

# TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 27, 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 December 9, 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 up for discussion given the close of the year and upcoming holidays that may conflict with the regularly scheduled meetings which occur on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8:30AM 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
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
<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 or Edgar Hernandez*	Caltrans, District 6

\* Agency rotates alternate

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**Tulare County Association of Governments**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**December 9, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Neyba Amezcua (-) Edward Real (P)	City of Lindsay
Lisa Wallis-Dutra (-) Kevin Gross (P)	City of Farmersville
Eddie Wendt (P)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (P)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (P)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-) Mario Anaya (P)	City of Tulare
Monique Mello (-)	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez (P)	City of Dinuba
Jose Ruiz-Salas (P) 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, Vice-Chair (-)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (-) Alec Kimmel (P)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (P)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young	Interest Group #1
Jenn Garvin	Interest Group #2

**TCAG Staff:** Brideget Moore, Sheela Bhongir and Ben Kimball

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Standing Committee Chair Russ Dahler opened the meeting at 8:35. Committee members present were Members Edward Real, Kevin Gross, Eddie Wendt, Jason Ridenour, Diego Corvera, Mario Anaya, Ismael Hernandez, Jose Ruiz-Salas Pedro Ramirez, Michael Winton, Russ Dahler, Alec Kimmel Sharon Minnick, Richard Tree and Michael Young. TCAG Staff Members Bhongir, Moore and Kimball.

**2. Public Comments**

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

### **3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2021**

Motion was passed by Michael Young and seconded by Edward Real.

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

Staff Bhongir opened this item encouraging agencies to apply for the Clean CA grant opportunity due February 1, 2022. She asked each agency to share a few lines about their project proposal if the agency would be applying. Committee Member Real said the City of Lindsay did not have a project identified at this time. The City of Farmersville is proposing artistic features near the off-ramp, the concept is still being finalized. Community outreach was conducted last week to understand which features were preferred by residents. Committee Member Wendt shared that the City of Exeter is considering different proposals to help improve the city's lighting and fix its sidewalks. Committee Member Ridenour shared that the City of Porterville is partnering with TCAG to propose enhancing the Santa Fe Trail with solar lighting, tree replacement, outdoor fitness equipment and other features. Committee member Corvera shared the City of Visalia would like to enhance Recreation Park with shade structures and clearing up litter accumulated in the adjacent parking lot. They are also considering artwork leading people from the parking lot to the Park. Committee Member Hernandez shared the City of Dinuba is considering cleaning up and beautifying a few alleyways.

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

Staff Bhongir shared that the guidelines for Cycle 6 are being updated and the CTC has a few more slots left for virtual site visits. Staff Bhongir also shared ten key takeaways she found common among winning applications. Committee Member Dahler also chimed in suggesting agencies to not resubmit the same application as before. Substantial changes should be made with updated data and statistics.

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

Committee Member Ruiz-Salas shared that Member Minnick is working on a complete annual update for 2021. She plans to share that information during the next meeting. Staff Bhongir encouraged agencies to reach out to the County Public Health if any assistance is needed finding health related information for various upcoming grant opportunities. Member Ruiz-Salas reinsured that the County could assist depending on the type of data requested.

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

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

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

Member Beal was not available during the meeting due to a prior engagement training individuals on proper techniques of car seat installation.

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

Staff Moore shared results from the recent art contest. On December 6, 2021 TCAG awarded eleven students with bicycles and helmets. A total of 133 entries were submitted. From last year, TCAG has seen a significant increase in contestants and sponsors. Staff Moore also shared the new grant funding from the Kids Plate program supported the expenses of the art contest. She also announced a new car seat installation training scheduled for December 17 due to the high demand of parents and guardians who could not attend previous trainings. Next year TCAG plans to train two more staff members to install car seats. These efforts are part of the Kids Plate grant TCAG was recently awarded.

On November 12, TCAG staff partnered with Officer Beal to conduct a pedestrian safety training at Cutler Elementary. Over 600 students were present for the safety training. Incentives were given to students who actively participated. Staff Bhongir asked Staff Moore if agencies can partner with her on non-infrastructure related events to support their ATP Cycle 6 applications. Staff Moore responded she is open to working with any agency that would like to do any education or encouragement events for bicycle or pedestrian safety.

## **10. Information: May 2022 Bike to Wherever Day**

Staff Bhongir shared that ATAC has an opportunity to coordinate a region-wide Bike to Wherever Day event or program for 2022. She is happy to help coordinate efforts if this is of interest to the agencies.

## **11. Information: Other Business**

Staff Kimball informed the committee of a new mandate coming from Caltrans headquarters. If a state highway runs through a community, all future road projects that may occur on the state highway are directed to consider complete streets elements, including active transportation.

Acting Chair Dahler shared information on a California Bicycle Summit happening next year in April in Oakland, CA. He encourages agencies to register for networking and information on bicycle planning.

## **12. Adjourn**

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