



**Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)  
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Eddie Wendt	City of Exeter
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Lisa Wallis-Dutra	City of Farmersville
Jason Ridenour	City of Porterville
Frank Senteno or Diego Corvera*	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen or Mario Anaya	City of Tulare
Monique Mello	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
<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 or Edgar Hernandez*	Caltrans, District 6

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**St. John's Trail Bike Ride:**  
**April 22, 2022 @ 10am**

**Starting Location** at Riverway Sports Parking lot adjacent to the Splash Pad. Plenty of parking available.

Ride north on Dinuba St. to St. John's Trail

Head east along St. John's Trail for 3.3 miles

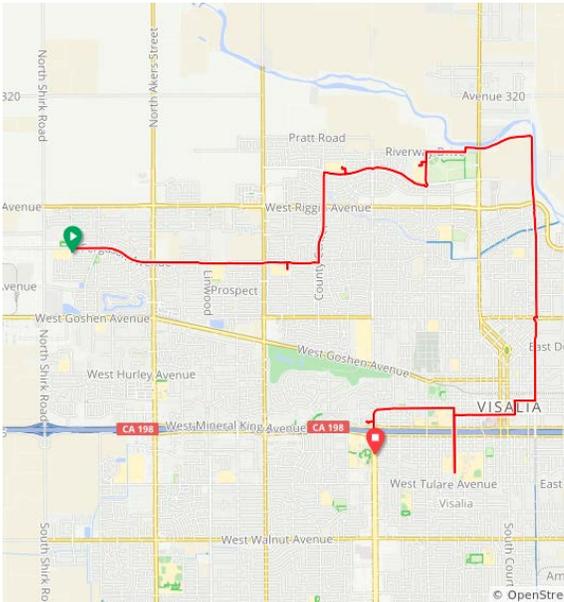
Mid-way stop at Cutler Park for snacks and refuel

Head back west along St. John's Trail for 3.3 miles towards Riverway Sports Parking lot



# Visalia Bike to Work & School

Friday May 20, 2022



## Visalia Bike to Work & School

11.6 miles

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
	←	Left	Denton Elementary Start	0.0
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Ferguson Avenue	0.0
1.3	↑	Straight	Oak Grove Elementary	1.3
0.7	→	Right	Turn right	2.0
0.0	↑	Straight	Manuel F Hernandez Elementary	2.0
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto West Ferguson Avenue	2.1
0.3	←	Left	Turn left onto County Center	2.4
0.8	↑	Straight	At roundabout, take exit 1 onto West Shannon Parkway	3.2
0.2	←	Left	Shannon Ranch Elementary	3.4
0.0	←	Left	Turn left	3.5
0.0	→	Right	Turn right	3.5
0.0	←	Left	Turn left	3.5
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto North Ranch Street	3.6
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto West Shannon Parkway	3.6
0.2	↑	Straight	At roundabout, take exit 2 onto West Shannon Parkway	3.9
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto West Shannon Parkway	4.4
0.0	←	Slight Left	Keep left onto West Shannon Parkway	4.4
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto North Giddings Street	4.4
0.2	←	Left	Riverway Elementary	4.6
0.0	←	Left	Turn left	4.7
0.1	→	Right	Turn right	4.8
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto North Giddings Street	4.8
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Riverway Drive	4.9
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Santa Fe Trail North	5.3
1.5	↑	Straight	Junction - Modoc Ditch Trail to Fairview School	6.8
0.8	↑	Straight	At roundabout, take exit 3 onto North Santa Fe Street	7.6
0.8	→	Right	Option - Right Turn to Transit Center	8.3
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto East Center Avenue	8.4
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto North Church Street	8.5
0.0	←	Left	Option - TCAG Stop for Coffee	8.6
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto East Acequia Avenue	8.7
0.6	←	Left	Turn left at Redwood HS to S. Conyer St.	9.2
0.5	←	Left	Mt Whitney High School	9.7
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto West Main Street	10.3
0.7	←	Slight Left	Turn slight left onto South Mooney Boulevard	11.1
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto West Burrel Avenue	11.1
0.1	→	Right	Turn right	11.2
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto West Burrel Avenue	11.2
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto South Mooney Boulevard	11.3
0.1	↑	Straight	Continue onto S Mooney to COS	11.4
0.2	←	Left	College of Sequoias	11.6

**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**January 27, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Neyba Amezcua (-) Edward Real (-)	City of Lindsay
Lisa Wallis-Dutra (-) Kevin Gross (-)	City of Farmersville
Eddie Wendt (-)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (-)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (P) Frank Senteno (-)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-) Mario Anaya (-)	City of Tulare
Monique Mello (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 (P)	California Highway Patrol
Russ Dahler (P)	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
Mark Wall, Vice-Chair (P)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (-) Alec Kimmel (-)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (P)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young (P)	Interest Group #1
Jenn Garvin (P)	Interest Group #2

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

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

At the start of the meeting, there was unclarity on who would lead the meeting given the absence of a Chair since the previous Chair, Mike Camarena, retired in October. The previous three meetings in November, December and January were voluntarily led by Member Dahler. Before the start of the meeting Staff Bhongir Standing Committee Chair Russ Dahler opened the meeting at 8:35. Staff Bhongir asked Member Dahler if he can also lead this meeting in absence of a Chair. Member Dahler agreed to run the meeting. Committee members present were Members Diego Corvera, Monique Mello, Michael Winton, Steve Beal, Michael Young, Mark Wall and Richard Tree. A new attendee from the Porterville Unified School District, Jenn Garvin, joined the meeting. TCAG Staff Members Bhongir, Moore and Quintanilla were present.

## **2. Public Comments**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee on items within its purview but not on this agenda. Unscheduled comments are limited to 3 minutes. Note: Prior to the action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item.*

Public comments open and closed at 8:38. No public comments were received.

## **3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2021**

Motion was passed by Member Winton and seconded by Member Young.

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

Staff Bhongir shared that the Clean California Local Grant Program applications are due on Tuesday and if any assistance is needed TCAG can help review and provide feedback. No other items were reported.

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

Staff Bhongir discussed the proposed changes to the ATP project thresholds. Last cycle a large project was total project cost of over \$ 7 million, this cycle, the CTC is proposing to raise it to \$10 million. Last cycle a medium project was total project cost of between \$2 million and \$7 million. This new cycle proposes a range between \$3.5 and \$10 million. Small projects threshold size would change from \$2 million to \$3.5 million and under.

Staff Bhongir also mentioned that minor language changes to the guidelines and application questions are also underway, particularly in response to a stronger emphasis on affordable housing.

Member Dahler asked the committee if any agencies are planning on submitting ATP applications. Member Corvera mentioned the City of Visalia will be applying again for the Goshen trail and other small infrastructure projects. Member Winton shared that the County will be submitting a few projects. One is focused on the Cutler-Orosi and other locations are being evaluated.

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

Committee Member Minnick was not present but asked Staff Bhongir to present an update on her behalf. A summary report of fatalities between 2017 to 2020 was shared. New fatalities from January 2022 were also reported.

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

Member Ramirez was not present during the meeting to give an update.

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

Member Beal reported that the county experienced the deadliest year of car crashes in 2021. Findings show if more people wore seat-belts, some of these crash would have been survivable. In response to this, CHP is boosting their education and outreach efforts. Low staffing levels continue to be a challenge to execute many of the education and outreach efforts. Member Beal reported that from 2020 to 2021 CHP personnel state-wide total decreased by 1200 uniformed officers and management.

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

Staff Moore reported that funding from the California Kids Plate grant is steadily being used since the award announcement in October 2021. Staff Moore is currently working with a local afterschool program for an outreach event in the Cutler Orosi area coming up in March. Her team intends to educate the students on pedestrian and bicycle safety through a fun, interactive experience. Working through Covid 19 restrictions has continued to pose a challenge, but progress is still being made by conducting events outdoors. Staff Moore welcomes new ideas and events agencies would like to plan in your community in regards to bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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

Member Dahler inquired if City Council approved the Class IV Tulare bike lane. Member Corvera responded that last year City staff received positive feedback from the counsel and have been moving forward with the proposal.

Member Corvera shared the information on the Caldwell widening project from Santa Fe to Lovers Lane. The widening will ultimately tie into the county road as it proceeds east. Member Corvera asked Member Winton if the widening from Lovers Lane to Farmersville is in the works. Member Winton shared that consultant 4Creeks is working on those efforts. A public meeting was recently hosted regarding the widening efforts. Outreach efforts have been well attended. Design work is 30% complete. Drainage issues are also being looked at.

Member Corvera brought this item up to see if the Class II buffered bike lanes planned for Caldwell can continue along past the City of Visalia limits into the County right of way. This would help create a seamless bike connection leading to Farmersville. Member Winton agreed with Member Corvera and said outreach efforts have been conducted as to what type of bike lane the community would use. Member Winton further shared that maintaining the consistency from Visalia into Farmersville is important.

Staff Bhongir reported good news on the recent Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Award received for the Los Arroyos I Farmersville housing and transportation project. The award is for roughly \$14 million and includes funds to build a multimodal transit center and 54 units of affordable housing.

## **11. Adjourn**

Acting Chair Dahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, at the TCAG office. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.