel within the community. She added that people that go to work and stay

in their offices all day should ride transit. She added that she would like to see more outreach to people that work and don't use their vehicles.

Discussion ensued.

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

#### **4. Reports**

Executive Director Grossi reported that Administration Technician, Denise Bergamaschi, is doing a great job managing the Trip Program.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla, reported that new transit stop signs will be going up soon which will assist riders in accessing Double Map.

Executive Director Grossi also reported that the Ski Bus started last week and that we are averaging 30 riders each day.

*There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Denise A. Bergamaschi  
Administrative Technician*