

# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 26, 2022

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 28, 2022 (Attached)

4) Information: Project Implementation Status Update

5) Information: ATP Program Update

6) Information: City of Visalia ATP Update

7) Information: TCC Implementation Grant ATP Proposal

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

9) Information: Caltrans District 6 Update

10) Information: CHP Update

11) Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

12) Other Business

13) Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is on **Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tulare County Association of Governments, 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia,**

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

Eddie Wendt	City of Exeter
Edward Real	City of Lindsay
Kevin Gross	City of Farmersville
Jason Ridenour	City of Porterville
Frank Senteno or Diego Corvera*	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen or Mario Anaya	City of Tulare
Jason Waters	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez	City of Dinuba
Michael J. Winton	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
Michael Young	Interest Group #1
Jenn Garvin	Interest Group #2
Monique Mello	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	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez or Edgar Hernandez*	Caltrans, District 6

\* Agency rotates alternate

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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**April 28, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Neyba Amezcua (-) Edward Real (-)	City of Lindsay
Kevin Gross (-)	City of Farmersville
Eddie Wendt (P)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (-)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (P) Frank Senteno (-)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-) Mario Anaya (P)	City of Tulare
Jason Waters(-)	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez (-)	City of Dinuba
Jose Ruiz-Salas (-) Sharon Minnick (P)	County of Tulare – Public Health
Michael Winton (P) Karla Arteaga (P)	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 (P)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (P) Alec Kimmel (-) Edgar Hernandez (P)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (-)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young (P)	Interest Group #1
Jenn Garvin (-)	Interest Group #2
Elaine Garrett (P)	Interest Group #3
Dale Simmons (P)	Interest Group #4

**TCAG Staff:** Servando Quintanilla, Sheela Bhongir, Holly Gallo and Ted Smalley

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Meeting started at 8:40 AM by Member Russ Dahler who is currently the interim Committee Chair and who is the At Large Member #1 representing the Citizen's Oversight Committee. Committee members present were Members Sharon Minnick, Michael Winton, Karla Atreaga, Eddie Wendt, Michael Young, Mark Wall, Mario Anaya, Diego Corvera, Edgar Hernandez and members representing two different interest groups. TCAG Staff Members Quintanilla, Bhongir, Gallo and Smalley were present.

## **2. Public Comments**

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Public comments open and closed at 8:45. No public comments were received.

## **3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2022**

Quorum was not sufficient for approving minutes. This action was tabled to next month's meeting.

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

Member Winton shared some of the County's ATP projects they are applying for during this round. Some of the projects include pedestrian improvements in Cutler Orosi, community enhancements in Poplar (Road 192 and Avenue 145), bike and pedestrian improvements in Earlimart creating a bicycle loop to connect the schools, pedestrian improvements in Strathmore on Ave 198, pedestrian improvements in Goshen on Ave 308, North Mathney Track community enhancements and the last project is proposed for East Porterville to help connect the community to the high school that is nearby. The County is also developing a new grants team to help with existing and future applications.

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

Staff Bhongir shared we are about one a half month's into the Call of Projects for ATP Cycle 6. We have about one month left before the cycle closes. Staff Bhongir continued to share that the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) update is available and open for public review. If an agency's project is not listed in the RATP, TCAG staff can work with your agency to help amend the plan and ensure the project is listed.

## **6. Information: Update on the Great Central Valley Bicycle Route**

Member Wall shared information on the enhancement and development of a bicycle route from Shasta Dam to Bakersfield. This past month members of the Southern Sierra Cyclist group, rode the entire route except for Modesto to Merced because of a rain day. They will also be riding from Rich Grove in Tulare County to Bakersfield. That will be the next segment they plan to ride.

Member Wall shared his screen showing pictures and mileage of the entire route. If you search "Great Valley Central Ride" ambassador ride via the Ride with GPS app, the route will appear. The inclination of this route is very low making it accessible for almost anyone to ride. The intention of this route is for it to be safe, accessible, and scenic. In a vehicle it is difficult to experience the scenic areas of the central valley. Member Wall further shared about the Tulare County segment the Southern Sierra Cyclists rode last year. The Tulare County route starts in Reedley, passing through Dinuba and towards the City of Visalia. Cyclists rode along the St. John River's trail on their way to Exeter, Lindsay, Tonyville, Strathmore and eventually to Porterville. They continued down the Rich Grove near the county line.

Member Wall said that people can download turn by turn bicycle directions to their phones or computers by going to the Ride with GPS website. They are working with Adventure Cycling, a non-profit organization who has done most of the mapping across the United States and between states. Adventure Cycling is seeking an interstate-like bicycle route system. You can search United States bicycle route system. The Great Central Valley Bicycle Route is currently a proposed bicycle route. They are currently looking for a good safe route that can connect to the Coast.

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

Member Minnick reported that there were seven pedestrian fatalities in February. This is a large number considering in 2021 there was a total of 13 fatalities. Member Minnick further shared details of two fatalities that occurred in March 2022. Two pedestrians were walking alongside Monney Blvd. This fatality was atypical. A car crashed into another car which then hit the two pedestrians. April 2022 experienced one death near the intersection of Mooney and Mineral King. There were two train deaths in Tulare. Year to date, the current number of fatalities is 14, which surpasses the number of last year. Member Minnick added that the City of Porterville experienced it's very first pedestrian fatality in March.

Staff Bhongir asked Member Minnick how many of the 14 fatalities were unhoused. Member Minnick does not have an exact number but can estimate about three of the pedestrians killed might have been unhoused.

## **8. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update CHP Update**

Member Ramirez shared that the new CAT plan is now available for public review. The website is [catplan.org](http://catplan.org). From that website committee members can click on District 6.

Staff Bhongir shared she will email this website address to all the committee members. Member Ramirez shared information on another project, the SR 137 road diet/road reallocation. They are converting a four-way highway to a three-lane highway with a two-way left turn movement at the center of the highway. These improvements are near the West Pine community.

Member Russ encouraged everyone to leave comments on the CAT plan.

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

Member Beal was performing a car-seat installation training in Sacramento and was not available to attend this meeting. He sends his regards to the committee.

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

Staff Gallo shared that May is Bike Month and TCAG staff will be at every single Rawhide home game for the duration of bike month. At the stadium TCAG is displaying a concourse banner promoting bike month. We will also have a booth providing children with helmets come in person with their families. Staff will be doing helmet fittings.

## **11. Information: Earth Day Bike Ride**

Staff Bhongir shared information from the recent Earth Day Bike ride that was held on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She shared her screen with pictures from the event. Staff Bhongir shared this was the first ride the ATAC organized bicycle ride. Before the ride everyone did a little bit of stretching. The stretching session was followed by a speech given by Councilmember Taylor commemorating the City of Visalia trail system. Member Wall lead the 6-mile ride along

St. John's River Trail to a rest-stop in Cutler Park. Along the way, Member Wall made a pit-stop to show participants upcoming Greenway developments the City of Visalia is planning. Staff Bhongir was happy to see that an entire family participated in the Earth Day ride. Staff hopes to see more families like this participate in future rides. She further thanked Southern Sierra Cyclists to help lead the bicycle ride and collaborating with TCAG Staff to make this event possible.

## **12. Action: Postpone ATAC May 20<sup>th</sup> Bike to Work/School Ride**

Staff Bhongir asked if we can postpone a Bike to Work/School Day activity. She said a lot more coordination needs to be done with the school district and the individual schools to create a successful bicycle train event. Member Wall agrees with Staff Bhongir that this event would take a lot of coordination and it does make sense to postpone the event. Instead, Member Wall shared an alternative activity simply challenges members on in this committee to bike to work on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the national bike to work day.

## **13. Information: Other Business**

Staff Bhongir extended further support to all member agencies for any help, guidance or assistance with the upcoming ATP cycle 6 applications.

Member Corvera chimed in to invite everyone to an informal talk with Councilmember Taylor on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Donuts will be served, and the public can discuss any concerns they have with Councilmember Taylor relating to trails and bikeways. The following months will be focused on different topics. This month will be related to trails and bikeways.

## **14. Adjourn**

Acting Chair Dahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the TCAG office.