

TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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 February 23, 2023 (Attached)
- 4) Information: Project Implementation Status Update
- 5) Information: ATP Program Update
- 6) Action: Choosing a Smart Cycling Class Dates for either May 12/14 or June 2/3 weekends
- 7) Special Presentation: UC Berkeley's SafeTrec free Online Tool Called [Street Story](#) presented by Jarah Crowner
- 8) Information: Tulare County Public Health Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality Update
- 9) Information: Caltrans District 6 Update
- 10) Information: CHP Update
- 11) Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update
- 12) Other Business
- 13) Adjourn

TCAG Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meetings are scheduled monthly on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. **The next scheduled ATAC meeting is on Thursday, April 27th, 2023**

**Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Members**

Eddie Wendt	City of Exeter
Curtis Cannon or Neyba Amezcua*	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 and ATAC Vice Chair
Jenn Garvin	Interest Group #2
Elaine Garrett or Bryan Patterson*	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

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Tulare County Association of Governments
Active Transportation Advisory Committee
February 23, 2023

ATTENDANCE LIST

Neyba Amezcua (-) Curtis Cannon (-)	City of Lindsay
Kevin Gross (-)	City of Farmersville
Eddie Wendt (-)	City of Exeter
Jason Ridenour (-) Luisa Zavala (P)	City of Porterville
Diego Corvera (P) Frank Senteno (-)	City of Visalia
Jan Bowen (-) Mario Anaya (P)	City of Tulare
Rebecca Griswold(P)	City of Woodlake
Ismael Hernandez (-)	City of Dinuba
Jose Ruiz-Salas (-) Sharon Minnick (P)	County of Tulare – Public Health
Michael Winton (-)	County of Tulare – Resource Management Agency
Gracie Johnson (-)	County of Tulare – Sheriff
Steve Beal (P) Johnny Woodrow (P)	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 (P) David Deel (-) Braden Duran (P) Marcus Evans (P)	Caltrans, District 6
Olivia Forte (P)	Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)
Michael Young (P)	Interest Group #1 (Adventure Sports store) and ATAC Vice Chair
Jenn Garvin (P)	Interest Group #2 (Porterville Unified School District CAPS)
Bryan Patterson (P) Elaine Garrett (P)	Interest Group #3 (Southern Sierra Cyclists)

TCAG Staff: Sheela Bhongir, Holly Gallo, Derek Winning, Brideget Moore and Servando Quintanilla

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting started at 8:34AM by Chair Mark Wall. Introductions started from a new member in Caltrans District 6, Braden Duran, who recently stepped into the role of Active Transportation Specialist for D6. Introductions continued with Member Hernandez, Lau and Evans (Caltrans District 6), Member Young (Vice Chair and Interest Group #1), Member Corvera (City of Visalia), Member Garrett and Patterson (Interest Group #3), Member Beal and Woodrow

(California Highway Patrol), Member Minnick (Public Health Agency for the County of Tulare), Member Dahler (Citizens' Oversight Committee) and Member Griswold (City of Woodlake)

TCAG Staff present in-person were Bhongir, Quintanilla and Moore. TCAG Staff present online were Gallo and Winning.

2. Public Comments

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Public comments open and closed at 8:37.

3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2023 (Attached)

Member Dahler (Citizens' Oversight Committee) made a motion seconded by Member Corvera (City of Visalia).

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Action: Move March 23rd ATAC Meeting to March 30th

Staff Bhongir shared a scheduling conflict on March 23rd and requested to move the meeting to March 30th. Vice Chair Young made a motion to move the meeting to March 30th seconded by Member Minnick (Public Health Agency for the County of Tulare).

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Direction: Formation of League Cycling Instructor Scholarship Subcommittee

Staff Bhongir presented this item with a recap from prior months' meetings. ATAC Member did express interest in the League Cycling Seminar. This month an action item will be presented to the TCAG Board for approval of the League Cycling Seminar and Scholarship funds totaling \$10,000. Staff Bhongir said all these the funds will be not used for this round and anticipates these funds will be used for future rounds.

Staff Bhongir requested support from ATAC members to help market and disseminate information about the Seminar and Classes throughout the county and select candidates. Tentative dates for the Seminar are June 16-19, 23-25 or 30 to July 2nd.

Staff Moore asked a question of whether it would be a conflict of interest to be on this subcommittee and also be an applicant. After future discussion, direction from ATAC members was given to Staff Bhongir to make sure the subcommittee members don't score their own application.

Chair Wall, Member Corvera, Garrett, and Griswold expressed interest to be part of the subcommittee.

6. Information: Project Implementation Status Update

Staff Bhongir opened this item for any agencies who wanted to share updates on recent bicycle or pedestrian projects happening in their jurisdiction. Member Corvera shared that the City of

Visalia is considering a Clean CA project for the North Visalia area. This project not necessarily directly be a bicycle or pedestrian project, but it would indirectly benefit active transportation through the means of beautification. The City is seeking feedback from the community and open to choosing different location upon community engagement.

Staff Bhongir shared a preliminary sketch of the City of Visalia's Clean CA proposal and requested some feedback from the ATAC members. Member Corvera said they might be looking into a proposal for the North Visalia area to implement yield streets, calm traffic. Staff Bhongir responded to the outreach component of this project and suggested that Member Corvera get in touch with Bill Huott, an active community member who lives in the North Visalia area and has done countless hour of voluntary trash picking and clean-up in the Visalia area. He was recognized as an Environmental Hero by the Visalia Environmental Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in Visalia.

7. Information: ATP Program Update

Staff Winning shared that scores from TCAG's MPO component were shared to the selected agencies including Tulare County, Tule River Indian Reservation, City of Visalia and City of Woodlake. Official confirmation will occur at the June California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting.

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

Member Minnick read statistics from a table and chart she put together and was included in this month's agenda. Data included the type of fatality, time of day and age groups. Information revealed that most of the fatalities did happen during dusk. A recent change in data collection includes indication of whether the person was experiencing homelessness. Member Minnick might reach out to the Tulare County Homeless Task Force for more information.

(A copy of that report is attached in January 2023's minutes)

Member Anaya chimed in stating that homelessness is a real concern for the City of Tulare. The City is actively working on solutions.

9. Information: Caltrans District 6 Update CHP Update

Member Hernandez shared information on two grant deadlines. The Sustainable Transportation Planning grants are due March 9th 2023 and the Clean California grants are due April 28th.

10. Information: CHP Update

Member Beal shared that he transitioning out of his role and introduced his replacement, Officer Woodrow. He is born and raised in Tulare County and has been a sheriff for about 14 years.

11. Information: Active Transportation Outreach Update

Staff Moore shared a few events that are coming down the pipeline. TCAG is participating in the Lindsay Health Fair on March 25th promoting car-seat safety and on the same day will be at the Visalia Farmer's Market promoting bicycle safety. TCAG will also be assisting the City of Porterville law enforcement with some of their upcoming bike rodeos. Her team also plans to support a Women on Wheels event happening later this month and starting preparation for a bicycle education campaign during the month of May at the Rawhide stadium.

12. Other Business

Staff Bhongir inquired whether the ATAC committee would be interested in doing another Earth Day bike ride on April 22, 2023. Chair Wall responded that Southern Sierra Cyclists helped out with this event and they would be happy to support the event again.

Staff Bhongir introduced a new employee of TCRTA, Olivia Forte, to the ATAC.

No other business was reported.

13. Adjourn

Chair Wall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, at the TCAG office.