

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 Seguoia Conference Room

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November 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is reserved for person 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 the Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020 (attached)
- 4. "Measure R" Amendment and project funding opportunities (T. Smalley)
- 5. Corridor Beautification Strategies / Update
 - Priority Projects Discussion
 - Screening Unsightly Views Project list & PSRs (TCAG, B. Cole)
 - Corridor Maintenance
 - Community Identifiers ("Mighty 190")
- 6. December Board Presentation Discussion (TCAG, SCCs)
- 7. Corridors Update (SCC Members)
 - SR 65
 - SR 190
 - SR 99
 - SR 198
- 8. Schedule Next Meeting
- 9. Adjourn

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

SR 65 Committee

Kuyler Crocker, Elected Official	Member
Dennis Townsend, Elected Official	Chair
Martha Flores, Elected Official	Member
Vacant/Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member
Aaron Bock/Johnson Vang, County of Tulare	Member
Eddie Wendt/Daymon Qualls, City of Exeter	Member
Jeff Cowart/Michael Camarena, City of Lindsay	Member
Jenni Byers, 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/Dave Bryant, County of Tulare	Member
Jan Bowen, City of Tulare	Member
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member
Derek Winning, TCAG	Staff
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff

SR 190 Committee

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

SR 198 Committee

Amy Shuklian, Elected Official	Member
Kuyler Crocker, Elected Official	Member
Paul Boyer, Elected Official	Vice – Chair
Vacant/Michael Navarro, Caltrans	Member
Vacant/Johnson Vang, County of Tulare	Member
Frank Senteno, City of Visalia	Member
Karl Schoettler, Planner	Member
Kasia Poleszczuk, TCAG	Staff
Brad Cole, Caltrans	Staff

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

February 20, 2020

SR 65 Committee

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

SR 99 Committee

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

SR 190 Committee

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

SR 198 Committee

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

Additional Attendees

Ted Smalley	TCAG	Р
Roberto Brady	TCAG	Р
Joshua Medires	Tulare RMA	Р
Michael Knight	Porterville	Р

P=Present A=Absent

Summary Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Sustainable Corridor Committees (SCCs) Joint Meeting was called to order by Mark Hays at 10:05 a.m. on February 20, 2020.

2. Public Comments

Public Comments opened/closed at 10:08 a.m. No comments received.

3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes for May 15, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Member Townsend, and second by Member Bryant.

3. Action: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair 2020-2021

Members Townsend and Boyer were unanimously approved as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the 2020-2021 year upon a Member Winton and a second by Member Schoettler.

4. Discussion - TCAG Board Presentation

TCAG staff Poleszczuk and Winning provided a power point presentation on the highlights of the SCCs that would be presented at TCAG Board meeting in March.

Members discussed screening to hide unsightly views alongside the highways, or landscaping/hardscaping to improve aesthetics and prevent unkempt visuals, or maintenance for the landscaping at the sites. Brad Cole, landscape architect with Caltrans District 6, gave a

5. "Measure R" proposed Amendment

brief presentation on roadside design features.

TCAG Director Smalley discussed partnership with Caltrans and opportunities for funding for 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.

6. Potential Highway Improvement Projects on Routes 65, 190, 99, 198

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. 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. Corridors Update

No updates were given.

11. Schedule Next Meeting

Mr. Hays stated the next meeting would be held in March 10, 2020.

12. Adjourn

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