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

May 2, 2019

SR 65 Committee

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

SR 99 Committee

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

SR 190 Committee

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

SR 198 Committee

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

Additional Attendees

Ted Smalley	TCAG	P
Roberto Brady	TCAG	P

P=Present A=Absent

Summary Meeting Minutes

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 that the agenda of the first joint meeting was designed to share the plans and approach developed so far on SR 99 with all the committees as a guide to what is being considered there with respect to corridor issues, sustainability, planning, and beautification. Subsequent meetings will either be conducted separately and/or will include items and information for each corridor: SR 65, SR 99, SR 190, and SR 198.

2. Public Comments

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

3. SCCs By Laws – Roles and Responsibilities

Mark Hays gave a brief overview of the SCCs By laws indicating that the committees are advisory in nature and operate under the regional consensus building approach typical of TCAG Committees. Members or their designee (with prior notice) may attend and vote on items. The role of the committees is to support and connect planning and funding opportunities for the

corridors as well as advise the TCAG Board on matters pertaining to enhanced sustainability and beautification of the corridors.

Kasia Poleszczuk discussed committee member recruitment. There are still many communities along the corridors that are not represented. Also business and community leaders and other important stake holders and interest groups are not represented. A recruitment flyer was handed out and has been emailed to committee members.

4. 2016 Sustainable Hwy 99 Corridor Plan Highlights

Aaron Bock provided a power point presentation on the highlights of the County of Tulare SR 99 corridor plan. The comprehensive plan contains sections on transportation, aesthetics, and economic development among others for the SR 99 corridor. The plan also includes short, medium, and long term sustainability strategies for implementation.

Michael Washam spoke briefly about economic development potential for communities along the SR 99 corridor. Ted Smalley asked for interchange locations where improvements might be needed to enhance economic development efforts along SR 99. Merritt Drive, Avenue 120, and Avenue 56 were mentioned as important locations for interchange upgrades to aid in the industrial and commercial development of the communities of Traver, Pixley, and Earlimart respectively.

5. Tulare County Highway 99 Enhancement and Beautification Strategies

Karl Schoettler provided a power point presentation on the highlights of his beautification plan for the SR 99 corridor that he had previously made to the TCAG Board in early 2018. Indeed the TCAG Board formed the SCCs in part as a response to the ideas and strategies contained in his study of the corridor. The strategies include practical examples of areas that need screening and enhancement along the corridor as well as recommendations for ordinances and code enforcement. Drought tolerant landscaping and creative use of recycled water can provide beautification enhancements in a sustainable manner along the corridor.

6. Caltrans District 06 Highway Corridor Enhancement Strategies

Brad Cole was unable to attend, so Gail Miller spoke briefly about concerns that Caltrans has about funding for maintenance and concerns for safety of work crews along the corridor. Typically there are agreements between Caltrans and local agencies for landscape maintenance.

7. Corridor Funding Strategies

Ted Smalley indicated that TCAG would seek to partner with Caltrans on funding needed improvements along the corridors. He mentioned that Measure R has funding available for SR 65, South SR 99, SR 190, and SR 198 improvements. He also stressed the importance of getting aesthetic enhancements included during the design phase of major freeway and interchange projects. It is also important that the committees work to help identify appropriate corridor themes that could be incorporated as major projects come on line. ATP grant funds may be a source of funding for complete streets improvements on state highways in communities along the corridors.

8. Committee Meeting Schedule

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

9. Adjourn

The SCCs Joint Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.