## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, THE DRAFT 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, CORRESPONDING DRAFT CONFORMITY ANALYSIS, AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH# 2021030198)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Association of Governments will hold a public hearing on June 27, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Tulare County Human Resources & Development Office, 2500 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291 regarding the Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2023 FTIP), the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2022 RTP/SCS), the corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS, and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Draft 2022 RTP/SCS. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on these documents.

- The 2023 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Tulare County during the next four years.
- The 2022 RTP/SCS the County's long range land use and transportation plan through 2046.
- The corresponding Conformity Analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS meet the federal Clean Air Act air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter.
- The Draft EIR document provides an analysis of environmental impacts related to the implementation of the Draft RTP/SCS as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

The public participation efforts for the 2023 FTIP satisfies the program of projects (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program Section 5307 and FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Program Section 5339. If no comments are received on the proposed POP, the proposed transit program (funded with FTA 5307 and FTA 5339 dollars) will be the final program.

Individuals with disabilities may call Amie Kane or Servando Quintanilla (559-623-0450) of TCAG (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

A 55-day public review and comment period for the 2022 RTP/SCS will commence on Friday, May 20, 2022 and conclude on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

A 45-day public review and comment period for the Draft EIR will commence on Friday, May 20, 2022 and conclude on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

A concurrent 30-day public review and comment period for the 2023 FTIP and the corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS will commence on Friday, May 20, 2022 and conclude on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

The draft documents are available for review at the Tulare County Association of Governments office, located at 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291 and on the TCAG website at www.tularecog.org.

Public comments are welcomed at the hearing.

After considering the comments, the draft documents will be revised as necessary, and the proposed final documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the Tulare County Association of Governments at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on August 15, 2022. The final documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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