

AGENDA
Tulare County Regional Transit Agency
Policy Committee
December 7, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item of interest to the public and within the subject matter jurisdiction of TCRTA Policy Committee but not appearing on this agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. Speakers are requested to state their name(s) and address(es) for the record.

- 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF November 12, 2020**
- 4. COMMITTEE TOPICS**
 - a. DISCUSSION – TCRTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT – SECTION 6. NEW ASSETS**
 - b. DRAFT POLICY – COORDINATING TRANSIT OPERATIONS**
 - c. CANCELLATION – December 28, 2020 Meeting**

5. ADJOURN

The next scheduled meeting of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Policy Committee will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

**Tulare County Regional Transit Agency
Policy Committee
Minutes**

November 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Crocker, Sigala
Staff Present: Ted Smalley, Elizabeth Forte, Rich Tree, and Servando Quintanilla Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crocker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

1. Organizational Structure

A. Current set up and transition

Mr. Tree stated that this Policy Committee would establish policies for the TCRTA that would help the TCRTA be recognized as a grantee under the Federal Transit Administration.

B. Staffing

Mr. Tree gave an update on how TCRTA will need to establish staff in regards to FTA recognition, and how the TCRTA will go forward filling positions within the TCRTA.

2. Fare Policies

A. Fare Change

Mr. Tree reported that a TCRTA fare policy could establish that member agencies would need to get approval from TCRTA Board before moving forward with fare changes.

B. Fare Equipment and Media

Ms. Forte stated putting a policy in place for fare equipment and media would create a clear transition into the TCRTA.

3. Employee Pass Program

Mr. Tree stated that an operator that is not a member of the agency would like to introduce an employer pass program for the City of Visalia Industrial Park for a potential new route and that the TCRTA should consider this type of program as well.

4. Other Items

Mr. Sigala would like to see if there would be a policy on microtransit.

Mr. Crocker would like staff to check on renewable CNG to see if it qualifies for zero emissions programs.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

Board Policy No. ____

COORDINATING TRANSIT OPERATIONS

This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for coordinating transit operations of TCRTA member agencies.

1. Contractor

To continue achieving savings by the close coordination of transit systems, TCRTA will endeavor to utilize the same Contractor to operate their respective transit systems and will cooperate in the bidding, evaluation, and negotiation of future contracts for transit operations such that their respective contracts will impose substantially similar obligations on the Contractor as it relates to the parties.

2. Intelligent Transportation Systems

In order to enhance transportation services and the customer experience, TCRTA will endeavor to utilize the same Intelligent Transportation Systems to operate their respective transit systems. Intelligent Transportation Systems may include, but not limited to, fare collection systems, computer aided dispatch/scheduling (CAD) and automatic vehicle locating (AVL) systems, signal preemption systems, on-board video recording systems.

3. Coordinated Routes

When deemed appropriate by the member agencies, coordinated route(s) may be established to provide transit services within the Tulare County region. Member agencies shall mutually agree on route locations, stops, days, and hours of operation, allocation of costs, and other matters relating to the coordinated route.

4. Shared Use of Vehicles

Each member agency agrees to consider request of the other party to borrow a vehicle on a mutually agreed upon basis for operation of the party's public transit fixed routes or paratransit service. Vehicles loaned by one party to the other shall be provided on an "as available" and "as is" basis at the discretion of the party loaning the vehicle.

5. Call Center

TCRTA agrees to provide telephone customer information services to all member agencies. Such services shall consist of answering calls regarding bus routes, bus schedules, fares, bus passes, paratransit services and other issues relating to riders.

6. Maps and Brochures

In order to improve public communications regarding TCRTA transit services, member agencies will cooperate in the further development of shared transit-related information resources such as the “Transit Guide” and other maps or brochures, as deemed appropriate.

7. Radio Service

Member agencies agree that, to the extent permissible under applicable state and federal law, radios used on TCRTA transit vehicles will operate on a frequency held by TCRTA.

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