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Tulare County Transportation Authority	Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 Time: 1:00 PM Place: Woodlake Community Center 145 N. Magnolia Street Woodlake, CA 93286
Technical Advisory Committee	Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 Time: 1:30 PM Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291
<p>NOTE: This meeting will allow Board Members and the public to participate in the meeting via Teleconference, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, available at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB361</p> <p>Zoom Meeting Direct Link: https://bit.ly/2Zt4BQY</p> <p>Toll Free Call in: 1(888) 475-4499 Meeting ID: 744 710 0343 Passcode: 82243742</p> <p>Call in only instructions: Enter your meeting ID followed by #, Enter # for participant ID, Enter the passcode followed by #.</p>	

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I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS-TIMED ITEM

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item of interest to the public and within the subject matter jurisdiction of TCAG but not appearing on this agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. Speakers are requested to state their name(s) and address(es) for the record.

Convene as the Tulare County Transportation Authority

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Authority staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Authority Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. Items pulled from the Calendar will be considered separately.

Dinuba

Exeter

Farmersville

Lindsay

Porterville

Tulare

Visalia

Woodlake

County of Tulare

III. AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request approval of the Authority Consent Calendar Action Items III-A through III-D.

- A. Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings (Pages 01 - 02)
- B. Action: Minutes of June 27, 2022 Transit Authority Meeting (Pages 03 - 04)
- C. Action: Minutes of June 23, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Pages 05 - 06)
- D. Information: Member Agency Transit Development Act (TDA) Fund Audit Year Ending June 30, 2021 (Pages 07 - 08)

IV. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Measure R Revenues for June and July 2022 (Pages 09 - 10)
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Measure R Local Allocation Advance to Eligible Member Agencies (Pages 11 - 14)
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Measure R Transit Allocation Advance to Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) (Pages 15 - 17)

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Item from Staff
- B. Information: Item from Board Members
- C. Information: Other Items
- D. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

VI. ADJOURN

The next scheduled Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** at the **Lindsay Wellness Center, 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.**

TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS	AGENCY	ALTERNATE
Larry Micari	Tulare County-District 1	*
Pete Vander Poel	Tulare County-District 2	*
Amy Shuklian - Chair	Tulare County-District 3	*
Eddie Valero	Tulare County-District 4	*
Dennis Townsend	Tulare County-District 5	*
Maribel Reynosa	City of Dinuba	Linda Launer
Frankie Alves	City of Exeter	Steve Garver
Paul Boyer	City of Farmersville	Ruben Macareno
Ramona Caudillo	City of Lindsay	Hipolito Cerros
Martha A. Flores – Vice-Chair	City of Porterville	Milt Stowe
Terry Sayre	City of Tulare	Jose Sigala
Brian Poochigian	City of Visalia	<i>Vacant</i>
Rudy Mendoza	City of Woodlake	Jose Martinez

***No Alternate (Required to be an elected official)**

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TCAG STAFF

Ted Smalley, Executive Director
 Ben Kimball, Deputy Executive Director
 Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer- LAFCO
 Leslie Davis, Finance Director
 Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner
 Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner
 Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner
 Kasia Poleszczuk, Senior Regional Planner
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 Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
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Richard Tree, Executive Director - TCRTA

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Tulare County Association of Governments
Sitting as the Tulare County Transportation Authority

AGENDA ITEM III-A

August 15, 2022

Prepared by Jeff Kuhn, Chief Deputy County Counsel

SUBJECT:

Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings

BACKGROUND:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor suspended part of the Brown Act concerning the requirements for allowing Governing Board members to remotely participate in Board meetings. The suspended provisions require that (1) Governing Board meeting agendas allowing remote Board Member participation list each of the specific locations from which Board members will be remotely participating, (2) such agendas be posted at each such location, and (3) members of the general public must be allowed to remotely participate in the meeting from each of the listed locations. The suspension was done to promote social distancing and so to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

DISCUSSION:

The Governor's suspension of these Brown Act provisions expired as of September 30 and was replaced by new AB 361, an urgency statute that became effective as of September 30. Under AB 361, Governing Boards can continue to allow remote Board members participation in Brown Act public meetings if several conditions are met:

1. The meeting is held during a declared State of Emergency (Like the Governor's COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency that's still in effect in California);
2. The Governing Board adopts findings to the effect that allowing remote meeting participation by Governing Board members promotes social distancing, which in turn helps prevent the spread of COVID-19;
3. The Governing Board confirms these conditions continue to be met every 30 days.

The Tulare County Association of Governments Board of Governors passed a resolution adopting a policy of remote attendance pursuant to AB 361 on October 18, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

Reaffirm the decision to continue allowing the option to participate in its governing board meetings remotely through the use of the teleconferencing provisions of AB 361.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT:

None

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AGENDA ITEM: III-B
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Executive Minutes June 27, 2022

Board Members	Alternates	Member/Alternate	Agency
Larry Micari	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel, Chair	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Amy Shuklian	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Eddie Valero	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Dennis Townsend	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Maribel Reynosa	Linda Launer	-	City of Dinuba
Frankie Alves	Dave Hails	M	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Ruben Macareno	M	City of Farmersville
Ramona Caudillo	Hipolito Cerros	M	City of Lindsay
Martha A. Flores, Vice-Chair	Milt Stowe	M	City of Porterville
Terry Sayre	Jose Sigala	-	City of Tulare
Brian Poochigian	<i>Vacant</i>	M	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Emmanuel Llamas	-	City of Woodlake

Counsel and TCAG Staff Present (X)

X Jeff Kuhn, Tulare Co. Deputy Counsel
 Ted Smalley, Executive Director
X Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director
 Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer-LAFCO
X Leslie Davis, Finance Director
X Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner
X Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner
 Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner
 Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner
 Kasia Poleszczuk, Associate Regional Planner

X Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner
X Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
X Sheela Bhongir, Regional Planner
 Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH
X Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH
 Jennie Miller, Associate Regional Planner EH
 Michele Boling, TCAG Accountant III
X Brideget Moore, TCAG Analyst III
X Amie Kane, TCAG Administrative Clerk II
X Servando Quintanilla, TCAG Administrative Clerk II
X Holly Gallo, Office Assistant III

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Tulare County Transportation Authority was called to order by Chair Vander Poel at 2:34 p.m. on June 27, 2022 at the Tulare County Human Resources and Development, 2500 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments opened/closed at 2:35 p.m. No public comments received.

III. AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Request approval of the Authority Consent Calendar Action Items III-A through III-D.

A. Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings

B. Action: Minutes of May 16, 2022 Transit Authority Meeting

C. Action: Minutes of May 11, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

D. Action: Cancel the July 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Board Meeting

Upon a motion by Member Shuklian, and second by Member Valero, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved the Authority Consent Calendar Action Items III-A through III-D. Absent: Reynosa, Sayre, and Mendoza.

IV. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Measure R Revenues for May 2022

Ms. Davis reported that the Measure R allocations for May were \$5,074,416. The 21/22 fiscal year to date amount was \$45,464,998 compared to \$37,908,352 for the same period last year, representing a 19% increase for the fiscal year.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

B. Information: Items from Board Members

C. Information: Other Items

D. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

There were no items reported or comments noted for Other Business Items V-A through V-D.

VI. ADJOURN

The Tulare County Transportation Authority adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Item III-C
TCTA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Tulare County Association of Governments - 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291
June 23, 2022 – Summary Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba	<i>Absent</i>
City of Exeter	Eddie Wendt
City of Farmersville	<i>Absent</i>
City of Lindsay	<i>Absent</i>
County of Tulare	Karla Arteaga
City of Porterville	Javier Sanchez
City of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Woodlake	<i>Absent</i>
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco
Tule River Indian Reservation	<i>Absent</i>
TCAG	Benjamin Kimball
Caltrans	Lorena Mendibles

Others Present:

TCAG Staff Present: Leslie Davis, Elizabeth Forte, Giancarlo Bruno, Roberto Brady, Steven Ingoldsby, Ben Giuliani, Elizabeth Forte, Brideget Moore, Sheela Bhongir, Holly Gallo and Servando Quintanilla Jr. Recording.

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

(Minutes reflect agenda items discussed only)

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting convened as the Tulare County Transportation Authority Meeting and was called to order by Mr. Kimball at 1:54 p.m. All action and informational documents were distributed for review and discussion. All actionable items would be voted on at the next Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Board meeting, scheduled for June 27, 2022.

IV. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Measure R Revenues for May 2022

Ms. Davis gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Measure R; allocations had been received, payment request and distribution made through May 2022 and the allocation for the month of May was \$5,074,416 and the 21/22 fiscal year to date amount was \$45,464,998 compared to \$37,908,352 for the same period last year representing a 19% increase for the 21/22 fiscal year.

VI. ADJOURN

The TCTA Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Woodlake Community Center, 145 N. Magnolia Street, Woodlake, CA 93286**. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Sequoia Conference Room, Visalia, CA 93291**.

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Tulare County Association of Governments
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AGENDA ITEM III-D

August 15, 2022

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Member Agency Transit Development Act (TDA) Fund Audit Year Ending June 30, 2021

BACKGROUND:

The Member Agencies audit was completed for the year ending June 30, 2021 and issued February 9, 2022. The audited financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of the Member Agencies can be found at:

<https://tularecog.org/tcag/finance/audits/fy-20202021/tcta-fy-20-21-audit-financial-statements/>

The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States.

The Member Agency audit by Brown Armstrong Certified Public Accounts did not identify any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) audit is complete and did not have any material weaknesses or instances of non-compliance for the year-ended June 30, 2021. The required communication with the Board of Directors (SAS 114) from Brown Armstrong CPA was attached and presented on February 28, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Lindsay, and the City of Dinuba TDA audits are completed and do not have any significant findings.

ATTACHMENT:

None

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AGENDA ITEM IV-A

August 15, 2022

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Measure R Revenues for June and July 2022

BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, the voters of Tulare County approved Measure R, imposing a ½-cent sales tax for transportation within the incorporated and unincorporated area of Tulare County through 2037. The transportation sales tax funds are spent in accordance with the Expenditure Plan that resulted from a joint effort among all the cities and the County of Tulare. The Expenditure Plan reflects the transportation needs of the residents of Tulare County. The plan includes funding for Regional Projects, Local Programs, Transit/Bike/Environmental Programs and Administration. The funds are distributed as follows:

1. Regional Projects (50%)
2. Local Programs (35%)
3. Transit/Bike/Environmental (14%)
4. Administration and Planning Program (1%)

Measure R revenue collection began on April 1, 2007. Monthly Measure R advancements are received by TCAG from the State Board of Equalization followed by quarterly clean-up disbursements. In total, TCAG receives eight advancements and four clean-up disbursements throughout a fiscal year.

The Measure R 2020 Strategic Work Plan was approved by the Authority on October 19, 2020 with Resolution No. 2020-119, amended on December 14, 2020 with Resolution No. 2020-120, amended on April 19, 2021 with Resolution No. 2021-100, amended August 26, 2021 with Resolution No. 2021-106. September 20, 2021 with Resolution No. 2021-107, October 18, 2021 with Resolution No. 2021-112 and February 28, 2022 with Resolution No. 2022-103.

DISCUSSION

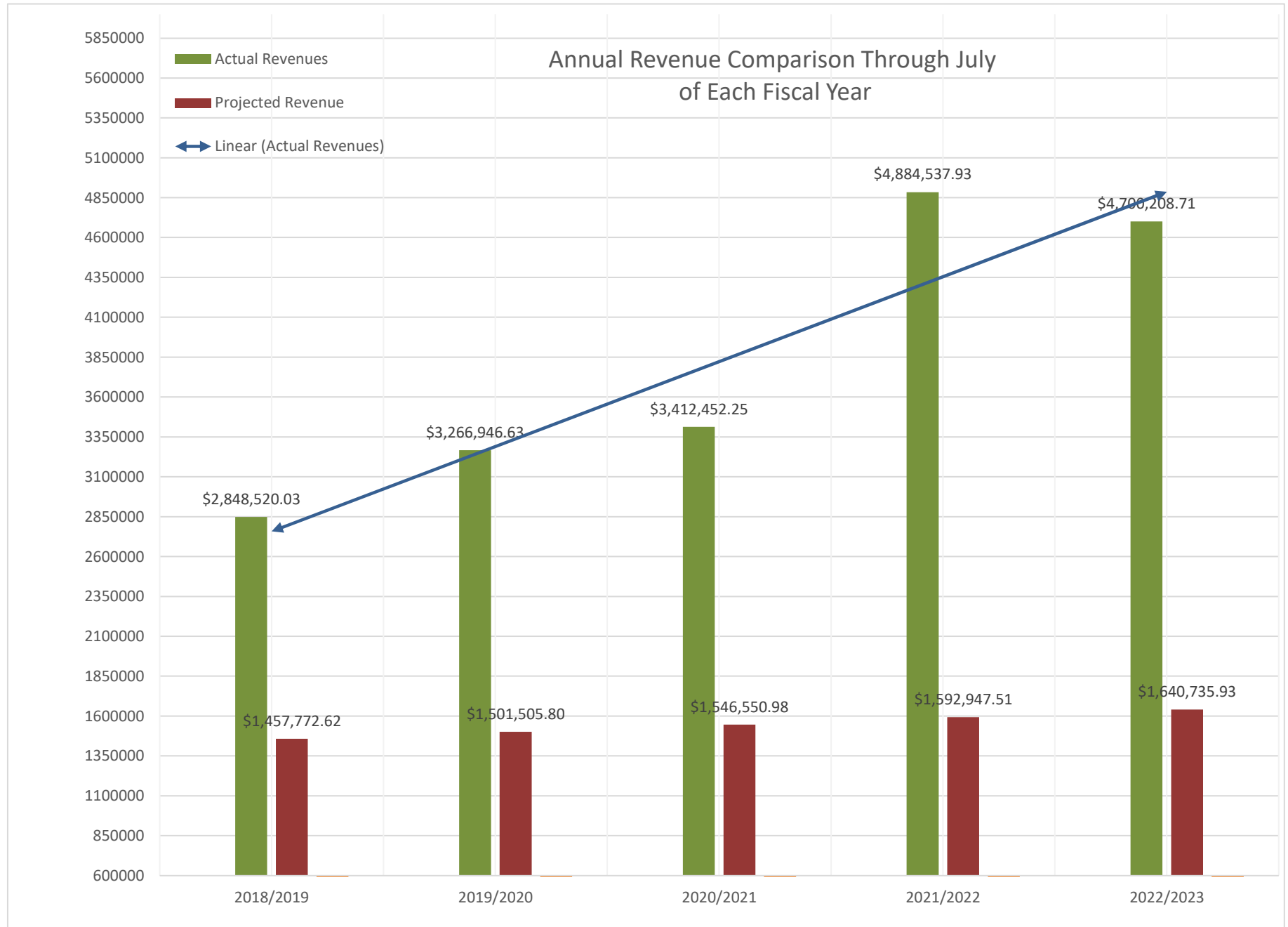
Status of Measure R Revenues

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Measure R allocations have been received, payment request and distribution made through June 2022. The allocation for the month of June is \$3,876,470 and for the month of July is \$4,700,209. The 21/22 fiscal year to date amount is \$49,341,468 compared to \$41,583,953 for the same period last year representing a 19% increase for the 21/22 fiscal year. The 22/23 fiscal year to date amount is \$4,700,209 compared to \$4,884,539 for this same period last year represents a 3.8% decrease.

See attached revenue chart covering fiscal years 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 year to date.

ATTACHMENT:

Annual Revenue Comparison through July of Each Fiscal Year



Tulare County Association of Governments
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AGENDA ITEM IV-B

August 15, 2022

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: FY 2022/2023 Measure R Local Allocation Advance to Eligible Member Agencies

BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, the citizens of Tulare County approved Measure R and the Measure R Expenditure Plan. The Policies and Procedures were approved on April 16, 2007. The above-mentioned documents created the guidelines for the funding of Measure R Regional, Local, and Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects.

DISCUSSION:

Member agencies are developing capital improvement schedules for 2022/2023. In order to effectively plan for 2022 and 2023 summer construction, member agencies have asked for early consideration of a local funding advance for the FY 2022/2023. The ability to advance local funds to member agencies during their construction season allows for the efficient delivery of local projects. Agencies are advanced up to 12 months of local program funds on July 1, 2022, (or later) and will repay the funds during the upcoming 2022/23 fiscal year with Measure R revenues. Any over/under payments from the prior fiscal year will be included. The member agency must have submitted the prior year audit in order to be considered for an advance.

The advancement of Local Program Funds will not have an affect on any other Measure R projects. The advance is covered by Transit/Bike/Environmental funds that are un-used. Attached is an estimate of the funds that will be advanced for FY 2022/2023.

As with all Local Program distributions, whether advanced or paid monthly during the fiscal year, the City/County is required to submit a plan document outlining the use of the funds no later than July 1st of each fiscal year before the local funds can be disbursed to the agency.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allow for the advancement of FY 2022/2023 Measure R Local Program Funds for one fiscal year on July 1, 2022 or later. The advance will not affect other Measure R projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the life of Measure R. Current cash flow allows for the advancement. Local Program Funds will be advanced in July and repaid throughout the 2022/23 fiscal year. The bond issuance for the Regional Program was accomplished to fund major expenditures thus the advance will not delay other projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Approving Measure R Local Program Advances to Eligible Member Agencies
2. Attachment A: Estimated Advances for FY 22/23

BEFORE THE
TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVING THE ADVANCEMENT OF)	
MEASURE R LOCAL PROGRAM FUNDS)	Resolution No. 2022-xxx
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023)	

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the citizens of Tulare County approved Measure R and the Measure R Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2007, the Measure R Policies and Procedures were adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Measure R Expenditure Plan and the Policies and Procedures serve as a guide for the use of transportation funds that will be generated through the Tulare County half-cent transportation sales tax over the next thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Measure R Local Program Funds are to be advanced for FY 2022/23 on July 1, 2022 to allow for the efficient delivery of Measure R Local Program projects and be repaid throughout the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, all Local Program distributions, whether advanced or paid monthly during the fiscal year, the City/County is required to submit a plan document outlining the use of the funds no later than July 1st of each fiscal year before the local funds can be disbursed to the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Transportation Authority approves the advancement of Measure R Local Program funds for FY 2022/23 to eligible member agencies on July 1, 2022 or later.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of August 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Amy Shuklian
Chair, TCTA

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCTA

Measure R Local Program Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Estimate										
\$17,500,000.00 Funds to be distributed to Local Jurisdictions by the Authority										
\$17,500,000.00 Funds to be allocated to Local Programs										
Local Jurisdiction	5/1/2022	Percentage of Population	Funding Allocation Based on Population	Total Maintained Miles	Percentage of Maintained Miles	Funding Allocation Based on Maintained Miles	Daily Vehicle Miles (1,000s)	Percentage of Daily Vehicle Miles	Funding Allocation Based on Daily Vehicle Miles	Total Funding Allocation
Distribution			\$8,750,000.00			\$4,375,000.00			\$4,375,000.00	\$17,500,000.00
Dinuba	25,127	5.29%	\$462,852.15	59.46	1.48%	\$64,930.00	141.16	2.78%	\$121,810.15	\$649,592.29
Exeter	10,257	2.16%	\$188,939.17	41.66	1.04%	\$45,492.50	50.62	1.00%	\$43,681.14	\$278,112.80
Farmersville	10,239	2.16%	\$188,607.60	29.63	0.74%	\$32,355.80	54.40	1.07%	\$46,942.99	\$267,906.39
Lindsay	12,566	2.65%	\$231,472.13	29.65	0.74%	\$32,377.64	58.27	1.15%	\$50,282.50	\$314,132.26
Porterville	62,345	13.12%	\$1,148,426.68	205.73	5.13%	\$224,656.05	425.20	8.39%	\$366,914.66	\$1,739,997.39
Tulare	69,462	14.62%	\$1,279,525.45	182.98	4.57%	\$199,813.18	446.08	8.80%	\$384,932.48	\$1,864,271.11
Visalia	142,091	29.91%	\$2,617,388.65	403.03	10.06%	\$440,106.59	1348.03	26.59%	\$1,163,245.47	\$4,220,740.70
Woodlake	7,648	1.61%	\$140,880.06	19.79	0.49%	\$21,610.57	13.73	0.27%	\$11,847.93	\$174,338.56
Non-Incorporated	135,279	28.48%	\$2,491,908.13	3034.50	75.74%	\$3,313,657.67	2532.49	49.95%	\$2,185,342.69	\$7,990,908.50
Totals	475,014	100.00%	\$8,750,000.00	4006.43	100.00%	\$4,375,000.00	5069.98	100.00%	\$4,375,000.00	\$17,500,000.00

*Based on an annual projection of \$50,000,000.
Include population/housing estimates 1/1/2022

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AGENDA ITEM IV-C

August 15, 2022

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Measure R Transit Allocation Advance to Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)

BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, the citizens of Tulare County approved Measure R and the Measure R Expenditure Plan. The Policies and Procedures were approved on April 16, 2007. The above-mentioned documents created the guidelines for the funding of Measure R Regional, Local, and Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects.

DISCUSSION:

TCRTA is developing operational budget for 2022/2023 in order to effectively plan for 2022/2023 cash flow needs, TCRTA has asked for early consideration of a transit funding advance for the FY 2022/2023. The ability to advance transit funds to TCRTA during this crucial time allows for the efficient use of Federal and State funds as well as grant funding received by the agency. TCRTA is requesting a 12 month advance of transit program funds effective July 1, 2022 and will repay the funds during the upcoming 2022/23 fiscal year with Measure R revenues. Any over/under payments from the prior fiscal year will be included.

At the June 22, 2022, TCRTA Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the 2022/2023 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program. The 2022-2023 Budget includes \$18.7 million in operating expenses and \$13.4 million in capital projects.

On July 7, 2022, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded TCRTA \$33.7 million for the Cross-Valley Corridor Zero-Emission Bus Project. Then on July 28, 2022, FTA Section 5339A awarded TCRTA \$1,912,500 million for the State Discretionary Bus Replacement Program, increasing the Capital Improvement Program to more than \$49 million

To maintain TCRTA's sound financial position and to minimize financial risk, staff recognizes the need for an advance of the MR Transit funding to address operating cash flow issues in situations where there is an assurance that state or federal grants will be available for repayment during the same fiscal period. Staff is also working with TCRTA to advance the receipt of state funds.

The ability of TCRTA to accept transit funding advances help towards the financial stability of TCRTA and reduces the need for short term loans for operations.

As with all Transit Program distributions, whether advanced or paid monthly during the fiscal year, the TCRTA is required to submit a plan document outlining the use of the funds and upon approval of the advance the transit funds can be disbursed to the TCRTA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allow for the advancement of FY 2022/2023 Measure R Transit Program Funds for one fiscal year on July 1, 2022. The advance will not affect other Measure R projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the life of Measure R. Current cash flow allows for the advancement. Transit Program Funds will be advanced in July and repaid throughout the 2022/23 fiscal year. The bond issuance for the Regional Program was accomplished to fund major expenditures thus the advance will not delay other projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Approving Measure R Transit Program Advance to TCRTA
2. Plan document for use of funds (Available Under Separate Cover)

BEFORE THE
TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVING THE ADVANCEMENT OF)	
MEASURE R TRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDS)	Resolution No. 2022-xxx
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 TO TULARE)	
COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY)	

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the citizens of Tulare County approved Measure R and the Measure R Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2007, the Measure R Policies and Procedures were adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Measure R Expenditure Plan and the Policies and Procedures serve as a guide for the use of transportation funds that will be generated through the Tulare County half-cent transportation sales tax over the next thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board of Directors approved a \$13.4 Million in capital projects budget for FY 22/23; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2022, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded TCRTA \$33.7 million for the Cross-Valley Corridor Zero-Emission Bus Project. Then on July 28, 2022, FTA Section 5339A awarded TCRTA \$1,912,500 million for the State Discretionary Bus Replacement Program, increasing the Capital Improvement Program to more than \$49 million; and

WHEREAS, to maintain TCRTA's sound financial position and to minimize financial risk, staff recognizes the need for an advance of the MR Transit funding to address operating cash flow issues in situations where there is an assurance that state or federal grants will be available for repayment during the same fiscal period. Staff is also working with TCRTA to advance the receipt of state funds; and

WHEREAS, to assist TCRTA, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has offered its continued support and will advance the annual Measure R transit funds as it pertains to the members of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, as with all Transit Program distributions, whether advanced or paid monthly during the fiscal year, the TCRTA is required to submit a plan document outlining the use of the funds and upon approval of the advance the transit funds can be disbursed to the TCRTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Transportation Authority approves the advancement of Measure R Transit Program funds for FY 2022/23 to Tulare County Regional Transit Agency upon approval of this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of August, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Amy Shuklian
Chair, TCTA

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCTA