

# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 26, 2019  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



## Tulare County Association of Governments

210 N. Church St., Suite B  
(Sequoia Conference Room)  
Visalia, CA 93291

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Public Comments  
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3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2019 (Attached)
4. Information: Multi-modal Outreach and Safety Program Update
5. Information: Presentation: Operation Lifesaver - Rail Safety (approx. 45 minutes)
6. Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update
7. Information: Regional Active Transportation Plan Update
8. Caltrans District 6 Update
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** at the **Tulare County Association of Governments, 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291.**

**Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)  
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Members**

Ted Macaulay (Chair)	City of Exeter
Michael Camarena (Vice-Chair)	City of Lindsay
Lisa Wallis-Dutra	City of Farmersville
Richard Tree*	City of Porterville
Frank Senteno or Rebecca Keenan*	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen	City of Tulare
Monique Mello	City of Woodlake
<i>Vacant</i>	City of Dinuba
Dave Bryant	County of Tulare
Jose Ruiz-Salas or Sharon Minnick*	County of Tulare-Public Health
Michael Winton	County of Tulare-Resource Management Agency
Monse Meza	County of Tulare-Sheriff
Steve Beal	California Highway Patrol
Mark Wall or Grant Barnes *	City of Visalia Waterways and Trails Committee
<i>Vacant</i>	Interest Group #2
<i>Vacant</i>	Interest Group #3
<i>Vacant</i>	Interest Group #4
<i>Vacant</i>	Interest Group #5
<i>Vacant</i>	Interest Group #6
Russ Dahler	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
<i>Vacant</i>	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez	Caltrans, District 6

\* Agency rotates alternate

\*\* Application in process

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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**August 22, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Ted Macaulay (Chair)	City of Exeter
Lisa Wallis-Dutra (P)	City of Farmersville
Michael Camarena (Vice-Chair) (P)	City of Lindsay
Richard Tree	City of Porterville
Frank Senteno (P)	City of Visalia
Rebecca Keenan	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen	City of Tulare
Monique Mello	City of Woodlake
Dave Bryant (P)	County of Tulare
Jose Ruiz-Salas	County of Tulare- Public Health
Sharon Minnick (P)	County of Tulare – Public Health
Michael Winton	County of Tulare – Resource Management Agency
Monse Meza	County of Tulare – Sheriff
Steve Beal (P)	California Highway Patrol
Mark Wall	City of Visalia Waterways and Trails Committee
Grant Barnes	City of Visalia Waterways and Trails Committee
Russ Dahler	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
Pedro Ramirez	Caltrans, District 6

**Others Present:**

**TCAG Staff:** Roberto Brady, Brideget Moore, Steven Ingoldsby, Jenna Whitney, Servando Quintanilla, Gabe Gutierrez.

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Meeting opened by Vice Chair Michael Camarena at 8:40a.m.

Persons in attendance introduced themselves.

**2. Public Comments**

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Public comments opened/closed at 8:41a.m. No public comments were heard.

**3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2019**

Member Lisa Wallis-Dutra moved to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Member Frank Senteno.

**4. Information: Presentation: Operation Lifesaver – Rail Safety**

Operation Lifesaver's representative was absent, and Vice Chair Michael Camarena gave an overview on the purpose of focusing on rail safety. California has the most rail-related deaths in the nation, and two recent fatalities in Selma and Kingsburg were mentioned. Lindsay did a proclamation in July to announce September as Rail Safety Month, which introduced Camarena to an informational video that was promised to be forwarded to the ATAC email list. Notably, each rail crossing has a blue placard with an emergency number to call that will stop any oncoming trains if someone found themselves stuck on the tracks. The more people know about the blue placard the better.

**5. Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update**

Member Sharon Minnick shared that she was unaware of any additional fatalities since March. There have been seven so far in 2019, none of which were the result of a bicycle and pedestrian incident. One was an electric scooter that was hit in a crosswalk. Usually, summer has fewer fatalities because extended daylight hours makes it easier to see bicycles, pedestrians, and oncoming vehicles. Ms. Minnick will be following up on some safety research being conducted in San Francisco (regarding Vision Zero), to see what can be emulated.

**6. Information: Multi-modal Outreach and Safety Program Update**

Staff Brideget Moore discussed the Art Contest outreach, which TCAG was in the midst of. The plan to have ATAC members score the artwork will have to work around everyone's holiday schedules (the artwork being annually submitted in late fall). Create Tulare County Art Committee has been involved. Member Minnick questioned if the artwork was posted anywhere following the contest; the artwork often is hosted by libraries or other venues before being archived in TCAG storage. Vice Chair Camarena commented that there was not a due date on the flier, and it could be difficult for applicants to remember the due date when labeled vaguely. Ms. Moore explained that the date was removed on purpose to avoid the expense of printing a surplus of advertising that can't be reused for subsequent years.

TCAG will be attending a bike rodeo on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the Tule River Tribe at the Tule River gym.

**7. Information: Regional Active Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**

Staff Gabe Gutierrez gave an update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan progress; the kick-off meeting within TCAG was scheduled for that afternoon, so nothing had happened so far except for planning how to prepare the Plan. There may be outreach done at the Tulare County Fair and the bike rodeo with the Tule River Tribe, but neither were concrete plans. Staff Gutierrez will be contacting agencies to discuss plans and projects for inclusion in the plan (removal of old, addition of new). Completion is estimated to be late spring 2020, and Staff Gutierrez will keep the ATAC committee updated.

**8. Information: Active Transportation Program (ATP) Update**

Staff Gutierrez reported that staff from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) had visited Tulare County July 31 and August 1st. The purpose of the visit was to see what CTC could do to lend a hand or give advice regarding projects that were applying but not receiving grants. Staff from TCAG and the agencies got useful feedback, and the agencies had many questions that they were able to ask and receive answers for. Notably, the CTC is looking to fund bigger projects. Small projects are less likely to be selected, and local agencies had been submitting grant proposals for smaller projects. Comments were made about how CTC visitors were a good idea to show projects.

Cycle Five for CTC grants start next spring. Staff Gutierrez will confirm the dates, but thought the call for projects would start in April and end in June. The CTC might hold a statewide ATP workshop in Visalia, for brainstorming and to answer questions. The guidelines for the workshop would likely be released in October.

#### **9. Caltrans District 6 Update**

Pedro Ramirez was absent and unable to give an update. Vice Chair Camarena asked CHP Officer Steve Beal to give an update for CHP instead.

CHP has been working with Caltrans on identifying areas within the County of Tulare with high amounts of collisions, including looking at State Routes. CHP has been busy putting lots of new signage into place, and had plans for more stoplights. Car fatalities has decreased slightly, and pedestrian fatalities increased slightly. There was no discernable pattern to the trend. Next month, CHP will do their "Annual Pedestrian Enforcement Operation" in the community of Cutler-Orosi to crack down on crosswalk violations, ticketing drivers and pedestrians alike with alacrity.

#### **10. Other Business**

Staff Steven Ingoldsby discussed the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant that recently came out, with an application deadline of October 11<sup>th</sup>. Typically one or so agencies from Tulare County receive grant funding from this source, and TCAG is very willing to help with applications should any agency be interested.

#### **11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:10a.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 8:30a.m. at TCAG's office.