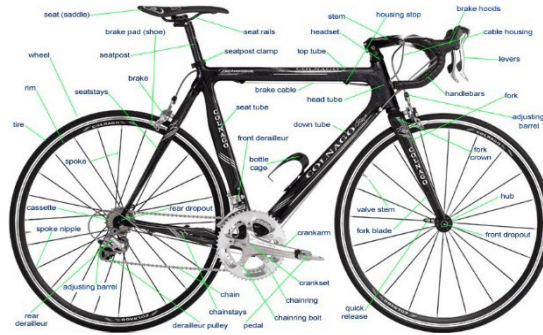


# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday June 24, 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 May 27, 2021 (Attached)

#### 4) Action: Discuss ideas for May 2022 Bike to School, Work or Wherever Day

#### 5) Information: Project Implementation Status Update

#### 6) Information: ATP Program Update

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

#### 8) Information: Caltrans District 6 Update

#### 9) Information: CHP Update

#### 10) Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

#### 11) Other Business

#### 12) Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is on **Thursday, August 26, 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**

<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

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Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner  
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Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner-EH  
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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**May 27, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Michael Camarena, Chair (-)	City of Lindsay
Lisa Wallis-Dutra (P)	City of Farmersville
Vacant	City of Exeter
Richard Tree (-)	City of Porterville
Rebecca Keenan (P)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-)	City of Tulare
Monique Mello (-)	City of Woodlake
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
Michael Young (-)	Ad hoc attendee, FYE Sports Owner

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

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

No chairperson was in attendance. Committee member Russ Dahler opened the meeting 8:34. Committee members present were Members Steve Beal, Lisa Wallis-Dutra, Rebecca Keenan, Pedro Ramirez, and Sharon Minnick. TCAG Staff Members Quintanilla, Bhongir, Bruno, Smalley, Gallo, Kimball, Moore, Brady and Gutierrez were also in attendance.

**2. Public Comments**

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Public comments open and closed at 8:37. No public comments were received.

**3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2021**

The committee did not have a quorum present, and the minutes could not be approved. Lisa Wallis-Dutra asked for a correction on the minutes from April, stating that she is listed as present but was not in attendance for the April meeting. TCAG Staff Bhongir stated that the minutes would be corrected.

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

TCAG Staff Smalley reported that it is a good month for project implementation because the state is in negotiations to get several regional projects funded and started. Cities that will have projects underway soon include Visalia, with their Goshen route receiving \$11.2 million in grant funding; Porterville, which has two projects in the works and has applied for a Strathmore to Porterville project along the abandoned railway TCAG bought nearly ten years ago; and Dinuba, which will get \$2.837 million for bike improvements on El Monte Way. These projects will be fully funded by \$20 million in grants alone, not including Measure R funds. The next five years will see \$30-40 million in bike and pedestrian projects. Farmersville is also working to implement new bike and pedestrian projects.

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

TCAG Staff Smalley reported that more ATP funds will be arriving soon, and that the ATP plan will be amended to include new projects. Smalley recognized the initiative of TCAG Staff Kimball and Gutierrez, who took the initiative to invite the CTC to Tulare County to attend workshops and local site tours. This collaboration allowed TCAG staff to have a better understanding of what grant applications were looking for and increased the funding the region was able to receive as a result.

Member Dahler inquired as to the future of the Rocky Hill project and the funding of other similar bike and pedestrian projects, as the Rocky Hill project was abandoned by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors with the stipulation that there should be no bike paths on agricultural land. Mr. Smalley said that the county supported farmers' position that recreational bike and pedestrian routes next to ag is at issue, but there is still work that can be done regarding critical routes needed to connect Tulare County cities.

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

Member Sharon Minnick provided further information on the cases she reported on last month. February fourth saw the first pedestrian fatality of the year, when a housing-displaced person was crossing railroad tracks. On February 9 in Dinuba, a young adult male was the victim of a hit-and-run while walking along a road at night. There was a train fatality under the Goshen overpass, on the morning of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A pedestrian accident occurred on March 25 in Tulare on North Mooney Blvd., and the victim was male in their 20s. Another fatality occurred in a rural area near Corcoran, and the victim was an adult male aged 20-40 years. April 22, there was a pedestrian fatality in the north county on State Route 63, north of Lincoln, when a big rig hit the pedestrian who was walking late at night. A pedestrian fatality occurred on May 4, and the victim was a male in Dinuba who was riding a skateboard in a lane. A train fatality occurred a few days ago in Tulare, and according to reports the victim was possibly a housing-displaced person who was trying to free his dog that may have been stuck on the tracks.

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

Member Pedro Ramirez said that Caltrans had their California Active Transportation Plan kickoff meeting with consultants and will soon have a meeting with partners and the public within the next month or so. They are putting together a GIS database for identifying location-based needs, such as lack of sidewalks or speed concerns. It will be an interactive map where the public can place a marker at specific locations and comment their concerns. Caltrans is working with Cutler and Orosi on a corridor study, and the deputy director has met with the local school district and community members to present the benefits of the study. Caltrans is working with the communities to plan potential roundabout gateways north and south of the cities, which would help to reduce speeds as vehicles enter the community. This project has great support from community members.

Member Dahler asked how the GIS database will be accessible to the public and when it will be available. Mr. Ramirez said that they are currently gathering the necessary data and working with consultants to build the database. Mr. Ramirez stated that the database will be available by the summer at the very least.

TCAG Staff Bhongir asked if the map would include all highways, arterial roads, bike paths, and similar infrastructure for the reporting of public needs. Mr. Ramirez said that it would likely be possible, especially if it interacts with a state route; he was unsure as to other areas of the district.

#### **8. Information: CHP Update**

Member Steve Beal discussed that the CHP would be recommencing community education and outreach on June 15, which will include bike rodeos and informational booths. He has been in discussions with TCAG Staff Moore regarding community outreach collaboration opportunities and is working with Caltrans and Tulare County police to clean up encampments built by housing-displaced people. Mr. Beal stated that they attempt to get the people living in the encampments connected to community services and temporary housing. While the CHP and their partners give 72-hour notices to evict the encampments, often the residents will return after the cleanup.

#### **9. Information: Project Active Transportation Outreach Update**

TCAG Staff Moore reported that public outreach events are back in the works. Moore has met with the staff of the City of Dinuba, the Dinuba fire department, and Dinuba police staff to discuss a potential safety event on August 3. Ms. Moore stated that staff is looking forward to engaging in community outreach this summer and fall, as well as collaborating with Mr. Beal as well as other partners. Staff has identified opportunities to get cycling groups involved with community outreach, and Ms. Moore is hoping for the experts in this committee to help TCAG refine their outreach processes and build courses for community children. She also reported that TCAG has applied for grants to receive car seats and helmets and is waiting to hear back so that staff may begin work to get safety equipment into communities. Ms. Moore requested committee members to contact TCAG if they have outreach opportunities in the works in their communities and would like to collaborate.

Member Sharon Minnick said that public health is applying for Safe Kids Worldwide grants from the Childhood Injury Prevention Coalition, which brings education to communities to help create safe environments for children. This would include bike safety.

Member Pedro Ramirez asked if TCAG had initiated any activities in May to encourage community participation in Bike Month, such as Bike to School Day. Brideget reported that because children were still schooling remotely for the most part, and it was difficult to push such participation. However, Staff has encouraged community awareness via social media, and anticipates that next year will include more bike month participation. Member Dahler

concurrent, stating that when schools are back in person, schools will likely be more active in Bike Month challenges and activities.

Member Ramirez said that at Caltrans has employee bike-togethers where their associates ride to the office together. This is a good opportunity for to introduce bike safety to children and get their parents involved.

Member Sharon Minnick reported that Tulare County Public Health had previously received Safe Routes to School grants that they used to encourage active transportation to school, but congress has since defunded that grant. She stated that one challenge is getting the community involved, and it would be useful to collaborate with other regions in the district.

TCAG Staff Sheela Bhongir stated that she would initiate a Bike to Work Day for TCAG next year.

#### **10. Information: Other Business**

Member Sharon Minnick reported that Tulare County Public Health is continuing to host vaccination events and encouraged committee members and TCAG staff to vaccinate if they have not already. She stated that she would be happy to provide information for those with concerns.

#### **11. Adjourn**

Member Russ Dahler moved to adjourn, and Member Sharon Minnick seconded. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, at the TCAG office. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.