

# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 25, 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 June 23, 2022 (Attached)
- 4) Information: Project Implementation Status Update (includes a special educational video on the Love to Ride Platform (2:08 mins in length) and guest speaker Laura Cisneros from the Love to Ride Platform)
- 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: Nominations for Chair and Vice Char
- 11) Other Business
- 12) Adjourn

The next scheduled TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is on **Thursday, September 22, 2022 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**

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
Rebecca Griswold	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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Ted Smalley, Executive Director  
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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**June 23, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Neyba Amezcua (-) Edward Real (-)	City of Lindsay
Kevin Gross (-)	City of Farmersville
Eddie Wendt (-)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (P)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (P) Frank Senteno (-)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-) Mario Anaya (-)	City of Tulare
Jason Waters(-)	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez (-)	City of Dinuba
Jose Ruiz-Salas (-) 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
Russ Dahler (-)	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
Mark Wall (P)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (-) Alec Kimmel (-) Edgar Hernandez (-)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (P)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young (-)	Interest Group #1 (Adventure Sports store)
Jenn Garvin (-)	Interest Group #2 (Porterville Unified School District CAPS)
Dale Simmons (-)	Interest Group #3 (Visalia Environmental Alliance)
Bryan Patterson (P)	Interest Group #4 (Southern Sierra Cyclists Secretary)

**TCAG Staff:** Brideget Moore, Sheela Bhongir, Servando Quintanilla and Gabriel Gutierrez

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Meeting started at 8:35AM by Member Mark Wall who is currently serving as At Large Member #2. Committee Members Mark Wall, Diego Corvera, Jason Ridenour and drop-in visitor Bryan Patterson attended, secretary of the Southern Sierra Cyclists. TCAG Staff Members Moore, Quintanilla and Bhongir were present.

**2. Public Comments**

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Public comments open and closed at 8:36. No public comments were received.

**3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2022**

Tabled until next quorum is present.

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

Staff Bhongir shared information about a small grant opportunity called the Kit of Parts due July 11, 2022. The grant is administered through the Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) and is available on their website [caatpresources.org](http://caatpresources.org). Staff Bhongir shared this could fund a temporary one-day demonstration project for communities to test out and experiment with riding on a separate bike lane or converting a parking lot into a parklet. This could be a good opportunity for communities unfamiliar or hesitant about active transportation solutions.

Member Tree shared a transit update. On Monday June 20, 2022 he attended the City of Visalia's Short Range Transit Plan extended session. One of the recommendations that was approved that night was to conduct outreach regarding the use of bikes and public transportation. Member Tree encourages agencies part of the Tulare County Regional Transportation Agency (TCRTA) to include bicycle facilities and amenities in their transit planning.

**5. Information: Active Transportation Program update**

Staff Bhongir shared a preliminary list of all the agencies who submitted an ATP application for the Cycle 6 round including the City of Dinuba, Visalia, Woodlake, Porterville, the County of Tulare and TCAG. She shared that our region has requested around \$79 million in active transportation funding.

Member Wall asked a question about the Governor's May Revise and whether those additional funds will be included in the current cycle. Staff Bhongir briefly explained that applications for the Cycle 6 program are due in two weeks.

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

Member Minnick from the Tulare County Public Health Agency was not present during this meeting.

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

Members from Caltrans District 6 were not present during this meeting.

**8. Information: CHP Update**

Member Beal from CHP was not present during this meeting.

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

Staff Moore reported that TCAG has been very busy with outreach during the month of May, Bike Month. TCAG had a booth at the Rawhide stadium and fitted many kids with helmets and gave away fun reflective items to stay safe over the summer. TCAG also had a car-seat safety event at the San Joaquin Valley College. Staff got to check a few cars to see if their car-seats were properly installed. They also got to speak with students about any car-seat safety concerns. Additionally, TCAG hosted a bike rodeo event on June 22, 2022 in Visalia in partnership with Jim Barnes, an active community member. Helmets were also fitted during that event.

Staff Moore shared news that the first year of their grant cycle is ending and their next year is starting soon, in July 2022. This next year will include a new Walk and Roll art contest and continuation of bike safety and car-seat safety education. Their partnership with Univision will also continue to help share educational information in Spanish.

## **10. Action: Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair**

Tabled until next quorum is present.

## **11. Other Business**

Staff Bhongir reiterated information on the Kit of Parts Grant opportunity. Member Corvera shared he will follow up with Staff Bhongir regarding logistics and details of implementing this grant opportunity including further follow-up questions.

Member Wall shared information about the Caltrans public information workshop regarding bicycle lanes on Mooney Blvd near SR 198 extending past Visalia Road. Member Wall comments the plans could eventually connect to the Santa Fe Trail. Caltrans is also planning a second public meeting. This meeting was in response to the City of Visalia's request for additional outreach especially towards the non-cycling community.

Additionally, Southern Sierra Cyclists organized a rest-stop for the Climb to Kasier Bike ride, one of the toughest rides in the country.

The last comment was made by visiting member Patterson who shared an idea on adult bicycle classes. Educational classes like this could help encourage future bicycle riders on Mooney Blvd. Staff Moore shared that TCAG has done some outreach for adults but more could be done.

## **12. Information: Other Business**

No other business was reported.

## **13. Adjourn**

Member Wall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at the TCAG office.