

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**



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- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Public Comments  
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- 3) Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2022 (Attached)
- 4) Discussion: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education
- 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, January 26, 2023 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 and ATAC Chair
Edgar Hernandez or Scott Lau	Caltrans, District 6

\* Agency rotates alternate

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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**October 22, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Neyba Amezcua (-) Edward Real (-)	City of Lindsay
Kevin Gross (-)	City of Farmersville
Eddie Wendt (-)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (-) Luisa Zavala (-)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (P) Frank Senteno (-)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (P) Mario Anaya (P)	City of Tulare
Rebecca Griswold(P)	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez (-)	City of Dinuba
Jose Ruiz-Salas (-) Sharon Minnick (-)	County of Tulare – Public Health
Michael Winton (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 and ATAC Chair
Pedro Ramirez (-) Alec Kimmel (-) Edgar Hernandez (P) Scott Lau (-)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (P)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young (P)	Interest Group #1 (Adventure Sports store)
Jenn Garvin (-)	Interest Group #2 (Porterville Unified School District CAPS)
Bryan Patterson (-) Elaine Garrett (P)	Interest Group #3 (Southern Sierra Cyclists Secretary)

**TCAG Staff:** Sheela Bhongir Servando Quintanilla, Derrek Winning and Brideget Moore

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Meeting started at 8:33AM by Chair Mark Wall with introductions. Member Michael Young announced himself and shared he was recently nominated as Vice Chair as of the last ATAC meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Member Young is a resident of Exeter and the owner of Forever Young Events, an organization that promotes and organizes running and themed events in California. Introductions followed by Member Corvera (City of Visalia), Members Anaya and Bowen (City of Tulare), Member Hernandez (Caltrans District 6 Planning), guest Peterson

(former consultant for City of Dinuba), Member Dahler (representing the Citizens Oversight Committee), Member Winton (County of Tulare), Member Tree (Tulare County Regional Transit Agency), Member Garrett (representing Interest Group #3, Southern Sierra Cyclists) and Member Griswold (City of Woodlake).

TCAG Staff present were Winning, Quintanilla, Moore and Bhongir.

## **2. Public Comments**

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Public comments open and closed at 8:36.

## **3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2022**

Vice Chair Young made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Chair Wall. Motion passed unanimously.

## **4. Information: Smart Cycling Class November 19 & 20**

Chair wall explained more details of the class. He shared that Fresno County Bicycle Coalition has agreed to conduct a Smart Cycling class. The first class on November 19<sup>th</sup> is virtual and free of charge. The second class is a hands-on class with parking lot drills followed by a 10-mile bike ride. Chair Wall elaborated on the importance of this class because he sees lots of incorrect cycling behavior such as riding on the wrong side of the street. He suggested the active participation and involvement of all of our agencies, particularly the Parks and Recreation departments, in an effort to offer these classes more consistently and regularly. Chair Wall elaborated on another benefit of the Smart Cycling class. He shared that it is a prerequisite to be a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) which also provides insurance for the instructor.

Currently, only two people have registered for the classes. Chair Wall urged us invite others who we feel might be good candidates. Staff Bhongir suggested that when it comes to funding TCAG could potentially cover the costs of the LCI training as it could be barrier for some. Discussions circled back to the Smart Cycling classes and Member Garrette from Southern Sierra Cyclists said she will be signing up for the classes. Member Corvera said he will distribute these flyers to the City and talk to risk management about potential liability issues when it comes to sponsoring an LCI. Member Dahler asked whether if high schools have bicycles clubs. If so, those students might be good candidates to take these classes. Member Garrette answered that Exeter has a high school bicycle club and Member Griswold shared that the Kiwanis club hosts a bike rodeo in the springtime. Member Anaya said he will distribute the flyer to the City of Tulare and would also need to follow up with risk management to understand the liability of sponsoring the LCI certification.

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

Staff Bhongir said there she's going to combine this item with the next item on the Active Transportation Program update. Staff recommendations for the ATP Cycle 6 were released recently and three projects were recommended for funding. The first project is the City of Dinuba's Building Active Transportation Future, City of Visalia's Houston Connectivity Project and the City of Porterville's HAWK crossing project. Member Corvera shared a little more about the Houston Connectivity Project in response to Member Dahler's question. Guest member Patterson shared a few words on Dinuba's success. He shared that the City of Dinuba has applied for these projects in past cycles but were not awarded. This cycle they decided to

take a different approach and combine all six corridors (El Monte, Kamm, Euclid, Crawford, Tulare and Alta) into one comprehensive application. Separate applications were submitted for each of the corridors, but the only that scored the highest was the application combining all six corridors. Improvements include rectangular rapid flashing beacons, bike lanes with green paint, a protected bike lane along Urapan near the transit center. These improvements will be very transformative for the city. Patterson then asked Staff Bhongir to speak about the non-infrastructure components of this project. She talked about the partnership with the Dinuba Unified School District and their agreement to do about 12 bike rodeos throughout the course of the grant cycle. The rodeos include a educational curriculum and upon successful completion of that, students are rewarded with a helmet. The grant includes funding for 3,500 helmets which is about half the student population in City of Dinuba. Another component includes funding a 3D printed model of the City so students can use to voice their on-going support and idea for improvements by indicating what streets and areas could use more safety elements. The last component of the project includes a partnership with UC Berkeley Safe Trec program to encourage young students to use digital maps to survey them on areas of need and improvements. Patterson said it was a pleasure working with TCAG staff and to keep up the great work.

Chair Wall commented on his bike rodeo experience and recalled it was a memorable event that will definitely leave an impression in the minds of kids.

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

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

Chair Wall shared this item will be skipped but revisited at the December board meeting.

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

Member Hernandez shared there are no updates to report but he will be filling in for Pedro Ramirez.

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

Member Beal was not present to share to report.

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

Staff Moore started her report sharing her recent meeting with Trips for Kids and exploring what types of partnerships could be created between them. They have an event coming up this weekend at Three Rivers participating in the Harvest Carnival fair. TCAG will have a booth at the fair, fit kids with helmets and promote the art contest which is soon coming to an end. She shared that this year has been very busy and they are trying to wrap up the number of outreach events they're doing this year, but it's been difficult to say no because they've been getting requests to do more outreach. Last week they participated in the Lindwood Elementary Nutrition fair, fitted kids with helmets and shared safety information. They also plan to do two more car-seat safety events before the end of the year. They have about 30 car seats left to give to parents and guardians who don't have them.

#### **11. Other Business**

Chair Wall reminded the committee that next month's meeting is canceled and the last meeting of the year will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, Chair Wall asked Member Garrett to share information about the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Southern Sierra Cyclists. The event will

be on November 5<sup>th</sup> with 35-mile ride starting at 9AM. More information can be found by Southern Sierra Cyclists Facebook page.

## **12. Adjourn**

Chair Wall moved to adjourn the meeting around 9:35AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, at the TCAG office.