



Sustainable Goods Movement Committee (SGMC) Meeting

Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church St., Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291
Sequoia Room
Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 11:00AM

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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 SGMC Advisory Committee 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. Action: Approval of September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes
4. Update on Caltrans Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan for State Route 99 (CMCP)
5. Discussion: TCAG Sustainable Multi-modal Goods Movement Study – Progress Report
6. Economic Development Update
7. SGMC Member Q/A Discussion
8. Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 11th at 11:00am

9. Adjourn

TCAG SGMC Membership

Mayor Brian Poochigian – City of Visalia (Chair)

Marc Mondell, City Manager – City of Tulare

Jason Ridenour, Assistant City Manager – City of Porterville

Airica de Oliveira – Tulare County EDC

Devon Jones – Economic Development Manager, City of Visalia (Vice Chair)

Lisa Wallis-Dutra, 4-Creeks - City of Dinuba

Michael Washam, Associate Director RMA - County of Tulare

Pedro Ramirez – Caltrans District 6

Derek Winning – TCAG

Giancarlo Bruno- TCAG

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ATTENDANCE LIST

Mayor Brian Poochigian - City of Visalia (Chair)	Present
Marc Mondell - City of Tulare	Absent
Jason Ridenour - City of Porterville	Present
Airica de Oliveira - Tulare County Economic Development Corporation	Absent
Devon Jones - City of Visalia (Vice Chair)	Present
Lisa Wallis-Dutra - City of Dinuba/4-Creeks	Present
Michael Washam - Tulare County RMA	Present
Pedro Ramirez - Caltrans District 6	Present
Derek Winning - Tulare County Association of Governments	Present

Other TCAG Staff: Giancarlo Bruno

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome & Introductions

Sustainable Goods Movement Committee (SGMC) members and TCAG staff in attendance introduced themselves.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

III. Action: Approval of June 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously as presented upon a motion by Vice Chair Jones and a second by Member Wallis-Dutra.

IV. Update on Caltrans Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan for State Route 99 (CMCP)

Member Winning provided an overview of the Caltrans Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan for State Route 99 (CMCP) and briefed the members present on recent study developments. He stated that one of the priorities of the study was to identify mitigation strategies to offset the environmental impacts of completing SR 99 as a six-lane highway from end to end. One of the strategies being studied is managed lanes such as truck-only lanes. Caltrans is using its travel-demand model to estimate the impact of the various mitigation measures being studied. Member Winning promised to provide additional updates at the next meeting.

Chair Poochigian asked when the study was expected to be completed. Member Winning answered that it was expected to be finished in Spring or early Summer 2025.

V. Discussion: TCAG Sustainable Multi-modal Goods Movement Study- Consultant Selection

Mr. Bruno discussed the proposals received in response to TCAG's Sustainable Goods Movement Study RFP and the recommendation of the scoring panel. Three (3) proposals were received; from Cabridge Systematics, Fehr + Peers, and Tioga Group. All three firms and their proposed subconsultant teams were interviewed. The scoring panel, which consisted of Mr. Bruno and committee Vice Chair Jones and Member Mondell, unanimously recommended that the Cambridge Systematics proposal be selected.

Mr. Bruno added that Cambridge Systematics has extensive freight planning experience, including with sustainable freight planning, and that their methodology for disaggregating agricultural freight flows seemed particularly strong.

Vice Chair Jones added that he believed all three firms were highly qualified, but that Cambridge Systematics seemed the most experienced and suited to the project. He also noted that he had some concerns that the team proposed by Fehr + Peers might have been larger than necessary.

VI. Discussion: Federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Award for I-5

Member Winning shared news of a \$102 million multi-state federal grant award received by California, Oregon, and Washington to develop zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure along the I-5 corridor.

Chair Poochigian asked how much it costs to construct one (1) EV charging station. Member Winning responded that the 16 chargers installed at TCAG for light-duty vehicles cost about \$200,000-\$250,000, with the chargers themselves costing about \$50,000 and construction costing about \$150,000-\$200,000. He added that there are several variables that can influence the cost, including whether right-of-way needs to be acquired.

Chair Poochigian stated that he believes it is important to build out the necessary infrastructure for zero-emission technology before widescale deployment but that it could be disadvantageous to build the infrastructure too quickly if a different technology is adopted. He added that many haulers who are retiring older trucks are weighing whether to continue serving California given CARB mandates and the cost of zero-emission trucks.

Member Ramirez asked whether there are currently any hydrogen fueling stations in the Central Valley. Member Washam answered that he believes there is one hydrogen station in the valley along I-5.

VII. Economic Development Update

Vice Chair Jones and Member Winning raised the subject of AB 98, which was just passed by both houses of the state legislature. The bill would prescribe various statewide warehouse design and build standards for any proposed new or expanded logistics facility including standards for building design and location, setbacks from sensitive receptors, and landscaping buffers. It would also require counties and cities to update their circulation elements to identify freight routes that will avoid residential areas or other concentrations of sensitive receptors.

Vice Chair Jones shared the League of California Cities response to the legislation and committee members discussed sharing their objections and concerns with state government.

VIII. SGMC Member Q/A Discussion

Vice Chair Jones asked what the next step in the Sustainable Goods Movement Study procurement process will be. Mr. Bruno answered that staff have placed the recommendation to select Cambridge Systematics on the TCAG board agenda for September 16th. If approved by the TCAG board, staff would then work with Cambridge Systematics to finalize the agreement with an eye toward kicking off the project in October.

Member Washam asked if Mr. Bruno could forward the scope of work from both the RFP and the leading proposal.

Member Ramirez apologized for being absent from the prior meeting due to a conflicting short-term assignment and asked how long the committee had been meeting. Vice Chair Jones replied that this was only the third meeting of the committee. Mr. Bruno added that the committee meets quarterly. Member Ramirez expressed that he was glad to collect the feedback of the members present and share it with Caltrans.

IX. Next Meeting- Tuesday, December 10th at 11:00am

Chair Poochigian announced the next meeting date of December 10th.

X. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am on September 10, 2024.