



Joint Meeting of the
TCAG SR 65, SR 99, SR 190, and SR 198 Sustainable Corridor Committees (SCCs) –
AGENDA

Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church St., Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291
Sequoia Conference Room

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is reserved for people wishing to address the TCAG SCCs 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.

3. Approval of February 9, 2023, SCCs Meeting minutes (Page 4)
4. Membership Update (J. Washam TCAG)
5. Clean California Program update (Caltrans)
 - The Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) Cycle 2
 - Litter Abatement Program
 - “Adopt-A-Highway” Volunteering Opportunities
6. Current and Completed Corridor Beautification Projects – TCAG and local agencies Updates
 - SR 65
 - SR 190
 - SR 198
 - SR 99
7. Project Selection Guidelines for Highway Beautification Projects – (K. Poleszczuk, TCAG) Discussion, (Draft Attached)
8. SCC’s Next Steps – Discussion on available grants and other funding available for corridor beautification projects etc. (K. Poleszczuk, TCAG)
9. Request from SCC members for Future Agenda Items
10. Next Meeting Tentatively set for Thursday, January 18, 2024
11. Adjourn

SR 65 Committee

Larry Micari, Elected Official	Member
Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Member
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member
Michael Navarro, Lorena Mendibles, Caltrans	Member
Aaron Bock/Michael Winton, County of Tulare	Member
Eddie Wendt/Daymon Qualls, City of Exeter	Member
Neyba Amezcua, City of Lindsay	Member
Jason Ridenour, City of Porterville	Member
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff

SR 99 Committee

Eddie Valero, Elected Official	Member
Pete Vander Poel, Elected Official	Member
Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member
Michael Washam, County of Tulare	Member
Jan Bowen, City of Tulare	Member
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff

SR 190 Committee

Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Member
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member
Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member
Aaron Bock/Michael Winton, County of Tulare	Member
Jason Ridenour, City of Porterville	Member
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff

SR 198 Committee

Amy Shuklian, Elected Official	Member
Nick Mascia, City of Visalia	Member
Paul Boyer, Elected Official	Member
Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member
Aaron Bock/Michael Winton, County of Tulare	Member
Nick Mascia, City of Visalia	Member

Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff

TCAG Staff

Kasia Poleszczuk, Senior Regional Planner, TCAG Staff
John Washam, Regional Planner, TCAG Staff
Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner, TCAG Staff

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February 9th, 2023, Meeting Minutes TCAG SR 65, SR 99, SR 190, and SR 198 Sustainable Corridor Committees (SCCs) Joint Meeting

SR 65 Committee

Larry Micari, Elected Official	Member	P
Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Chair	P
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member	P
Aaron Bock/Michael Winton, County of Tulare	Member	A
Eddie Wendt/Daymon Qualls, City of Exeter	Member	A/A
Jeff Cowart/Michael Camarena, City of Lindsay	Member	A/A
Jason Ridenour, City of Porterville	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

SR 99 Committee

Eddie Valero, Elected Official	Member	A
Pete Vander Poel, Elected Official	Member	A
Michael Washam, County of Tulare	Member	A
Jan Bowen, City of Tulare	Member	A
Nick Mascia, City of Visalia	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

SR 190 Committee

Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Member	P
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member	P
Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member	A
Aaron Bock/Michael Winton, County of Tulare	Member	A/P
Jason Ridenour, City of Porterville	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

SR 198 Committee

Amy Shuklian, Elected Official	Member	A
Paul Boyer, Elected Official	Member	A
Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member	A
Johnson Vang, County of Tulare	Member	A
Nick Mascia, City of Visalia	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Kasia Poleszczuk, TCAG	Staff	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

Additional Attendees

Kasia Poleszczuk	TCAG	P
Jennifer Nishikawa	Caltrans	A
Roberto Brady	TCAG	P
Gail Miller	TCAG	P

P=Present A=Absent

Summary Meeting Minutes

The Sustainable Corridor Committees (SCCs) Joint Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Dennis Townsend at 10:05 a.m. on February 9, 2023. Public Comments opened/closed. There were no comments from the public.

Minutes of October 13, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Member Flores, and second by Member Schoettler.

Jennifer Nishikawa, Caltrans Clean California D-6 coordinator, provided an update on the Clean California Tier 2 Local Grant Program, Adopt-A-Highway Program, and Clean California Community Days. She discussed how individuals, organizations, or businesses could help maintain sections of roadside within California's State Highway System.

Member J. Ridenour, with the City of Porterville, presented the status of the City of Porterville's projects. The city's partnership with C-Set, TCAG, and Caltrans on the Litter Abatement program started on February 6th. Other SR 190 & SR 65 projects were also discussed.

B. Cole, the landscape architect with Caltrans District 6, provided an update on planting plans for SR 190 & 65 as well as screening projects for SR 99 that were nominated in the Clean CA Tier 1 program. He highlighted a few specific projects in the city of Porterville where Caltrans is currently working on planting and irrigation plans. He mentioned that plans are completed and that only minor changes to irrigation need to be done.

Kasia Poleszczuk TCAG staff presented the status of SCC's projects that were nominated by SCCs. She mentioned that almost all projects were obligated and that there is still \$2 million available for various corridor beautification projects. She mentioned that from the "master project list" two concepts – "the chain-link replacement project East of SR 198" and "Betty Drive Interchange landscaping" are not yet obligated. She explained that since the Clean C A Tier 2 local grant program is active, the SCCs should wait and see what projects the State will nominate. She also asked the committees for direction on obligating the remaining funds. She presented an option for TCAG to organize a "mini call for projects" so agencies could submit projects (small projects like screening of unsightly views). Members agreed to further discuss this approach. Chair, D. Townsend asked members to prepare a list of projects for the next SCC's meetings, along with a draft scope and cost so it could be debated among members during the next meeting in June.

K. Poleszczuk presented the next agenda item which was the preparation of the Corridor Beautification Criteria for the remaining 3 corridors like the existing SR 99 plan that was prepared by member K. Karl Schoettler. Members agreed to request Karl to prepare the other plans as well.

K. Poleszczuk also discussed that there are other types of funds available that should be further explored. Chair, D. Townsend agreed this should remain as a standing item on all future agendas, as a forum for members to share funding information.

Committee members discussed a date for the next meeting, which was tentatively set for June 8th, 2023.

The SCC's Joint Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.