
**Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)
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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
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Russ Dahler	Citizens' Oversight Committee (At Large #1)
Mark Wall	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez or Edgar Hernandez*	Caltrans, District 6

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Mark Wall (P)	At Large #2
Pedro Ramirez (P) Alec Kimmel (-) Edgar Hernandez (P)	Caltrans, District 6
Richard Tree (P)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young (P)	Interest Group #1
Jenn Garvin (P)	Interest Group #2
Dale Simmons (-)	Interest Group #3

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

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting started at 8:33AM 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 Mark Wall, Sharon Minnick, Michael Winton, Michael Young, Mark Wall, Edward Real, Diego Corvera, Pedro Ramirez, Edgar Hernandez and Jason Waters were present. TCAG Staff Members Moore, Quintanilla, Bhongir, Brady and Gutierrez 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 8:37. No public comments were received.

3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2022

Motion approved by Member Winton and seconded by Member Minnick.

4. Information: Project Status Implementation Update

Staff Bhongir opened the floor for agencies to share brief preview of their ATP proposals except for the City of Visalia and Porterville Unified School District who plan on sharing their project updates in Agenda item #6 and 7.

5. Information: Active Transportation Program update

Staff Gutierrez briefly explained that applications for the Cycle 6 program are due in two weeks. TCAG staff are available to help review applications if that is assistance you would like. Member Wall responded on Staff Gutierrez's by commenting whether people were aware that the Governor's May Revise budget proposed doubling the Active Transportation Funds. Temporary Chair Russ chimed in saying there is a lot of money available this round. However, Staff Gutierrez immediately responded telling everyone that this augmentation has not been finalized. It might be approved during the Governor's June meeting. If any recent developments on this item are shared to us from the CTC, then Staff Gutierrez said he will be sure to inform the committee. Member Corvera inquired if the original intention to retroactively fund some of the Cycle 5 projects is still on the table if the budget is approved. Staff Gutierrez said we do not have that information at this time.

6. Information: City of Visalia ATP Update

Member Corvera started his report clarifying the title of the agenda item. He said this item is not necessarily about Cycle 6 projects but rather an overall presentation of the City of Visalia's history of active transportation projects and new developments. He provided a presentation about 12 minutes in length. He reviewed the Bike Master plans and committees from the 80's until present. He further detailed trail systems throughout Visalia and shared a video about the newly installed Hawk crossing signal. He shared information about the Goshen trail reconstruction, highlighting conspicuous painting schemes, bulb outs and various other safety features.

Discussion ensued regarding the Caldwell route and various transit routes on the Summary map.

7. Information: TCC Implementation Grant ATP Proposal

Interest Group Member Jenn Garvin, Energy and Sustainability Coordinator with the Porterville Unified School District (PUSD) introduced herself and shared a preview of TCC Implementation Grant proposal she and her team are working on. The TCC grant, like the ATP grant is due in a few weeks' time. In particular, she highlighted the ATP projects PUSD has worked on. She shared that the project area is a 5 square mile area that encompasses 12 schools. They are working on reducing single occupancy vehicles used to drop kids off at school. 60-70% drive or get dropped off. She reviewed community concerns such as intersection safety, lack of continuous sidewalks and lighting as well as other safety concerns. TCC solutions include safer intersection design, complete streets improvements and a safe routes to school coordinator to help facilitate various educational and encouragement to help shift today's culture to more healthy habits of walking and biking.

She further discussed other elements of the TCC proposal involving updating older diesel model buses to electric buses to reduce GHG from bus trips picking up and dropping off students who do not live close enough to walk or bike to school. She reviewed water conservation concepts, community engagement coordination, stakeholder groups and surveys. Discussion ensued regarding lane specifications and walking criteria for students.

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

Member Minnick repeated similar findings from last month's meeting. This year we the County has experienced 16 fatalities which is higher than previous years. She emphasized we are only halfway through the year. Four of those fatalities were train related. Member Minnick said there is nothing new to update, other than the information that was previously shared.

9. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update CHP Update

Member Pedro reported that Caltrans is actively gathering comments for their District 6 CAT plan. They plan to have it ready July 1st. He discussed having a story map and location-based needs and summary draft. He said that they will be launching a similar ATAC meeting at the District 6 level. He welcomes the participation and feedback from communities. This will be the first meeting to be held on June 1st at 2PM. Staff Bhongir said she will send a follow-up email to all ATAC committee members with the invitation click and agenda.

10. Information: CHP Update

On behalf of Member Beal, temporary Chair Dahler shared his update. He said that Member Beal is currently away teaching a class. He has noticed an uptick in crashes with unrestrained passengers. CHP wants to refocus on those types of violations. May 23 through June 5th is click it or ticket campaign. He hopes this will help with seatbelt compliance.

11. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

Staff Moore reported that TCAG now has child passenger safety technicians. Further, she shared that TCAG was at Rawhide for the entire month of May - Bike Month, fitting helmets for kids present at the games and raffling skateboards and safety gear. She further mentioned recent and upcoming bike rodeos and car seat safety events that were and currently are being funded with the California Department of Public Health Kids' Plates Grant.

12. Information: Other Business

Temporary Chair Dahler reported that a chair and vice chair should be selected in June. He unfortunately will not be able to continue serving in this capacity. He encourages nominations and hopes these positions will be filled. Discussion ensued regarding securing a chair and vice chair during the June meeting.

13. Information: Other Business

No other business was reported.

14. Adjourn

Acting Chair Dahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at the TCAG office.