# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 27, 2020 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 February 27, 2020 (Attached)
- 4. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2020 (Attached)
- 5. Presentation: Great Central Valley Bicycle Route
- 6. Information: Active Transportation Program Grants Update
- 7. Information: Regional Active Transportation Plan Update
- 8. Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update
- 9. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update
- 10. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update
- 11. Other Business
- 12. Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 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)

Michael Camarena (Vice-Chair)

Lisa Wallis-Dutra Richard Tree\*

Frank Senteno or Rebecca Keenan\*

Jan Bowen Monique Mello

Vacant

**Dave Bryant** 

Jose Ruiz-Salas or Sharon Minnick\*

Michael Winton Gracie Johnson Steve Beal

Vacant Vacant Vacant Vacant Vacant Vacant

Russ Dahler

Mark Wall \*\*
Pedro Ramirez

City of Exeter
City of Lindsay
City of Farmersville
City of Porterville
City of Visalia
City of Tulare
City of Woodlake

City of Dinuba County of Tulare

County of Tulare-Public Health

County of Tulare-Resource Management Agency

County of Tulare-Sheriff California Highway Patrol

Interest Group #1 Interest Group #2 Interest Group #3 Interest Group #4 Interest Group #5 Interest Group #6

Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)

At Large #2

Caltrans, District 6

#### **TCAG STAFF**

Ted Smalley, Executive Director Ben Kimball, Deputy Executive Director Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer- LAFCO

Leslie Davis, Fiscal Manager

Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner
Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner
Mark Hays, Senior Regional Planner
Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner
Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner
Kasia Poleszczuk, Associate Regional Planner
Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner
Barbara Pilegard, Associate Regional Planner-EH
Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner-EH
Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
Michele Boling, Accountant III

Brideget Moore, Staff Services Analyst III Amie Kane, TCAG Administrative Clerk II Servando Quintanilla. TCAG Administrative Clerk

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<sup>\*</sup> Agency rotates alternate

<sup>\*\*</sup> Application in process

# <u>Tulare County Association of Governments</u> <u>Active Transportation Advisory Committee</u> <u>February 27, 2020</u>

#### **ATTENDANCE LIST**

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

**TCAG Staff:** Roberto Brady, Servando Quintanilla, Ted Smalley, Gabriel Gutierrez and Brideget Moore recording.

#### SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting opened by Chair Ted Macaulay at 8:39am.

Persons in attendance introduced themselves.

#### 2. Public Comments

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Public Comments Opened/Closed at 8:40am. No public comments were heard.

#### 3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2020

Member Ramirez moved to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Member Bryant. Minutes were unanimously approved.

## 4. Action: Approval of Mark Wall to At-Large #2 Position

Mr. Wall provided a brief background of his work with transit planning and his endeavors after retirement- being active with advocacy groups and cycling clubs. A motion was made by Member Bryant and seconded by Member Melo.

# 5. Information: Potential Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment

#### a. Funding for Rocky Hill

Ted- TCAG authorized staff to move forward with plan amendment. In may the board will vote regarding amendment - have to have half the cities approve- a high bar is set for approval. There is a need for Rocky Hill. The county's funding would not be ideal for this project. K road money- all the way to Exeter. Move class 4 down to Caldwell where feasible. Proposal to move project down to Caldwell and extend the limits to Rocky Hill. Don't want to have federal money on the project- fully funded by local funding. Big potential will. Up to the Board to consider.

## b. Funding for Maintenance and Security

Allow considering the potential from member agencies to use their money for maintenance and security. Challenge with maintaining the trails once they are built. Santa Fe to Lovers Lane project is already in progress. Mr. Smalley explained what a class 4 lane might look like.

Will bring back the item for the committee to review and provide recommendation. Discussion ensued regarding a letter of recommendation from the bike club SSC.

# 6. Information: Follow up on Committee's Questions from January 30, 2020 Meeting No update provided.

# 7. Information: Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Gutierrez stated that there was a delay because of the grant and issues had been resolved. He stated they had met the previous day and would move forward to be completed in late summer early fall.

# 8. Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update

There was no update from Public Health, however Ms. Minnick sent an email out to be distributed to the committee.

# 9. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update

Mr. Ramirez discussed looking at implementation and how small communities were opening up to complete streets and roundabout projects. Mr. Ramirez showed Woodlake as an example to smaller communities. He relayed that Mooney was being studied south of 198 and possible considerations for class 2 bike lanes on that corridor. He described the challenge of getting people to use them. Discussion ensued regarding bike lanes and the process for implementation. Mr. Ramirez requested feedback from the committee regarding Mooney study and working to reach the public with ATP.

# 10. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

Brideget provided an update on the Walk & Roll art contest; sharing that the art is currently displayed at the Visalia Library and plans that were underway to print smaller versions of the art work so it can be displayed in more places, as many places do not have the capacity to display the large posters. TCAG is working with the Army Corp of engineers to have the art displayed at the Kaweah Lake Visitors center. Brideget discussed upcoming bike safety events to be held on April 18th in collaboration with Officer Beal and CHP, as well as an event in Porterville with Parenting network and she indicated that additionally, discussion was being had regarding an additional parenting class. Discussion ensued regarding May being Bike Month and ways that the committee can do outreach in this regard including but not limited to

social media campaigns, highlighting bike to work day/week and bike to school day. Additionally, discussion was had regarding what bike rodeos entail at schools.

# 11. Information: 2020 Local Motion Awards Summary

Ms. Moore shared the list of winning projects from local motion and highlighted the pictures that were on display during the meeting. She shared that the meeting would be moving to a different venue, however there were a lot of positive comments regarding the Edison education center.

#### 12. Other Business

Member Bryant stated that the BOS adopted the Lemon Cove community plan. Two projects Ave 324 to 198 and phase 2 from 198 to Ave 330. Mr. Bryant discussed the effort to update community plans and that they were looking to complete Cutler Orosi and Springville. He shared that they would be integrating complete streets recommendations in those areas.

Mr. Brady discussed a presentation regarding striping and changes that might come with regard to autonomous vehicles- streets becoming wider brighter and more durable. He discussed more options and flexibility with regard to how streets are marked and how Caltrans are doing a lighter, brighter and durable paint. It's more expensive but should have a longer life span.

#### Meeting Adjourned at 9:29am.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2020 at the TCAG's office.

# Tulare County Association of Governments Active Transportation Advisory Committee July 22, 2020

### **ATTENDANCE LIST**

| Ted Macaulay (Chair) (P)          | City of Exeter                                |
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| Lisa Wallis-Dutra                 | City of Farmersville                          |
| Michael Camarena (Vice-Chair) (P) | City of Lindsay                               |
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| Mark Wall (P)                     | At Large #2                                   |
| Pedro Ramirez (P)                 | Caltrans, District 6                          |

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#### **SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

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Public Comments Opened/Closed at 8:37am. No public comments were heard.

#### 3. Presentation: Operation Lifesaver- Rail Safety

Mr. Jim Esparza introduced himself and his volunteer effort with Operation Lifesaver (OLS). He shared that Rail Safety Week would be September 21-27 and OLS would be encouraging all to promote rail safety.

Mr. Esparza stated that train collisions happen every three hours. Rail road tracks are private property; however many people don't realize that. He relayed that it is safe to assume a train can come at any time. All the train can do when an obstruction happens on the tracks is to sound the horn. Trains don't have a steering wheel to avoid collision. Freight trains will need more than one mile to stop. Weight ratio is 4000 to one for a train and vehicle; the equivalent of a soda can to a vehicle.

Mr. Esparza share images of the emergency notification posting at each crossing. He advised that if in danger, walk the direction of the train at a forty-five-degree angle. He shared that rail road crossings are not a passing zone. It's important to always yield the right of way to the train because it takes a train one mile to stop. He advised that no one should drive around crossing gates. The flashing lights at a crossing mean that a train is approaching.

Statistics were shared regarding Tulare County as well as California with incidents at rail crossings. California remains high on the list. Look, listen and live is the message of Operation Lifesaver.

The presentation was suggested to be sent out to the committee as well as Mr. Esparza's contact information.

# 4. Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update No report was provided.

# 5. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update

No report was provided.

#### 6. Other Business

Mr. Bryant stated that VMT Guidelines were presented before the planning commission which were to be used for CEQA purposes. The guidelines were adopted and should move on to the Board around August 11th. He shared that if VMT increases, there would be an appropriate mitigation. Any funds collected would be directed toward active transportation projects near the area.

Mr. Bryant also announced that he would be retiring from county service the following Thursday.

# 7. Meeting Adjourned at 9:17am.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020 at TCAG's office.