

# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 22, 2021  
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 March 25, 2021 (Attached)
- 4) Information: Project Implementation Status Update
- 5) Information: ATP Program Update
- 6) Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update
- 7) Information: Caltrans District 6 Update
- 8) Information: CHP Update
- 9) Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update
- 10) Information: Central Valley Bike Route Update
- 11) Other Business
- 12) Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is on **Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tulare County Association of Governments, 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291.**

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

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| <i>Vacant</i>                      | City of Exeter                              |
| Michael Camarena (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                              |
| <i>Vacant</i>                      | County of Tulare                            |
| Jose Ruiz-Salas or Sharon Minnick* | County of Tulare-Public Health              |
| Michael Winton                     | County of Tulare-Resource Management Agency |
| Gracie Johnson                     | County of Tulare-Sheriff                    |
| Steve Beal                         | California Highway Patrol                   |
| <i>Vacant</i>                      | Interest Group #1                           |
| <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) |
| Mark Wall (Vice-Chair)             | At Large #2                                 |
| Pedro Ramirez                      | Caltrans, District 6                        |

\* Agency rotates alternate

**TCAG STAFF**

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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**February 25, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Michael Camarena, Chair (P) | City of Lindsay                               |
| Lisa Wallis-Dutra (P)       | City of Farmersville                          |
| Vacant                      | City of Exeter                                |
| Richard Tree (P)            | City of Porterville                           |
| Frank Senteno (-)           | City of Visalia                               |
| Jan Bowen (-)               | City of Tulare                                |
| Monique Mello (-)           | City of Woodlake                              |
| 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)   |
| Mark Wall, Vice-Chair (P)   | At Large #2                                   |
| Pedro Ramirez (P)           | Caltrans, District 6                          |

**TCAG Staff:** Roberto Brady, Ben Kimball, Brideget Moore, Servando Quintanilla, Ted Smalley, Holly Gallo and Sheela Bhongir

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Camarena opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Committee member present were Chair Camarena, and Members Beal, Wallis-Dutra, Wall, Tree and Ramirez. TCAG Staff Members Brady, Kimball, Moore, Quintanilla, Gallo, Bhongir, and Smalley were also in attendance.

**2. Public Comments**

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Public comments opened at 8:32 a.m. There no public comments received. Public comments closed at 8:32 a.m.

**3. Action: Selection of Chair to replace outgoing Chair Ted Macauley.**

Item was disused during last meeting. Vice-Chair Camarena is now Chair and Member Wall is now Vice-Chair.

**4. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2021.**

Upon motion by Member Wallis-Dutra and seconded by Vice-Chair Wall, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of February 25, 2021.

## **5. Information: Project Implementation Status Update**

Mr. Kimball shared that TCAG staff made a field visit to Porterville to look at the Butterfield Stage Corridor and to look at potential projects the city can pursue with their Measure R funds. Future sources of funds for Porterville could come from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program if Porterville pursues affordable housing. Currently, in Farmersville we are working on affordable housing application that includes a proposal for a new transit center and active transportation improvements along Farmersville Blvd., between the housing site and transit center. Furthermore, the State has shown interest in this project and is rooting for it to get funded.

Mr. Kimball also shared TCAG staff made a brief visit to the Tule River Reservation to look at potential active transportation project the Tribe may want to pursue with ATP funds. TCAG is also supporting an application with the City of Visalia for the art lofts with some minor revisions to last year's application that did not get funded. Mr. Kimball stated these are the major projects we are currently working on but there are many other projects we want to pursue that don't have an approaching deadline. Chair Camarena responded with a question regarding the Butterfield Stage Corridor. Mr. Camarena wanted to know if the corridor is primarily along the rail line. Mr. Tree clarified the corridor is along the rail line and there is no right-of-way and acquisition issues, except for some bridge improvements in a few areas. Mr. Kimball elaborated on a potential issue with a bridge over the Tule River. He suggested to not use ATP awarded funds because it would federalize the bridge and trigger significant bureaucratic processes, rather it is better to use Measure R sources. Mr. Kimball shared another minor issue near the Museum who has purchased some of the right-of-way.

Mr. Camarena followed up with a second question asking if a portion of the corridor will be restricted to Tribal property Mr. Kimball responded saying the exact limits of the corridor are not defined but predicts the corridor won't go off the reservation.

## **6. Information: ATP Program Update**

In absence of Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Bhongir gave a brief report reiterating the recent award of \$7.1 million for the Butterfield Stage Corridor. Furthermore, the scoring for the MPO component has been completed and scores are now being compiled. A draft list of funding recommendations will be available next week.

## **7. Information: Regional Active Transportation Plan Update**

Ms. Bhongir shared a mapping project she is currently producing. She has used a web-based map to mark all the proposed projects listed in the Regional Active Transportation Plan. Each project has an associated pop-up window that lists details about the proposed project including its length, trail type and cost. She shared this can be a foundational map to listing all the ATP projects in the region and is working on making it accessible online. With specific requests from the committee, additional layers or boundaries can be added. Mr. Brady added that eventually it will be housed on the TCAG website with a disclaimer saying it's a work in progress.

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

No member of the County was present to give the update.

## **9. Information: CHP Update**

Member Beal spoke about issues regarding CHP's enforcement efforts related to unsheltered individuals. CHP has been given the green light to become more proactive in their enforcement efforts with the goal of lessening the occurrence of fatal incidents involving unsheltered individuals.

## **10. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update**

Ms. Moore talked about the new public outreach platform TCAG will utilize to reach out to the public and constituents. Stated TCAG is in the middle of the Unmet Transit Needs process which is being noticed through both regular outreach channels as well as on social media.

Vice-Chair Wall asked if there is a way for a member of the public to request agencies to look at the performance of intersections from the perspective of operations and safety.

Member Wallis-Dutra described the requirements agencies must abide by with respect to inquiries from the public and the technical requirements for designing and improving intersections. Also discussed bicycle detection loops and where they are required and located.

## **11. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update**

Mr. Ramirez shared Caltrans will have a California Active Transportation (CAT) kick-off meeting next month. The CAT initiative is part of Caltrans asset management program paying attention to pedestrian and bicycle access during the time of road maintenance. Member Wall expressed interest to participate in the kick-off meeting. Mr. Ramirez further shared a state-wide GIS map will be available indicating CAT projects across all the Caltrans districts.

Ms. Bhongir asked a question about the synergy between Caltrans's CAT initiatives and TCAG role as a support agency. Mr. Ramirez stated that the resources such as the mapping tool and the Regional Bicycle Plan will help inform the CAT plan. However, public participation will be the biggest area Caltrans can use support with.

## **12. Information: CHP Update**

Mr. Beal shared they are continuing to focus on the safety of the unsheltered population across the state routes, freeways and the right-of-way. Mr. Beal reminded the committee of a pedestrian fatality that occurred when the pedestrian was trying to cross the freeway instead of using the overpass. As schools start to open up, CHP hopes to be involved with proactive education.

## **13. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update**

Ms. Moore shared that the TCAG transit team is working on the Unmet Transit Needs process, compiling comment cards received via social media. Furthermore, TCAG is ready to test out its public input and engagement platform with a few small communities in a safe manner. Chair Camarena asked about a potential closing date for the Unmet Transit needs. Ms. Moore responded that comments will be accepted at any time, but the collection and compilation of comments happens during March, when the hearing is scheduled.

## **14. Information: Other Business**

Mr. Wall shared an update from his bicycle ride last month. Twenty cyclists from the Southern Sierra road 92 miles. Some portions of the Tulare County segment were rough, one rider hit a pothole and was injured. Overall, the ride went well, and recommendations were gathered on ways to improve the segment.

## **15. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the TCAG office.