

TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday December 9, 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 October 28, 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) Action: Continue discussion on May 2022 Bike to Wherever Day

11) Other Business

12) Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is up for discussion given the close of the year and upcoming holidays that may conflict with the regularly scheduled meetings which occur

on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8:30AM 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**

<i>Vacant</i>	City of Exeter
Michael Camarena (Former 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

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Tulare County Association of Governments
Active Transportation Advisory Committee
October 28, 2021

ATTENDANCE LIST

Neyba Amezcua (-) Edward Real (P)_	City of Lindsay
Lisa Wallis-Dutra (-)	City of Farmersville
Michael Young (P)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (-)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (-)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-) Mario Anaya (-)	City of Tulare
Monique Mello (-)	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez (-)	City of Dinuba
Jose Ruiz-Salas (-)	County of Tulare – Public Health
Sharon Minnick (P)	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 (P)	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
Mark Wall, Vice-Chair (-)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (P)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (-)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)

TCAG Staff: Brideget Moore, Sheela Bhongir, Holly Gallo, Servando Quintanilla and Roberto Brady

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions

Standing Committee Chair Russ Dahler opened the meeting at 8:32. Committee members present were Members Steve Beal, Pedro Ramirez, Sharon Minnick, Michael Young and Edward Real. TCAG Staff Members Bhongir, Moore, Gallo and Brady were also in attendance. Staff Bhongir acknowledged a new member, Edward Real, Assistant Planner for the City of Lindsay.

2. Public Comments

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Public comments open and closed at 8:35. No public comments were received.

3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021

Quorum was not met to approve minutes.

4. Action: Selection of New Committee

Quorum was not sufficient. Item was tabled to the next meeting.

5. Information: Project Implementation Status Update

Staff Bhongir said she will combine this update with item number six. She informed the committee of the current Active Transportation Symposium which is wrapping up today. Staff Bhongir also announced the new kick-off meeting for ATP Cycle 6 which will be held on November 9, 2021. She urged all the agencies to join this meeting as the CTC staff will go over some new guidelines and new deadlines. The later half of the update included sharing some preliminary interactions between TCAG and different member agencies, such as the City of Dinuba, the County and Caltrans.

6. Information: ATP Program Update

Update was addressed in item five by Staff Bhongir.

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

Member Minnick shared recent fatalities. On August ninth, a male between the ages of 40 to 64 was injured at night while walking across Avenue 215 (east of Road 68) in Tulare, CA. Two more injuries occurred in August. A female, between 20 to 39, was injured in the early morning hours on West Nobel Avenue in Visalia, CA. A male between 20 to 39 was injured on Route 198, east of Road 60 in Visalia, CA. Member Minnick continued with more injuries. On September 7, a female between the ages of 40 to 64 was injured at night near the East Tulare Avenue and North Highland Street intersection in Tulare, CA. In October, a female over the age of 65 was injured in Ivanhoe on Road 160 and Freedom Avenue during daylight hours.

Given these recent injuries, the total count for this year is fourteen. This number has been equal to or surpasses previous year totals, with the exception of 2017 and 2018. Member Minnick shared she hasn't seen any bicycle fatalities this year. However, she has seen three rail fatalities this year, which was reported during previous ATAC meetings.

8. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update

Member Ramirez shared his experience and takeaways from the Active Transportation Symposium that occurred two years ago. He echoed the benefits and lessons learned from attending. Member Ramirez said the key takeaway from the 2019 Active Transportation Symposium was to build partnerships early in the process. He shared advice given by his previous Director stating that there are no good ideas later in a project, if it's not mentioned early in the project development, then it's too late. Member Ramirez continued his update with information on the Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) plan. They are about halfway done with gathering GIS information from neighboring counties.

Member Ramirez also stressed the importance of maintenance. Class I trails, for instance, constructed in Fresno, started collecting debris because maintenance was not included in the plan. He further shared his involvement with the County and TCAG to revise last year's Cutler Orosi ATP application. Currently the group is doing a lot of brainstorming discussing different treatments from road diets to Class I trails.

Member Dahler emphasized Member Ramirez's comments on maintenance, saying it's easy to put paint down but hard to maintain a facility.

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9. Information: CHP Update

Member Beal shared that CHP is continuing to work with Caltrans to keep pedestrians off the freeways and to curb the growth of encampments. He also shared findings from last month's pedestrian safety enforcement operation that occurred first in Cutler and then moved along to Orosi. During the enforcement operation, 57 citations were issued. Twenty of those were from vehicles violating crosswalks. CHP officers also noticed that several kids in the Cutler Elementary School area were not using crosswalks.

They also issued six speeding tickets, some which occurred during school hours. Tickets were also given to those who did not wear seatbelts or did not have a driver's license.

Staff Bhongir asked Member Beal to explain some of the Cutler Orosi findings. Year after year the CHP office has noticed a high concentration of injuries in these two communities. Member Ramirez asked if Officer Beal can share any written information or reports on these findings. This data would help apply for funding.

10. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

Staff Moore shared outreach efforts for the Regional Transportation Plan 2022 update. Due to covid, staff conducted outreach in new ways. Surveys were given alongside various Foodlink distribution events. She further shared details on this year's art contest and their effort to secure bicycles for the winning contestants.

Staff Moore shared she has started using fundings from the \$150,000 grant her team received. They are going to start training two staff members to become certified car-seat installation safety technicians. She stressed the tremendous need and demand for car seat safety. Last month's car-seating installation couldn't accommodate all the requests her team received. Plans involve four staff becoming certified by the end of 2022. They are partnering with Officer Beal to expand car-seat safety and training.

Member Minnick commented with her gratitude and appreciation towards efforts by Staff Moore and her team. Member Ramirez also shared his appreciation for the car-seat training, stating the training are very rigorous and not easy. Member Minnick said almost ninety percent of people install their car-seat incorrectly. Member Beal also stressed the need for proper car-seat installation in Tulare County.

11. Action: Discussion on Next ATAC Meeting

Member Dahler informed the committee that the next ATAC meeting would be scheduled on the Thanksgiving Holiday. Staff Bhongir suggested aligning the meeting with the next TCAG Board on December 6th. After listing suggested dates, Member Dahler reported that December 9th was the most agreed upon date.

12. Information: Other Business

Staff Bhongir reminded everyone about the Active Transportation Symposium ending today and checking out the recorded sessions if they don't have the time to attend.

13. Adjourn

Chair Camarena moved to adjourn the meeting and reminded the committee the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, at the TCAG office. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.