



TUOLUMNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

**Unmet Transit Needs Findings Report
Fiscal Year 2024/25**

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Introduction

The California Transportation Development Act (TDA) mandates an annual assessment of regional transit needs before allocating TDA funds to projects that do not directly benefit public transportation. This assessment requires the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC), as the regional transportation planning agency, to:

- Consult with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC).
- Identify the jurisdiction's transit needs, as considered during the transportation planning process.
- Identify unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction and determine which of those needs are reasonable to meet.
- Conduct at least one public hearing to solicit comments on unmet transit needs that may exist within the jurisdiction and could potentially be addressed by establishing or contracting for new public transportation services, specialized transportation services, or expanding existing services.
- Adopt a resolution, based on all available information, making one of the following findings for the jurisdiction:
 - There are no unmet transit needs.
 - There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.
 - There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.

If the TCTC determines that there are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet, these needs must be funded before any TDA funds can be allocated for streets and roads projects.

The purpose of this report is to document compliance with the above requirements. The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) serves as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Tuolumne County. The current memberships of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council are provided on the following page.

Committee Membership Rosters

Tuolumne County Transportation Council

Member	Position	Representing
Richard S. York	Chair, Citizen at Large	Member at Large
Mark Plumber	City Council	City of Sonora
Ryan Campbell	County Supervisor	District 2
Mike Holland	County Supervisor	District 1
Andy Merrill	Vice Chair, City Council	City of Sonora

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Name	Position	Representing
Doreen Schmidt	Chairperson	Social Service Provider for Seniors
John Featherstone	Vice Chair	Social Service Provider for Seniors
Vacant	Member	Potential Transit User 60 years of age or older
Leahanna McMillan	Member	Potential Transit User with a Disability
Vacant	Member	Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Vacant	Member	Social Service Provider for the Disabled
Cathie Peacock	Member	Social Service Provider for the Disabled
Becky Day	Member	Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency, Storer
Camille Inocencio	Member	Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency, Storer
John Schulz	Member	At-Large Member
Vacant	Member	At-Large Member
Vacant	Member	Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means

System Background

The Regional Public Transportation System, known as Tuolumne County Transit, was established in December 1976 under the Federal Section 147 grant. Tuolumne County Transit is operated by a private transportation service provider through an agreement with the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA).

The system is primarily funded by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA), which provides two funding streams: Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds (derived from a 13.00% sales tax on diesel fuel or approximately \$0.33 per gallon). Additional funding sources include the Federal Transit Administration, charter revenue, and farebox collections. Currently, farebox collections are supplemented by Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds.

TDA funds are collected by the State and returned to the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TTC), which allocates the funds to the claimants—the County of Tuolumne and the City of Sonora. Both the County and the City contribute financial resources to support public transportation services within the Tuolumne County region.

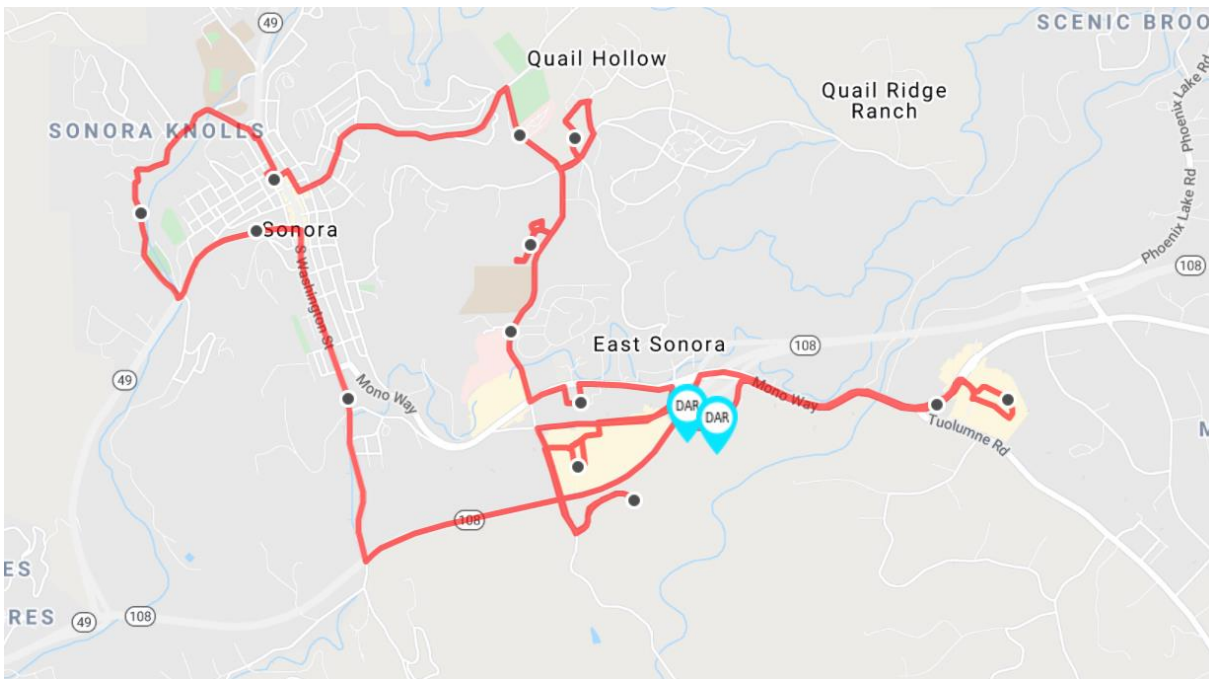
Tuolumne County Transit Services

Tuolumne County Transit serves Sonora, Columbia, Jamestown, Tuolumne, Twain Harte, Mi-Wuk Village, Groveland, and nearby areas with both **fixed-route** and **demand-response (Dial-A-Ride)** services. Additionally, it offers:

- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation** for residents aged 60+.
- A **Mileage Reimbursement Program** for vulnerable county residents.

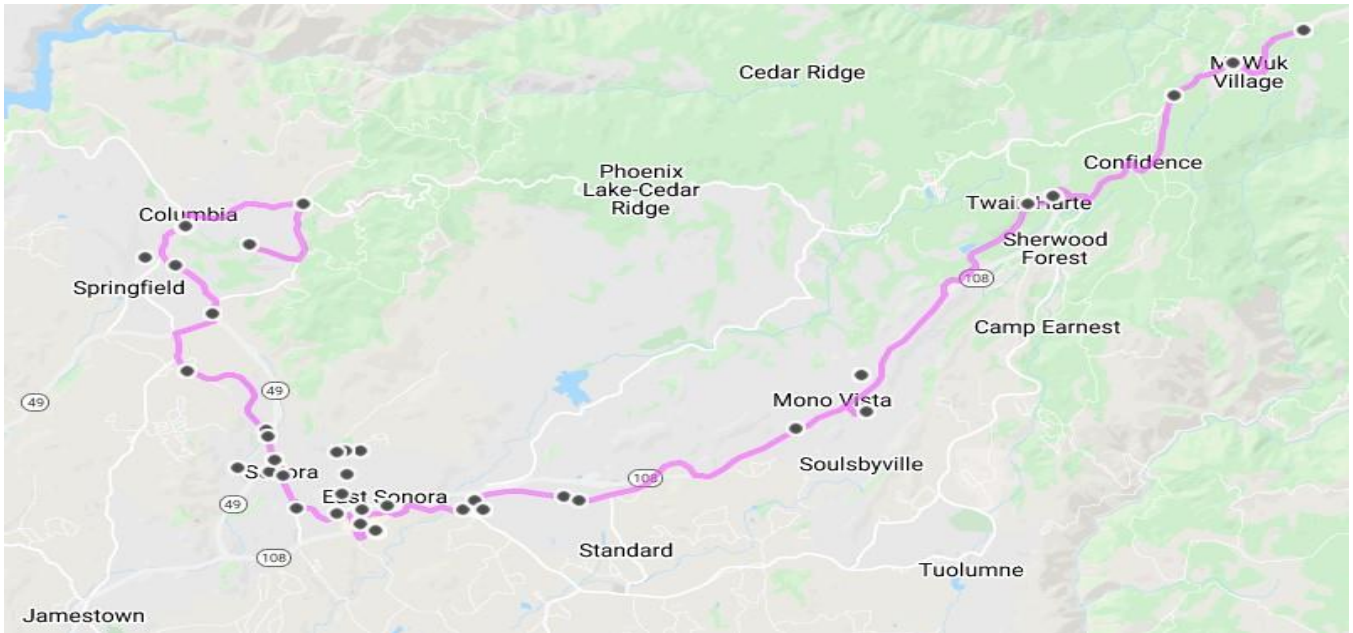
Route 1 (Sonora Loop):

- Operates as a one-hour loop within Sonora, connecting shopping centers, businesses, and social services.
- Service: Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.



Route 2 (Highway 108 to Columbia College):

- Connects Sierra Village, Sonora, and Columbia College, with transfer points to other routes.
- Service: Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.



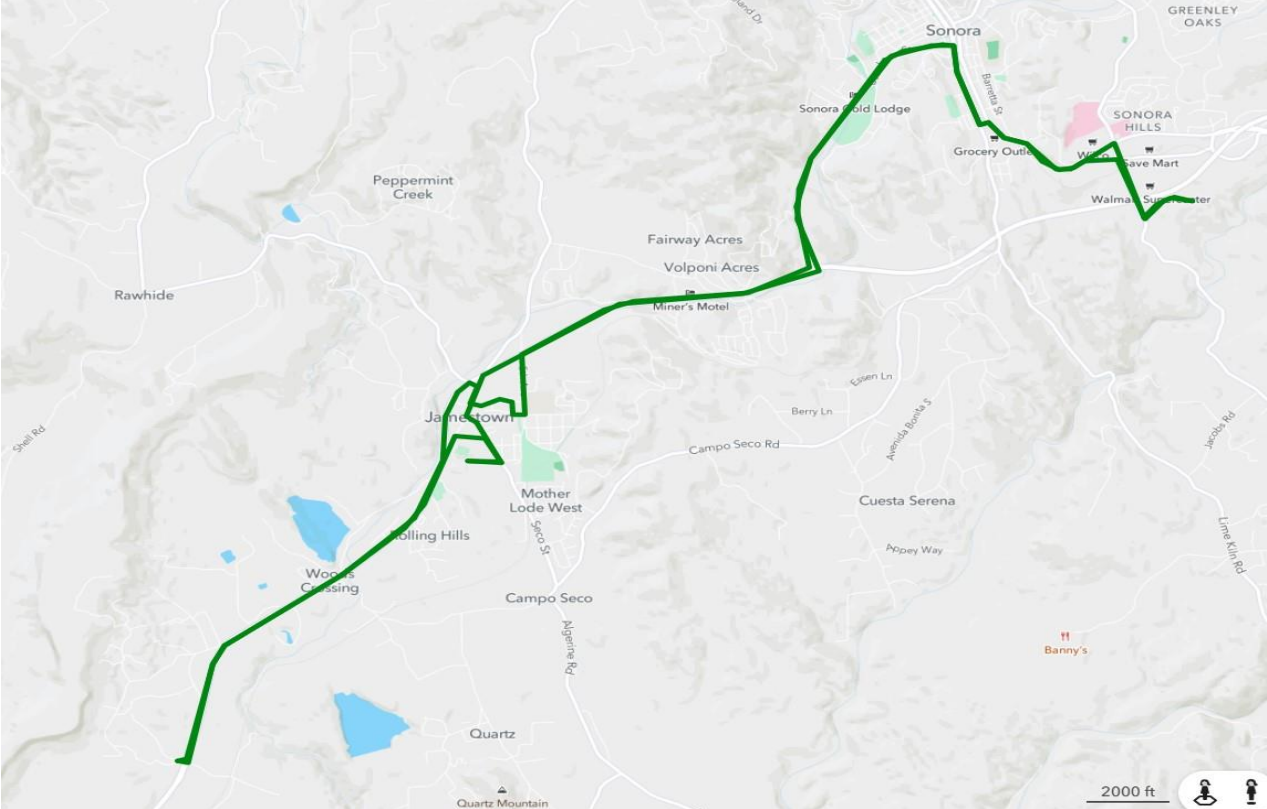
Groveland Columbia Connect:

- Introduced in response to a community request for Groveland commuters.
- Route: Groveland → Highway 120 → Chinese Camp → Jamestown → Sonora → Columbia College.
- Departure: 6:30 a.m. from Groveland; Return: 4:00 p.m. from Columbia College.



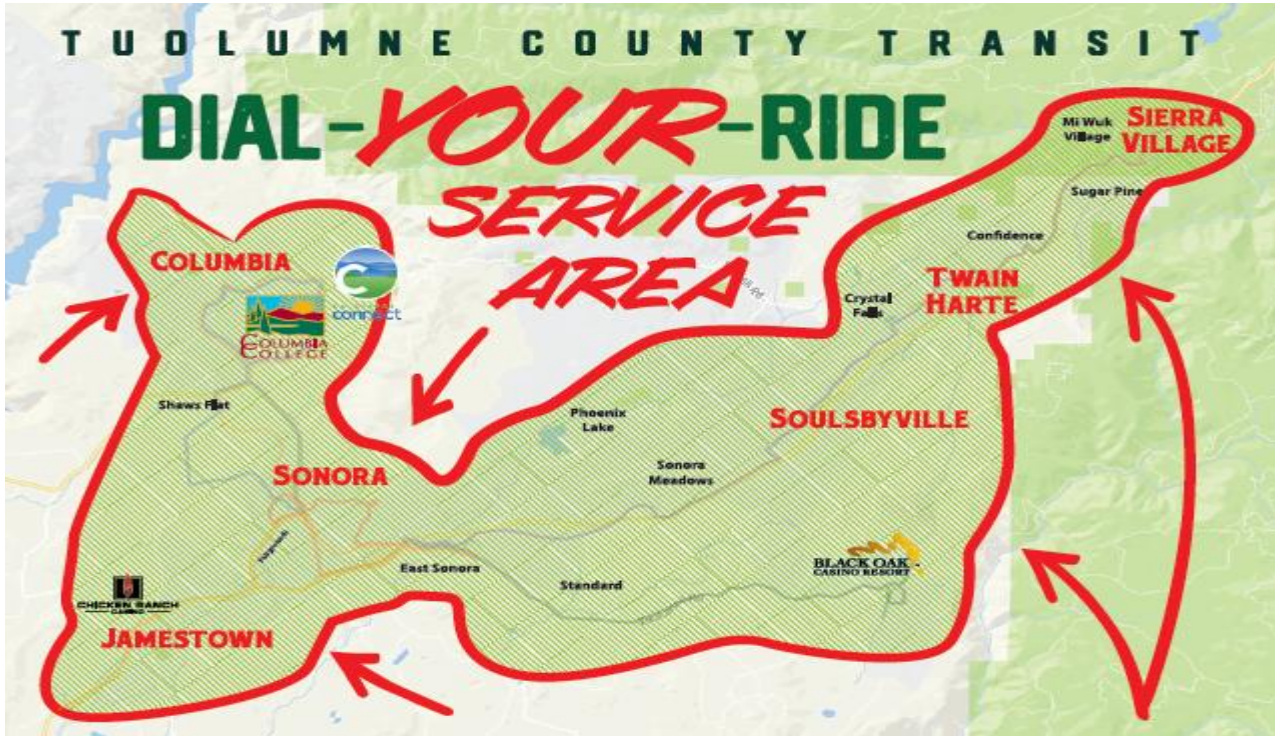
Route 3 (Jamestown Loop) (Launching March 1, 2024):

- Key Stops: Jamestown Post Office, Preston Lane, Chicken Ranch Casino, Jamestown Elementary, downtown Sonora, and the Transit Center.
- Operates as a loop arriving on the hour.



Dial-A-Ride Service

- **Who Can Use It:** ADA riders (priority), individuals with limited means, and general public.
- **How It Works:** Curb-to-curb service available by reservation.
- **Service Hours:**
 - Monday–Friday: 6:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
 - Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **Booking:** Call **209-532-0404** or use the **Tuolumne County Transit App**.
 - Reserve at least 2 days in advance (up to 2 weeks ahead).



Golden Years Transit

- **Who Can Use It:** Tuolumne County residents that are 60 years of age or older.
- **How It Works:** After acceptance into the program, it's a door-to-door service available by reservation.
- **Service Hours:**
 - Monday–Friday: 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
 - Saturday: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Booking:** Call **209-532-0404**
- **Service Area:**
 - Uses the same service area as Dial-A-Ride with some exceptions for special circumstances.

Tuolumne TRIP Program

- **Who Can Use It:** Must be a Tuolumne County resident, 60 years of age or older, persons with disabilities, persons of limited means or veterans.
- **How It Works:**
 - **Program Enrollment:** Clients must first be accepted into the program.
 - **Mileage Tracking:** After acceptance, clients receive paperwork to record their monthly mileage.
 - Mileage is restricted to the client’s approved monthly limit.
- **Out-of-County Travel:**
 - Approved on a case-by-case basis with a doctor's note required.
- **Transportation Arrangement:**
 - Tuolumne County Transit does not provide a driver or vehicle.
 - Clients can use a family member, friend, neighbor, or anyone else as their driver.
- **Reimbursement Restrictions:**
 - Trips made using any Tuolumne County Transit service cannot be claimed for reimbursement.
- **Service Hours:**
 - Monday–Friday: 6:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
 - Saturday: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **Booking:** Call The TRIP Coordinator at **209-533-5603**
- **Service Area:**
 - Anywhere in Tuolumne County
 - Up to 300 miles per round trip for **Out of County** travel (case by case basis).

Americans with Disabilities Act

Tuolumne County Transit is fully compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals with disabilities have the option to obtain ADA certification through Tuolumne County Transit, which grants them priority scheduling for Dial-Your-Ride services, as outlined in the Dial-A-Ride (DAR) Policies.

Additionally, all Tuolumne County Transit vehicles are wheelchair accessible and meet ADA compliance standards.

Service Performance

Tuolumne County’s Transit System is regularly evaluated by the Tuolumne County Transit Agency and Storer Transportation staff. Specific performance indicators, as outlined in Section 99246 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), are monitored monthly and reported to transportation staff, TCTC members, and the public during regular meetings.

Farebox Recovery Ratio

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code 99268 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), the ratio of fare revenues to operating cost shall be at least ten percent (10%). The following table shows the farebox recovery ratios for Tuolumne County Transit services over the past four years.

	Year Average				
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Combined Services*	11.3%	7%**	8.6%	9.1%/***	41.6% 10.2%***46.9%

* Combined Services include Fixed Routes, SkiBus, and Dial-A-Ride Services

** Service period includes March-June Covid-19 pandemic service alterations

*** Federal and Advertising funds added to supplement

Existing Social Service Transportation

During the development of the **Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan** in 2019, a comprehensive inventory of social service agencies and other transportation providers in the Tuolumne County region was created by the consultant. This inventory has since been updated to reflect current providers (see Appendix C).

Local social service agencies are encouraged to participate in the **Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)**. Currently, Sonora Area Foundation, Area 12 Agency on Aging and Sonora Community Estates have representatives serving on the SSTAC. As well as a transit rider and one at large member.

Social Service Transportation Coordination

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) ensures broad representation from social service and transit providers for the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and persons of limited means. Section 99238 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) mandates the following representation on the SSTAC:

- One representative of potential transit users who are 60 years of age or older.
- One representative of potential transit users with disabilities.
- Two representatives of local social service providers for seniors, including one who provides transportation.
- Two representatives of local social service providers for persons with disabilities, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if applicable.
- One representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means.
- Two representatives from the local consolidated transportation service agency, if applicable, including one representative from an operator, if applicable.

The SSTAC’s responsibilities include:

- Participating annually in the identification of transit needs in the Tuolumne County region, including unmet transit needs that may exist and may be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services or by expanding existing services.
- Annually reviewing and recommending action to the Tuolumne County Transportation Council. This includes adopting a resolution finding that:
 - There are no unmet transit needs.
 - There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

- There are unmet transit needs, including those that are reasonable to meet.
- Advising the Tuolumne County Transportation Council on other major transit issues.

The SSTAC met on January 17, 2025, to review the Unmet Transit Needs hearing. At this meeting, the SSTAC unanimously agreed with the staff recommendation to add part of Murphy Road (Sonora, CA) to the Tuolumne County service area. They also approved staff recommendation to start surveying Tuolumne residents in the coming months for fixed route interest.

Annual Assessment

Tuolumne County Transit is a small, rural public transit system designed to serve individuals who are likely to be transit-dependent, as defined by the Transportation Development Act (TDA). Rural transit systems differ significantly from large urban transit systems, where factors such as traffic congestion, high costs, and limited parking make public transit attractive to many choice riders.

The overarching goal of Tuolumne County Transit is to provide services that offer the greatest benefit to the largest number of people. While equity is a critical consideration for any public transit system funded by taxpayer dollars, this must be balanced against the poor cost-effectiveness of operating underutilized services. According to the Transit Development Plan (TDP), the routes serving Sonora, Columbia, and Jamestown are considered the “core” services.

In collaboration with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), TCTC staff sought public input by distributing unmet transit needs forms through its partners and making them available online and on buses. However, no forms were submitted to bus drivers or any social service providers.

The public outreach process for the December 11, 2024, Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing included:

- A public notice in the local newspaper.
- Postings on Tuolumne County Transit buses.
- A notice on the TCTA website.
- Distribution of a Request for Comment Form through local agencies, such as the Area 12 Agency on Aging and Sierra Senior Providers.

Additionally, individuals unable to attend the hearing were encouraged to submit comments in writing, by email, or by phone. Free transportation to the public hearing was also offered to those without other means of travel.

Unmet Transit Needs Definitions

Through **Resolution 659-21**, the TCTC readopted the definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and the criteria for "Unmet Transit Needs that are Reasonable to Meet." A copy of this resolution is included in **Appendix D**. These definitions and criteria are used annually to determine the findings regarding unmet transit needs.

It should be noted that if supporting information or appropriate documentation is not provided or readily available, unmet transit needs are generally considered unreasonable to meet at that time and are typically deferred for further study.

Unmet Transit Needs Requests

The TCTC received no requests for unmet transit needs through public participation at the December 11, 2024, meeting.

However, TCTC received five submissions via the Unmet Transit Needs online form. These requests are detailed in **Appendix E** and summarized below:

1. **Tuolumne Fixed Route:** Two requests were made to reinstate a fixed route in Tuolumne, which may be defined as reasonable to meet.
2. **Racetrack Road Fixed Route:** A request was made for a fixed route to serve the Racetrack Road area. This area currently sees very low Dial-A-Ride bookings. Further research is needed to assess the level of demand before any determination can be made.
3. **Twist/Jacksonville Road Service:** A request was submitted for transit service in the Twist/Jacksonville Road area. As this area is far outside the Tuolumne County Transit service area, it is considered unreasonable to meet at this time.
4. **Inclusion in Service Area:** One submission requested that their address be included in the service area. After evaluation, it was determined that the requested address would be included in the service area.

Additionally, the **Tuolumne County Transit Agency** will be releasing a **Request for Proposals (RFP)** this month for a **Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)**. This comprehensive study will outline the county's vision for improving and managing transit services over the next five years. The SRTP will analyze current operations, identify potential service expansions, and plan for the necessary capital and operational costs to achieve these goals. It is often a critical requirement for securing federal and state funding for transit projects.

Findings Regarding Unmet Transit Needs in Tuolumne County

Findings: There are unmet transit needs in Tuolumne County that may be reasonable to meet.

- **Planned Actions:**
- **Service Area Expansion:** The requested service area expansion will be implemented next month.
- **Jamestown Fixed Route:** After implementing the Jamestown fixed route, surveys will be conducted with Tuolumne residents and stakeholders to evaluate the potential for a Tuolumne fixed route.
- **Future Studies:**
 - **Twist/Jacksonville Rd:** Service feasibility will be studied in the upcoming Short Range Transit Plan.
 - **Racetrack Area:** Further evaluation will be conducted as part of the Short Range Transit Plan to determine demand and feasibility.

Appendix A

Letters of participation and public outreach



13033 Sanguinetti Road
Sonora, CA 95370

phone | 209-532-0404
fax | 209-532-0423
web | storerbus.com

January 13, 2025

Tuolumne County Transportation Council
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: Unmet Transit Needs Forms, Calls, Correspondence

Dear SSTAC/TCTC

The purpose of this letter is to notify the SSTAC/TCTC of our participation in the identification of the unmet transit needs process and to advise both parties that our staff received no calls, correspondence, or returned unmet transit needs request forms for consideration during 2024.

Thank you,

Becky Day
Tuolumne County Transit
General Operations Manager

Corporate Office: 3519 McDonald Avenue, Modesto, CA 95358



**DIRECT
SERVICES**

Aging & Disability
Resource Connection
(ADRC)

Chore

Family Caregiver
Support Program

Health Insurance
Counseling & Advocacy
Program (HICAP)

Health Promotion/
Group Exercise

Homemaker

Information &
Assistance

Multipurpose Senior
Services Program
(MSSP)

Nutrition Education

Personal Care

Residential Repairs &
Modifications

**CONTRACTED
SERVICES**

Elder Abuse Prevention

Legal Assistance

Ombudsman

Senior Meal Program

Congregate/
Home Delivered

Transportation

January 16, 2025

Tuolumne County Transportation Council
2 S. Green St.
Sonora, CA 95370

Tuolumne County Transportation Council:

This letter is to advise TCTC that Area 12 Agency on Aging sent out over 500 Unmet Transit Needs flyers to participants in our programs in Tuolumne County. We received 0 Unmet Transit Needs sheets back in return.

Sincerely,



Doreen Schmidt
Deputy Director



Appendix B

Social Service Transportation Providers in Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County is home to several social service agencies and organizations offering or supporting transportation services. These services cater primarily to older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents, but some serve a broader audience.

Key Providers and Their Programs

Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA)

- **Focus:** Self-sufficiency for low-income individuals in Amador, Tuolumne, and Calaveras Counties.
- **Transportation Services:**
 - **Food Bank:** Offers food distribution at multiple locations monthly, including Jamestown and Groveland.
 - **Sonora Homeless Shelter:** Provides housing assistance and support for homeless individuals and families.
 - **Contact:** Sonora Service Center: 209-223-1485.

Area 12 Agency on Aging

- **Focus:** Senior services in Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa Counties.
- **Transportation Assistance:**
 - Gas vouchers for seniors traveling to medical appointments.
 - Funds medical transportation for seniors through **Common Ground Senior Services**.

California Children's Services (CCS)

- **Focus:** Specialized medical care for children under 21 with disabilities.
- **Transportation Services:**
 - Gas vouchers and occasional car rentals for out-of-county medical appointments.
 - Primarily reimbursed through Medi-Cal.

California Department of Rehabilitation

- **Focus:** Employment support for persons with disabilities.
- **Transportation Assistance:**
 - Reimbursement for bus tickets or mileage to job training programs in Tuolumne County.

Mother Lode Job Training/Job Connection

- **Focus:** Employment resources for job seekers.
- **Transportation Assistance:**
 - Bus passes, tickets, and mileage reimbursement for participants.

Center for a Non-Violent Community

- **Focus:** Support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Transportation Services:**
 - A seven-passenger van for shelter residents seeking employment or housing.

Golden Years Transit

- **Focus:** Medical transportation for seniors aged 60+.
- **Details:**
 - Wheelchair-accessible vans.
 - Voluntary contribution model; funded by Area 12 Agency on Aging and Tuolumne County Transportation Council.

Adventist Health Sonora

- **Focus:** Medical transportation in rare cases.
- **Details:**
 - Limited taxi service for low-income, elderly, or disabled patients without transportation options.

Tuolumne County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

- **Focus:** Assistance for mental health, alcohol, drug, and perinatal program clients.
- **Transportation Services:**
 - To in- and out-of-county locations, including Modesto, Sacramento, and Reno.
 - Funded by federal, state, and county programs.

Tuolumne County Department of Social Services

1. **Child Welfare Services:**
 - Bus passes for parents of children in welfare programs.
2. **Welfare-to-Work/CalWORKS:**
 - Mileage reimbursement, gas cards, bus passes, and limited direct transportation.

Veterans Administration (VA)

- **Focus:** Transportation for veterans.
- **Details:**
 - Demand-response transportation to VA hospitals in Palo Alto, Stockton, and other locations.

- Fleet includes wheelchair- and gurney-accessible vans.

Work Activities for Tuolumne/Calaveras Disabled (WATCH)

- **Focus:** Services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
 - **Transportation Details:**
 - Provides door-to-door services for clients to programs and recreational activities.
 - Operates 11 vehicles, including wheelchair-accessible vans.
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Other Key Agencies and Services

1. **Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL):**
 - Offers travel training, transportation referrals, and ADA paratransit certification assistance.
 2. **First Five Tuolumne County:**
 - Funds transportation components in child and family services, such as home visits and dental care at preschools.
 3. **Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC):**
 - Purchases transportation services for clients with developmental disabilities and partners with organizations like WATCH.
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Private Charter and Taxi Companies

- **Storer Coachways:** Provides charter bus services for groups in the region.
- **Murphy's Cab Company:** Operates a seven-passenger Chevy Suburban.
 - Fares: \$10 for local city rides and \$55 for trips from Murphy's to Sonora.
 - Demand fluctuates seasonally, and they operate one vehicle due to limited demand in winter.
- **Courtesy Cab:** Offers taxi services primarily in Tuolumne County.
 - Fares: Local trips range from \$10–\$20.
 - Will travel to any requested destination.
- **Frontier Cab:** Pricing is similar to Courtesy Cab, with local fares ranging from \$10–\$20.

Other Transportation Services

- **Stagecoach Limousine:** Operates two 10-passenger limousines.
 - Serves residents and visitors in Calaveras, Amador, and Tuolumne Counties.
 - Provides market-rate services.
 - **Nexstep Transportation:** Provides scheduled service for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other errands.
 - Clients must call at least two business days in advance.
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- Travels within and outside the county, including destinations such as San Francisco, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Modesto (bus station), and Amtrak.
- Operates on a voluntary contribution basis rather than fixed rates.

Appendix C

Resolution 659-21

No. 659-21

Resolution of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Readopting Definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and "Unmet Transit Needs that are Reasonable to Meet"

- Whereas,** pursuant to Article 8, Section 99401.5, of the Public Utilities Code, as Tuolumne County's Regional Transportation Planning Agency, the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) is mandated to consider and make findings regarding the adequacy of existing transportation services throughout the Tuolumne County Region on an annual basis; and,
- Whereas,** pursuant to Article 8, Section 99401.5(c), of the Public Utilities Code, the TCTC is mandated to adopt definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and criteria for determining "Unmet Transit Needs that are Reasonable to Meet"; and,
- Whereas,** the original unmet transit needs definitions and reasonable to meet criteria were adopted by the TCTC in August 1992 through Resolution No. 97; and,
- Whereas,** in April 1997, the TCTC adopted Resolution No. 161-97, which revised the definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and the "Reasonable to Meet" criteria to provide more clarity in the standards to be used in determining unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet and to incorporate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) conformity regulations to the definitions; and,
- Whereas,** in April 2004, the TCTC reviewed the existing definitions and criteria, determined no changes were needed and readopted them through Resolution 301-04, and through Resolution 428-10; and again in 2015 through Resolution 515-15, and,
- Whereas,** the TCTC desires to continue to review the unmet transit needs definitions and reasonable to meet criteria every few years to provide new members input in the process and determine if revisions are warranted; and
- Whereas,** the TCTC Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Committee have reviewed Resolution 659-21 and also recommend the TCTC readopt the existing definitions and criteria with no changes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Tuolumne County Transportation Council defines "Unmet Transit Needs" as, "Public transit services not currently provided for persons who rely on public transit to maintain independence, participate in their community, reach employment, and other services."

Be It Further Resolved that the Tuolumne County Transportation Council defines "Unmet Transit Needs" to specifically include:

- 1) Transit or specialized transportation needs identified in Tuolumne County's Americans with Disabilities Act Paratransit Plan which are not yet implemented or funded; and
- 2) Transit or specialized transportation needs identified and proven by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council through testimony or reports which are not yet implemented or funded.

Be It Further Resolved that the Tuolumne County Transportation Council defines "Unmet Transit Needs" to specifically exclude:

- 1) Minor operational improvements or changes, involving issues such as bus stops, schedules and minor route

- changes;
- 2) Improvements funded or scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year;
 - 3) Trips for any purpose outside of Tuolumne County; and
 - 4) Future transportation needs.

Be It Further Resolved that the Tuolumne County Transportation Council's findings of "Unmet Transit Needs that are Reasonable to Meet" will be based on analysis using the following criteria:

- A) *Cost Effectiveness.* 1) The new, expanded or revised transit service, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator or service claimant to incur expenses in excess of the maximum allocation of Transportation Development Act funds. 2) The new, expanded or revised transit service, if implemented or funded, would allow the responsible operator or service claimant to meet the required farebox revenue to operating cost ratios.
- B) *Community Acceptance.* Support exists for the public subsidy of the new, expanded or revised transit service, as indicated through the public hearing process or other means of communication.
- C) *Equity.* 1) The new, expanded or revised transit service is needed by, and will benefit, either the general public or the elderly and disabled population as a whole. Transit service cannot be provided for a specific subset of these groups. 2) Complimentary paratransit services cannot exceed the level of service provided to the general public.
- D) *Operational Feasibility.* 1) The new, expanded or revised transit service must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways and turnouts for transit vehicles. 2) Potential providers are available to implement the service.
- E) *Financial Feasibility.* 1) Supporting data indicates sufficient ridership and revenue potential exists for the new, expanded or revised transit service to meet or exceed the required farebox revenue to operating cost ratios on a standalone basis.
- F) *ADA Conformity.* The new, expanded or revised transit service, in conforming with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, will not impose an undue financial burden on the transit operator or claimant if complementary paratransit services are subsequently required.
- G) *System Impact.* The effect of the new, expanded or revised transit service on the overall system's measures of efficiency and effectiveness, such as the cost per passenger trip, cost per vehicle service hour, passenger trips per vehicle service hour, passenger trips per service mile, on-time performance and vehicle service hours per employee shall not be significantly adversely impacted.
- H) *Impact Limits.* Implementation of the new, expanded or revised transit service will be considered reasonable if the projected average cost per trip, by type of service, can be provided at a cost no higher than 10% above the average cost per passenger trip, by type of service, of the overall transit system.

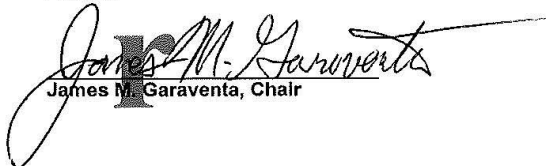
Passed and Adopted by the Tuolumne County Transportation Council this 8th day of December 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: James Garaventa, Peter Rei, Ryan Campbell, Colette Such, Jaron
Brandon

Noes: None

Absent: None

Attest:


James M. Garaventa, Chair


Darin Grossi, Executive Director

Appendix D

Message Details:

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Unmet Transit Need: -

Message: When will the bus come back to Tuolumne? It's very challenging when I call for dial-a-ride and I can't get a ride days away. I need to be able to get out of Tuolumne. It seems to me that Tuolumne is closer than Groveland for transportation. Please help.

Email Sent to Tim Gillespie on 11/29/24 at 9:34am

Good Morning,

One of the things I wanted to comment on is bringing back the Tuolumne Route.

I would like to take it to Black Oak Casino Also people would use it to go to interfaith.

Or the post office as one of the stops or the library.

Yes I'm aware that there is dial a ride but a lot of times you can't book a spot and you have to do it a week in advance. You used to be able to just booked 24 hours in advance. And it takes longer using dial a ride. Sometimes they aren't even on time..

So it'd be nice to have the Tuolumne route back.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Contact

NAME

[REDACTED]

EMAIL

[REDACTED]

UNMET TRANSIT NEED

Anything to service stent area of Jamestown

MESSAGE

I'm almost to twist off of Jacksonville rd. I recently discovered there is nothing this way, already knew no bus, but also no dial a ride, could have gotten a taxi but not some day, no Uber...lots of folks out here and if your car breaks down you're outta luck.

9/2/2024, 10:42 PM

[REDACTED]

Contact
NAME

[REDACTED]

EMAIL

[REDACTED]

UNMET TRANSIT NEED

Along racetrack rd into town

MESSAGE

It is unsafe to walk along racetrack but there are so many houses there. It would be really awesome if a stop or two were worked in in the future. I see the same people walking on the shoulder often, plus, it would be amazing for teens to be able to get into town using public transit. You don't need to respond, it's just a suggestion to better the transit services you provide.

REQUEST for PUBLIC COMMENTS UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

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Comments will be accepted at any Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing
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Date: 11/10/2024

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Please provide any comments and/or suggestions regarding the following topics:

- General transportation services
- Specialized transportation services
- Transit accessibility; i.e. bus stops, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, park and-ride

Our family lives near the corner of Wards Ferry and Old Wards Ferry, despite being only 3.3 miles from the Junction Shopping center, 3.8 miles from Walmart, and 4.9 miles from downtown Sonora we live outside the dial-a-ride service area. Our [REDACTED] years old, [REDACTED] is autistic and was diagnosed with epilepsy a year ago, because of this [REDACTED] currently can not drive. [REDACTED] graduated from college last year and has been looking for employment ever since but the lack of public transportation options has been a major hurdle. Not being able to access public transportation greatly impacts [REDACTED] independence and ability to work, we ask the council to please consider adding this area of the county to the dial-a-ride service area.

I am interested in participating on a transit advisory committee. I would appreciate a follow-up to my comments.

Please place contact information above if you select one of these boxes

Thank You.