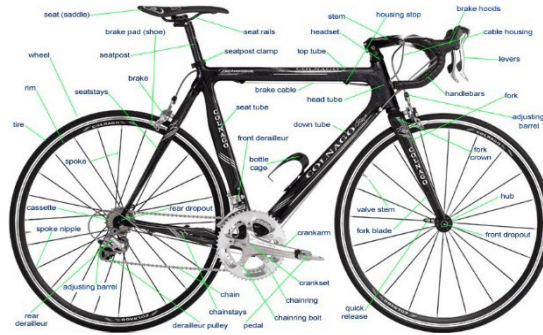


TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 27, 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 April 22, 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) Other Business
- 11) Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is on **Thursday, June 24, 2021 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**

<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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Tulare County Association of Governments
Active Transportation Advisory Committee
April 22, 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 (P)	County of Tulare – Public Health
Michael Winton (-)	County of Tulare – Resource Management Agency
Gracie Johnson (-)	County of Tulare – Sheriff
Steve Beal (-)	California Highway Patrol
Russ Dahler (P)	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
Mark Wall, Vice-Chair (P)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (P)	Caltrans, District 6
Michael Young (P)	Ad hoc attendee, FYE Sports Owner

TCAG Staff: Roberto Brady, Giancarlo Bruno, Brideget Moore, Gabriel Gutierrez, Servando Quintanilla, Ted Smalley, Holly Gallo and Sheela Bhongir

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions

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

2. Public Comments

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Public comments opened at 8:34 a.m. No public comments were received. Public comments closed at 8:34 a.m.

3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2021.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Wall and seconded by Tree, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of March 25, 2021.

4. Information: Central Valley Bike Route Update

Upon request by Chair Camarena, the Central Valley Bike route agenda item was discussed during the beginning of the meeting. Vice Chair Hall kicked off his update by welcoming Member Young who opened his store, FYE Sports in Exeter, CA as a rest-stop for cyclists during the Central Valley Bike ride. Organizers of the Central Valley Bike Route include representatives from Sacramento, Merced, Fresno, and Chico. The group plans to meet again on April 30th to discuss future goals, aspirations, and its organizational structure. Immediate goals involve increasing the group's membership to include a representative from each jurisdiction the route travels through and making improvements to the south end of the route. The long-term goal of this group is to create a bicycle route, originating from Mt. Shasta and ending in Southern Kern County, as a part of the U.S. Bicycle Route System and in turn can help generate economic growth in the Central Valley.

TCAG Staff Bhongir asked Member Wall if the group is a part of the League of American Cyclists. Member Wall answered there is not a direct relationship, but the group does get its insurance from them. An informal relationship exists between Michael Smiley, the founder of the group, and Adventure Cycling which advocates for bicycle routes on the U.S. Bicycle Route System.

Member Ramirez asked Member Wall on which state routes does the path travel through. Member Wall said their bicycle group tries to stay off state routes even if wide shoulders are present, except for Avenue 384. Chair Camarena furthered inquired if a particular organization he knew of was involved. Member Wall answered they are currently reaching out to them.

5. Information: Project Implementation Status Update

TCAG Staff Gutierrez gave the report. TCAG staff is continuing to work with the City of Visalia on Santa Fe to Lovers Lane. An allocation request for right of way has been submitted to the CTC for approval on their June meeting. Construction for this project is anticipated in two years. Chair Camarena asked Member Tree for an update on Porterville's Butterfield Stage Corridor project. Member Tree said the project is currently being programmed in their capital improvements projects.

6. Information: ATP Program Update

Mr. Gutierrez said the scoring for the MPO component is complete. The highest scoring project is a Caltrans project in Ivanhoe for \$1.087 million. The second highest scoring project is in the community of Tipton. The County agreed to use local funds to finance the difference between the remaining ATP funds and the project cost. These recommendations will be finalized during the June CTC meeting.

Mr. Gutierrez shared the state has an unanticipated budget surplus, close to \$15 billion. The CTC is organizing an effort to advocate for \$2 billion of the \$15 billion to go towards the ATP program. This would fund almost all the outstanding projects not awarded in Cycle 5 and open up room for a new influx of ATP projects. Two of our member agencies have submitted letters of support for this proposal. Mr. Gutierrez made a request for the remainder of the agencies to submit letters of support.

Member Tree stated he will follow up with Porterville if a letter of support has been submitted.

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

Member Minnick updated the committee on past year's fatal injuries. Year 2020 has seen an increase in bicycle and train related injuries compared to previous years. Pedestrian fatalities have remained average. This year, though still early in the year, the County received four reported fatalities – two pedestrian and two train. The pedestrian fatalities respectively occurred along highway 99 and Mooney. Staff Smalley inquired about the cause of the train fatalities to see if there is a pattern in the data that could suggest specific infrastructure changes. Member Minnick did not have that information but will reach out to law enforcement and the local newspaper for further information. Member Wall specifically asked about last year's Santa Fe and K street bicycle fatality. Member Minnick will have to further investigate this fatality for more information. Member Wall's question was prompted from the fact that an existing bicycle trail runs along that area and speculated the bicyclist probably did not use the existing trail and instead chose to ride in the middle of the street.

8. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update

Member Ramirez shared Caltrans is very excited the Ivanhoe project was selected. The 216 Crossing in Ivanhoe is five legged, has a railroad crossing, lots of truck traffic yet is used by children to get to school. Caltrans is working on the California Active Transportation Plan (CAT Plan) with a kick-off meeting expected about a month from now. The CAT Plan is the first of its kind. Each district is now required a CAT plan. District 6 expects to complete their plan in about one year, with a kick-off meeting just around the corner. Mr. Ramirez shared Member Wall might be present during that meeting. The district does have a bicycle plan but will incorporate most of this information into the CAT plan.

Lastly, Mr. Ramirez reminded the committee that May is national bike month and encouraged everyone to get out and be active.

Member Dahler requested to be invited to the kick-off meeting and responded to an earlier inquiry from Member Wall about the Santa Fe and K road bicyclist fatality. Mr. Dahler shared that the bicyclist was coming off K road heading towards the bicycle path. More information can be found in the local newspaper.

9. Information: CHP Update

Member Beal was not present, and no report was shared.

10. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

Staff Member Brideget Moore shared about TCAG's first in person out-reach event happening this weekend at the Tule River Gym. TCAG had short notice about this event but is doing the best they can to plan a Bike Rodeo for this Saturday, April 24. The event will focus on traffic safety and hand signals. A team of TCAG staff will assist the children with riding along a short bicycle obstacle and assist with raffling new bikes and helmets. The new community engagement hub software is being used to promote this event and the outreach team is looking to do some trails and test runs with this committee.

11. Information: Other Business

No additional business was shared.

12. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the TCAG office. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.