

*Tuolumne County Transit Agency
Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee*

August 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The August 3, 2016 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) TAC/CAC was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Executive Director Darin Grossi. Also in attendance were: Tim Miller with the City of Sonora; Bev Shane, CRA Director; Duke York, Deputy Director CRA Roads Division; Lt. Scott Clamp with the California Highway Patrol; Dore Bietz representing the Native American Community; Bob Asquith representing District 4; Dick Southern representing District 3; Baby Girl representing the Canine Community; Stephen Dietrich as a representative of the City of Sonora; Jim Grinnell as a representative of the City of Sonora; 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 June 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. Direct staff to continue collecting public input on the proposed schedule changes to meet minimum farebox recovery ratios, schedule a public hearing for the September 14' 2016 Transit Agency meeting and work with transit partners to bring a revised schedule forward for adoption in September.**

Stephen Dietrich requested that Item 3 be pulled for discussion.

CAC:

James Grinnell motioned to approve the June 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

TAC:

Tim Miller motioned to approve the June 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Bev Shane seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

- 3. Direct staff to continue collecting public input on the proposed schedule changes to meet minimum farebox recovery ratios, schedule a public hearing for the September 14, 2016 Transit Agency meeting and work with transit partners to bring a revised schedule forward for adoption in September.**

Stephen Dietrich asked how much Route 6 affects the recovery ratio.

Tyler Summersett explained that Route 6 is a big run that not a lot of riders use. He added that this particular route will be turned into a regular Dial-A-Ride route so people will still have service if needed.

Executive Director Grossi explained that each run needs to meet the 10% recovery ratio and that Route 6 never will. He stated that all of the other Routes stay within 8-10% farebox recovery. He also mentioned that the SSTAC was supportive of this decision.

Discussion ensued.

This Item was informational and required no action.

- 4. Approval of donating a surplus bus to Old Oak Ranch.**

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the Old Oak Ranch serves as a camp, conference center and an educational facility for teaching the California Gold Rush history to schools from the Bay Area and Central Valley. He also added that the Ranch is also used as a resource to the community in time of need, offering lodging and meals to those who have been displaced.

James Grinnell asked why the bus was not auctioned off like other county vehicles.

Executive Director Grossi stated that the older buses do go to County auction. However, it is the discretion of the TCTC/TCTA to donate buses to what they feel is a worthy cause.

Discussion ensued.

CAC:

Dick Southern motioned to approve donating a surplus bus to Old Oak Ranch.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

TAC:

Bev Shane motioned to approve donating a surplus bus to Old Oak Ranch

Duke York seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of amendments to the Bus Advertising Policy to include the new contract amounts for advertising space on Tuolumne county Transit vehicles.

Executive Director Grossi informed Committee Members that the TCTA contracted with Helen Foraker about six months ago to take over the advertising campaign with the Tuolumne County Transit vehicles and that she is doing an amazing job. He added that the program is very successful and that all of the spaces that were available for advertising have been sold.

He then went over the current pricing vs. the proposed increases in prices.

Discussion ensued.

CAC:

Stephen Dietrich motioned to approve the amendments to the Bus Advertising Policy to include the new contract amounts for advertising space on Tuolumne county Transit vehicles.

Bob Asquith seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

TAC:

Tim Miller motioned to approve the amendments to the Bus Advertising Policy to include the new contract amounts for advertising space on Tuolumne county Transit vehicles.

Bev Shane seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

6. Update on the Law and Justice Transit Center Project, bids received and approval of funding curb, gutter, sidewalks, utility stubs out and rough grading for the transit site as part of the County Road Construction Project.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, explained to committee members that the TCTA contracted with Geo Science to complete the Geo Technical Report due to the amount of rock that is on site. He added that they were the lowest bidder at 3.4 million dollars. He also stated there are two separate components of the project: The Transit Center and the Road Construction Project. Mr. Summersett also informed Committee Members that this item was presented to the Board of Supervisors at yesterday's meeting and that the TCTA needs to respond.

Executive Director Grossi added that the CAO's is proposing to reject all bids on the "joint project" and asking HMC to separate the Road Construction and Transit Center Projects into two separate bids. He added that there would be more clarity on this item once presented on the TCTC/TCTA agendas next week.

Discussion ensued.

Bev Shane, Community Resources Director, suggested that staff negotiate with the County before rejecting any bids.

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

7. Presentation of the new Tuolumne County Transit/Tuolumne County Transportation Council websites.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that staff has contracted with Cole Video in launching new websites for the TCTA and TCTC. He stated that The sites are on the Wix platform which is very user friendly and enables staff to post items to the site themselves.

Discussion ensued.

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

8. Reports

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, reported that the YARTS service is up over 105% in ridership and that there have been over 2500 trips already this year!

Bob Asquith added that the park has increased its visitors by over 25% as well from last year and that all of the YART services are way up. He added that we may need another bus next year.

Duke York reported that a new Senior Housing Facility, like Skyline, has been approved by the Board and also that a new 14 home subdivision has been approved and will be off of Parrotts Ferry Road.

There being no further items to discuss, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bergamaschi
Administrative Technician