

TRUCKEE-NORTH TAHOE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Town of Truckee Offices, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA 96161
And via Zoom
December 5, 2024

INTRODUCTIONS

Fraser called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. A quorum was established.

Board members present

Patrick Fraser, Palisades Tahoe/Highway 89
Dan Wilkins, Town of Truckee
Gordon Shaw, Tahoe Basin At Large
Jenna Prescott, Donner Summit
Danielle Hughes, Kings Beach/Tahoe Vista (confirmed today)
Hilda Vazquez, Northstar California/Highway 267
Zoe Najim, Tahoe City/West Shore
Joy Doyle, Resort Triangle At Large
Rebecca Taber, Placer County stepped down
Stephanie Holloway, Placer County appointed today
Matt Click, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (Rotating RTPA Seat)
Andy Chapman, Travel North Tahoe Nevada
Stacey Justesen, Truckee Tahoe Airport District
Dave Paulson, West Shore
Tom Jacobson, Resort Triangle At Large
Alexis Hill, Washoe County

Board members absent

None

Others participating included Executive Director Sara Van Siclen, Program Manager Julia Tohlen, Consultant Steve Teshara, Genevieve Evans, Matt Randall, Riley Morrison, Brian Hitchcock, Seth Warren, Jaime Wright, Erin Johnson, Nick Martin, Peter Kraatz, Adam Wilson, Scott Miklos, Kena Sannar, Denise Davis, John O'Connell, Doug Burnett, DeMarcus Lack, and Danielle McHugh. There may have been others who did not identify themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Kraatz offered to give a presentation to this Board on TTD's projects on the east shore.

Jacobsen invited anyone to contact him regarding employee housing opportunity updates.

Fraser and Van Siclen thanked Wilkins for his tenure as President of the TNT TMA Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the December 5, 2024 Agenda

Action Item 8 was removed from today's agenda.

It was moved by Vazquez and seconded by Chapman to approve today's agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the November 7, 2024 Minutes

It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Vazquez to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the October 2024 Bills

It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Hughes to approve payment of the October 2024 bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Recognize the Appointment of Stephanie Holloway to the Placer County Board Seat -Sara Van Siclen, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Van Siclen noted Placer County's appointment of Stephanie Holloway to the County seat on the TNT TMA Board, given Rebecca Taber's resignation. Taber announced she will be retiring from the County in the spring. She is proud of the accomplishments she has been a part of. Holloway reviewed her background in transportation. She is looking forward to sitting on this Board.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Winter Park and Ride Agreements With My Ride to Work for Service to Palisades, Northstar and Sugar Bowl for their Park and Ride Programs -Sara Van Siclen, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

The County expedited approval of TOT funds for expanded Park and Ride service this season. The actual dollars needed are being finalized. There was a brief conversation about why service from Sugar Bowl is only going to Cold Stream and not into town. Eventually, that service could be expanded.

It was moved by Chapman and seconded by Shaw to approve the Winter Park and Ride Agreements With My Ride to Work for Service to Palisades, Northstar and Sugar Bowl for their Park and Ride programs. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Agreements with Palisades, Northstar and Sugar Bowl for Winter Park and Ride Programs - Sara Van Siclen, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Item 5 was for My Ride to Work agreements. This item is for the agreements with the ski areas for TNT TMA to be a pass through for the funds.

It was moved by Najim and seconded by Holloway to approve the agreements with Palisades, Northstar and Sugar Bowl for Winter Park and Ride Programs. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Delegate Authority to the Executive Director to enter into the TART Park and Ride Expansion Agreement with Placer County -Sara Van Siclen, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Van Siclen said this agreement has not been finalized, but it will allow TNT TMA to receive County funds for this project.

It was moved by Vazquez and seconded by Hughes to delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into the TART Park and Ride Expansion Agreement with Placer County. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Executive Director Sara Van Siclen to Enter Into an Agreement for Snow Plowing Service for the East Shore Trail Parking Lot and an Agreement with Travel North Tahoe Nevada to Fund the Snow Removal -Sara Van Siclen, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

This item was removed from today's agenda

PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION

1. Recognition of Outgoing Placer County Board Member, Rebecca Taber -Sara Van Siclen, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Taber was thanked for her contributions to TNT TMA specifically and to the community through her County work.

2. Winter 2024-25 Operations and Traffic Management Planning

a) Local Jurisdiction Winter Operations

Each representative described their snow removal operations, including staffing and equipment. Discussion followed each presentation.

- Matt Randall, Placer County

During discussion, it was suggested that TNT TMA may have an advocacy role to play in snow removal on sidewalks and trails in Placer County.

- Riley Morrison, Town of Truckee

b) Local Ski Resort Winter Operations:

- Jenna Prescott, Sugar Bowl

Prescott described how Sugar Bowl is addressing parking as it relates to ticketed visitors accessing services. Sugar Bowl has an encroachment permit to do snow removal for Old Highway 40 and has equipment available for that.

- Hilda Vazquez, Northstar California

Doug Burnett reviewed the results of last year's paid parking reservation system and changes made for this year. Employees and visitors will be encouraged to use public transit including the shuttles and Park and Ride.

- Pat Fraser, Palisades Tahoe

Fraser described the traffic mitigation plan implemented last year and updates being made this year beginning this coming weekend. The plan will be in place over holidays and on weekends this season. Benefits of the Vanpool, Park and Ride, and carpooling are being communicated to the public and employees.

c) TART Winter Operations:

- Jaime Wright, Placer County DPW

Wright said TART winter service will operate from December 12 to April 6. Service down the west shore will be contracted for with My Ride to Work. She reviewed the TART Connect service. Wright reported Erin Johnson is leaving the area. Wright and Tiffany Grey are filling in as needed.

Discussion followed regarding the challenges in hiring drivers and snow removal operators, which impacts service.

- Alfred Knotts, Town of Truckee

McHugh said there will be no major changes in service this winter. He reviewed the public transit services for the season. Given the passage of Measure E, there is now a sustainable funding source for TART Connect. The Railyard Mobility Hub should be open to the public soon.

d) Mountaineer Winter Operations -Joy Doyle, Mountaineer Transit Company

Doyle described the expanded service this winter, as a result of user surveys and additional funding available.

e) Caltrans Winter Operations -John O'Connell and Jeremy Linder

O'Connell reviewed the areas addressed by Caltrans and described plans for operations and staffing this winter. Real time information is available at QuickMap and on social media.

REPORTS

Status Reports

1. North Lake Tahoe Express - Julia Tohlen, TNT/TMA Program Manager

The NLTE report was included in the meeting packet.

2. Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) Board Representative Update

Chapman reported the TTD Board directed staff to move forward with a contract to plow the east shore parking lot. Chapman was appointed as Chair of the Board.

3. TOT Advisory Committee – Dan Wilkins, TNT/TMA Board of Directors

Wilkins reported the Committee met to finalize Annual Grant Cycle funding recommendations.

4. Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART)

- Jaime Wright, Placer County DPW

Wright described the changes in fixed route and TART Connect service.

- Alfred Knotts, Town of Truckee DPW

No additional report was given.

5. North Tahoe Workforce Vanpool - Sara Van Siclen, TNT/TMA Executive Director

Van Siclen reported sixteen vans are in operation and there is funding for four more. She did an editorial video on the program with Palisades.

6. Planning & Consulting - Steve Teshara, TMA Management & Planning Consultant

Teshara's written report was in today's packet. There were no questions or comments.

AREA REPORTS

1. Member Reports

There were no additional reports.

2. Executive Director's Report

Van Siclen's report was in today's meeting packet. She wrote a My Shot article about transportation that will appear in *Moonshine Ink*. It highlights transportation to and from the ski areas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM. The next TNT TMA Board meeting will be held on **January 9, 2025** at 8:00 AM (rather than January 2, 2025).

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman

Recording Secretary

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