

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

May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The May 6, 2020 meeting of the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) Technical/Citizen's Advisory Committee(s) (TAC/CAC) was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Executive Director, Darin Grossi. Also, in attendance were: Mary Rose Rutikanga, City of Sonora Administrator; Rachelle Kellogg, City of Sonora; Kim McFarlane, Director of Public Works; Tanya Sanguinetti, Engineering Manager; Eric Erhardt, Assistant CAO; Dore Bietz representing the Native American Community; Stephen Dietrich representing the City of Sonora; Paul Slemmons representing District 2; Dick Southern representing District 3; Bob Asquith representing District 4; Carl Baker representing District 5; Laura Shinn, Senior Administrative Analyst; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner and Assistant to the Executive Director, Denise Bergamaschi.

Michael Casas 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 April 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

TAC:

Rachelle Kellogg moved to approve the April 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Michael Casas seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 7-0 vote.

CAC:

Bob Asquith moved to approve the April 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carl Baker seconded the motion,

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

- 3. Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) FY19/20 Year-End Revenue and Expenditure analysis. Estimating the Financial Effects of the budget due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.**

Executive Director Grossi discussed the revenue and expenses of the Transit Agency and the effects that have occurred during the COVID 19 Pandemic. He informed Committee Members

that transit advertising is down by 11 thousand dollars and that services have been drastically cut back incurring a huge financial impact. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Baker noted that while this item has a recommended action request, the item itself is not written as such.

Executive Director agreed and pulled this item - as well as the same item (Number 5) from the TCTC agenda until next month's meeting.

4. Update on Tuolumne County Transit Service during COVID 19.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that currently, Dial a Ride is running 8 buses per day with 95 - 100 riders and that only essential transportation is being honored at this time. He also pointed out that, as mentioned at last month's meeting, all rides are free of charge until further notice and that LCTOP funds are covering fares for the rides being provided. Mr. Summersett then provided the protective measures being taken during this time, such as sanitizing stations on all buses, bus cleaning/disinfectant daily, single use mask for drivers and passengers and barriers between drivers/boarding passengers. He stated that staff is discussing and putting together a road map to return to business as usual, which will include continuing to operate the General Dial-a-Ride Service and eventually begin to include some Fixed Routes (Route 1) along with the General Public Dial a Ride in more outlying communities.

Discussion ensued.

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

5. Eliminate fares for the Pinecrest Transit Service and use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to cover the cost.

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, informed Committee Members that this service is funded through the LCTOP program. He added that last year the service was offered on week-ends from May through September with little ridership. This year, staff is requesting the service only run on the 3 major Holiday week-ends: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day at no charge to passengers.

Discussion ensued.

TAC:

Rachelle Kellogg moved to approve eliminating fares for the Pinecrest Transit Service and use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to cover the cost.

Michael Casas seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 7-0 vote.

CAC:

Stephen Dietrich moved to approve eliminating fares for the Pinecrest Transit Service and use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to cover the cost.

Carl Baker seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. Reports

Tyler Summersett stated that he would bring the Coordinated Plan to next month's meeting.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Bergamaschi

Assistant to the Executive Director