

**ITEM: 3**

**TCAG SR 65, SR 99, SR 190, and SR 198 Sustainable Corridor  
Committees (SCCs) Joint Meeting**

**August 15, 2019**

**SR 65 Committee**

Kuyler Crocker, Elected Official	Member	A
Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Member	P
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member	P
Gail Miller/Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member	A/P
Aaron Bock/Johnson Vang, County of Tulare	Member	P/A
Eddie Wendt/Daymon Qualls, City of Exeter	Member	P/A
Jeff Cowart/Michael Camarena, City of Lindsay	Member	P/A
Jenni Byers, City of Porterville	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Mark Hays, TCAG	Staff	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

**SR 99 Committee**

Eddie Valero, Elected Official	Member	P
Pete Vander Poel, Elected Official	Member	A
Gail Miller/Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member	A/P
Michael Washam/Dave Bryant, County of Tulare	Member	P/P
Jan Bowen, City of Tulare	Member	P
David Hernandez, City of Visalia	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Derek Winning, TCAG	Staff	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

**SR 190 Committee**

Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Member	P
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member	P
Gail Miller/Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member	A/P
Aaron Bock/Michael Winton, County of Tulare	Member	P/A
Jenni Byers, City of Porterville	Member	P
Lisa Ruffa, Springville/Realtor	Member	A
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Mark Hays, TCAG	Staff	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

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## SR 198 Committee

Amy Shuklian, Elected Official	Member	A
Kuyler Crocker, Elected Official	Member	A
Paul Boyer, Elected Official	Member	P
Gail Miller/Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member	A/P
Dave Bryant/Johnson Vang, County of Tulare	Member	P/A
Frank Senteno, City of Visalia	Member	P
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member	P
Mario Cifuentez, City of Visalia	Member	A
Kasia Poleszczuk, TCAG	Staff	P
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff	P

## Additional Attendees

Ted Smalley	TCAG	P
Roberto Brady	TCAG	P
Abigail Solis	Earlimart	P
Nick Mascia	Visalia	P

P=Present A=Absent

## Summary Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Welcome & Introductions

The SCCs Joint Meeting was opened by Derek Winning at 10:05 a.m. at the Tulare County Association of Governments, 210 N. Church Street, Ste. B, Visalia, CA 93291. Derek Winning indicated as of now the SCCs will continue to meet jointly, but that each corridor will have a standing agenda item to discuss corridor issues.

### 2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2019

A motion for approval was made with a second. The committee voted to approve the minutes of the SCCs Meeting on May 2, 2019.

### 3. Public Comments

Public Comments opened/closed at 10:10 p.m. No comments received.

### 4. Options for Corridor Themes and Standards

Brad Cole, landscape architect with Caltrans District 06, gave a brief presentation on landscape options that considered draught tolerant plantings. He indicated that landscape screenings using

oleanders along SR 99 would cost about \$15,000 - \$30,000 per location not including the cost of bringing water to the sites until plant mature. Although hardscape aesthetics are important, Brad mentioned that it is really the landscape plantings of native and drought tolerant vegetation that provide beauty within the urban sections of the corridor. Committee members also enquired about public involvement. Derek Winning indicated that the committee was in the process of studying possibilities on the corridors but that public involvement may come to the fore as we move forward.

#### **5. Highway Trash Clean-up Options**

Kasia Poleszczuk shared some research about highway clean-up programs. She indicated that both City of Fresno and City of Bakersfield have partnered with Caltrans to clean up SR 99 and that Caltrans may have matching funds available for such programs. Nick Mascia mentioned a workforce development program in City of Visalia that works with the homeless to help clean up local streets. Also programs like adopt a highway were also discussed. The committee requested that Caltrans Ops & Maintenance department give a presentation at the next SCCs meeting on cleanup costs and possible corridor partnerships between Caltrans and Tulare County jurisdictions.

#### **6. SR 65 Discuss Corridor issues - Photo Tour**

Mark Hays gave a presentation on the SR 65 corridor that included a photo tour of the corridor. Overall the corridor appears to be aesthetically pleasing. Examples of good practices were given including the community identifiers in City of Exeter. The corridor also includes great views of agricultural areas with mountain backdrops. There are a few locations along SR 65 that could use some code enforcement and potential areas for screening of unsightly uses.

#### **7. SR 190 Discuss Corridor issues - Photo Tour**

Mark Hays gave a presentation on the SR 190 corridor that included a photo tour of the corridor. Overall the corridor appears to be aesthetically pleasing. Although the community of Poplar was discussed as an opportunity for a complete streets project with some potential screenings. Also the new roundabout at Road 152 could use some landscaping. Michael Washam mentioned the Mighty 190 group and their work on the corridor.

#### **8. SR 198 Discuss Corridor issues - Photo Tour**

Kasia Poleszczuk gave a presentation on the SR 198 corridor that included a photo tour of the corridor. Overall the corridor appears to be aesthetically pleasing with the City of Visalia bridges at Plaza and Santa Fe given as a good practice for bridge aesthetics. The native valley oaks located in the SR 198 median provide a great sense of place and community identification. The industrial corridor east of the City of Visalia was mentioned for potential code enforcement and screening projects. The community of Three Rivers was mentioned for potential complete streets project. Dave Bryant indicated that the Three Rivers Community Plan allows for complete streets in the center of town.

#### **9. SR 99 – Screening Project Estimate**

Brad Cole covered cost estimates during the item 3 discussion. He was invited to come back at the next meeting to provide examples, options, and best practices for corridor hardscape and plantings aesthetics.

#### **10. Local Motion Awards – Corridor Beautification Contest**

Kasia Poleszczuk discussed the possibility of adding a corridor beautification award to the TCAG annual Local Motion Awards Banquet. There was a consensus among committee members that TCAG should move forward with the idea.

#### **11. Committee Meeting Schedule**

Derek Winning stated the next meeting would be held in November 2019 and staff would send out an e-mail asking which dates are best for the committee members.

#### **12. Adjourn**

The SCCs Joint Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.