

Tulare County Association of Governments	Date: <b>Monday, August 17, 2020</b> Time: <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Place: Tulare County Board of Supervisors 2800 W. Burrel Avenue Visalia, CA 93291
Technical Advisory Committee	Date: <b>Thursday, August 13, 2020</b> Time: <b>1:30 PM</b> Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**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 Transportation Policy Advisory Committee***

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

#### **IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR –INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV-A.**

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2020/21 Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) State of Good Repair Project List (Pages 01-04)
- B. Information: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Competitive Programs Update (Pages 05-06)
- C. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects (Pages 07-08)

#### **V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm Tulare County Unmet Transit Needs Definition and Criteria (Pages 09-16)
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm CARES Act Funding Allocation (Pages 17-20)
- C. Information: Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Competitive Project Selection Guidelines and Application Form (Pages 21-30)
- D. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update (Pages 31-32)
- E. Information: Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal SAFE Vehicles Regulation (Pages 33-34)
- F. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report (No Page)

*Adjourn as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee and Convene as the Tulare County Association of Governments*

#### **VI. REQUEST TO REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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#### **VII. ASSOCIATION CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Request Approval of the Association Consent Calendar Action Items VII-A through VII-C.**

- A. Action: Minutes of June 22, 2020 TCAG Board Meeting (Pages 35-40)
- B. Action: Minutes of June 18, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Pages 41-44)
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve of Amendment No. 1 to the 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP) (Pages 45-52)

#### **VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Information: Legislative Update (Pages 53-66)
- B. Presentation: Report from Congressman Nunes' Office (No Page)
- C. Presentation: Report from Assemblyman Mathis' Office (No Page)
- D. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office (No Page)
- E. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update (Page 67-68)
- F. Information: Alternatives for Supplemental Funding for Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) (Pages 69-70)
- G. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve of Amendment No. 2 to the 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP) (Pages 71-78)
- H. Action: Approve Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Transit Set Aside For Three Years (Pages 79-80)
- I. Information: SB 743 Implementation Update (Pages 81-82)
- J. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach (Pages 83-90)

- K. Information: Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access For All Program Administration (Pages 91-92)

*Adjourn as the Tulare County Association of Governments and Convene as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority*

**IX. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2019/2020 Second and Third Quarter Report (Pages 93-94)

*Adjourn as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority and Convene as the Tulare County Association of Governments*

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. City of Dinuba Title VI Plan Approval (Pages 95-96)  
B. Federal Highway Administration: TCAG Federal Certification Review (Pages 97-98)

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Information: Items from Staff:  
1. TCAG Director's Report  
2. Other Items  
B. Information: Items from Board Members  
1. Tulare County Water Commission Update  
2. San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Update  
3. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) - Amtrak Update  
4. San Joaquin Valley Housing Task Force Update  
5. TCAG Transit Report  
6. Other Items  
C. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

**XII. ADJOURN**

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) meeting will be held on **Monday, September 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** at the **Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrell Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.** The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet on **Thursday, September 17, 2020 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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**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY**  
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\* Caltrans serves as an ex-officio member of the TCAG Policy Advisory Committee. At-large TCAG members and the Public Transit Provider representative are not members of the Tulare County Transportation Authority or Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority.

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## **AGENDA ITEM IV-A**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Giancarlo Bruno, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2020/21 Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) State of Good Repair Project List

### **BACKGROUND:**

The California State of Good Repair (SGR) Program was authorized as a part of Senate Bill 1 signed into law on April 28, 2017. The program provides approximately \$105 million annually to transit operators for projects deemed eligible for transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital projects. The additional funds will be sourced from the new Transportation Improvement Fee (TIF) on motor vehicle registrations which took effect on January 1, 2018. The program will be allocated under the State Transit Assistance (STA) Program formula. Funds are allocated half according to population and half according to transit operator revenue.

For agencies to receive funding through the SGR Program, TCAG must approve and submit their project lists to Caltrans. After project lists are submitted annually and approved, funds are disbursed quarterly from the State Controller's Office (SCO). The funds are allocated per Public Utility Code 99313 and 99314 for projects deemed eligible by Caltrans from submitted project list.

It should be noted that STA funds are allocated annually by the State Controller, and SGR funds are a result of the new TIF revenues; the available amount of SGR funding available for 2020/21 is an estimate. Claim amounts in excess of actual receipts will not be paid out; conversely, excess revenues can be claimed via a claim amendment or in the following fiscal year.

### **DISCUSSION:**

To be eligible for FY 2020/21 funding, transit agencies must submit a project list to the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA). As the RTPA for Tulare County, TCAG must approve the project list and submit it to Caltrans by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Attached is the list of proposed projects that were submitted by Tulare County transit providers for SB-1 State of Good Repair funds.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the 2020/21 SB-1 State of Good Repair project list. Authorize staff to make minor technical changes as may be required for submittal.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution approving the SB-1 State of Good Repair Project List
2. 2020/21 Project List (**under separate cover**)

Work Element: 601.01 – Transit Administration

BEFORE THE  
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE SB-1 STATE OF	)	
GOOD REPAIR PROJECT LIST	)	Resolution No 2020-xxx
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21	)	

WHEREAS, the California State of Good Repair (SGR) Program was authorized as a part of Senate Bill 1 signed into law on April 28, 2017 to fund eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, TCAG is an eligible project sponsor and may receive and distribute SGR funds to eligible local agencies for eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for FY 2020/21 funding, all agencies listed on the State Controller Office Allocation Estimate letter must submit a project list to TCAG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020/21 SGR Project List, as attached, is approved for the SGR Program funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Association of Governments that each fund recipient shall comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit projects.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member , seconded by Member , at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel, III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

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## AGENDA ITEM IV-B

August 17, 2020

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Information:** Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Competitive Programs Update

### BACKGROUND:

On April 28, 2017, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1 (SB1) (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), which is also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act (RMRA) of 2017. This Act provides the first significant, stable, and ongoing increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades. In providing this funding, the Legislature has provided additional funding for transportation infrastructure, increased the role of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in a number of existing programs, and created new transportation funding programs for the CTC to oversee.

The purpose and intention of the Act is to address basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both the state highway and local streets and road systems as well as provide transit assistance. SB1 affected eight different transportation funding programs including the Local Partnership Program (LPP) and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP).

### DISCUSSION:

TCAG staff has been participating in the guidelines discussions for the 2020 Local Partnership Program and 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. Draft guidelines for both programs were presented to the California Transportation Program (CTC) on January 29, 2020. The final guidelines were adopted by the CTC on March 25, 2020. Information regarding funding caps, programming cycles, grant submittal deadlines, and other pertinent issues are shown in the table below:

Funding Program	Minimum and Maximum Funding Request	Programming Cycle	Grant Submittal Deadline	Other Information
Local Partnership Program (Competitive)	Minimum: \$2,000,000 Maximum: \$25,000,000	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23	June 30, 2020	The LPP Competitive Program grant application for the Commercial Avenue Interchange Project was submitted on June 30, 2020. The grant application requests \$25m in LPP grant funds. Statewide, there were 62

				applications submitted requesting \$612m in LPP funds. The 2020 LPP fund cycle consists of three fiscal years with \$72m available each year for a total of \$216m. Funding recommendations for the LPP Program will be announced on November 12, 2020.
Trade Corridor Enhancement Program	The TCEP utilizes a corridor-based programming target approach. Last cycle, the Bay Area/Central Valley regional corridor, which Tulare County is part of, had a \$217 million target (27% of overall funding available). Different programming target proposals are currently under consideration.	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23	August 3, 2020	TCAG is working with Caltrans on a TCEP grant application for right-of-way funding for the Tulare City Widening Project. As of the preparation of this agenda item, the grant application is in the final stages of completion.

#### *Federal BUILD Grant*

TCAG staff in partnership with Caltrans submitted the 2020 BUILD grant application for the Commercial Avenue Interchange Project on May 18, 2020. The grant application requests \$16m in BUILD grant funds. The U.S. Department of Transportation is scheduled to announce the 2020 BUILD awards on September 15, 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Information item only. No action needed at this time.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

## AGENDA ITEM IV-C

August 17, 2020

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez and Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Information:** Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects

### BACKGROUND:

The **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)**, formally known as STP, is a major source of funds that may be used by local agencies for projects to preserve and improve the transportation system consistent with regional priorities. The funds may be utilized on any Federal-aid highway, including the National Highway System (NHS), bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities. In Tulare County, these funds have been primarily used for street and highway construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, and operational improvements. Local agencies navigate a sometimes complicated federal aid funding process to request and spend these funds in a timely manner. However, through our partnership with Caltrans, TCAG has helped local agencies with the timely and efficient delivery of their projects.

The **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program** has been a longstanding source of funding for TCAG's member agencies. Tulare County agencies qualify for funding due to the region being in a non-attainment area for meeting federal air quality standards for Particulate Matter (PM) and Ozone. The program exists under federal law and is implemented via guidance issued by the Federal Highway Administration and carried out by Caltrans. TCAG received estimates for the receipt of approximately \$6.1 million per year for the next four-year cycle. Project examples include roundabouts, signal coordination, compressed natural gas and electric facilities and vehicles, transit route expansion and bus purchases, etc.

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funds** are another invaluable resource to agencies in Tulare County. There are several funding sources under FTA that provide both operating and capital funds for urban and rural transit providers. Some funding is also provided to non-profit human services agencies in Tulare County as well.

### DISCUSSION:

#### STBGP

The primary use of STBGP funding is for roadway reconstruction and rehabilitation. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Tulare County region, TCAG is responsible for soliciting projects from eligible agencies for programming in the FTIP and ensuring that the funds are being utilized appropriately and are obligated in a timely manner. At the direction of FHWA, beginning in fiscal year 22/23, TCAG will begin distributing federal STBGP funds on a competitive basis. The first call for projects is scheduled for some time in September 2020. Selected projects will be programmed in the 2021 FTIP. STBGP funds in fiscal years 20/21 and 21/22 remain committed to two projects which were programmed under the previous STBGP programming process. The two projects are:

FY	Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amount of STBGP Funds
20/21	Visalia	Tulare Avenue Rehabilitation	On Tulare Avenue, between Demaree Avenue and Mooney Boulevard and from Mooney Boulevard to Court Street; Roadway Rehabilitation	\$2,500,000
21/22	Caltrans	Tulare City Widening	In City of Tulare, on State Route 99 from Prosperity Avenue to Paige Avenue, widen from 4 to 6 lanes and operational improvements to Paige Avenue interchange.	\$3,600,000

### CMAQ

All of our region's CMAQ projects for the 2019/20 federal fiscal year have been approved.

#### City of Porterville: **Project Obligated**

- Tule River Parkway Bike Path, Phase 3 (Construction)  
CMAQ: \$1,828,000      Match: \$237,000

#### City of Visalia: **Project Obligated**

- Roundabout at Tulare & Santa Fe (Construction)  
CMAQ: \$2,075,000      Match: \$270,000

#### City of Visalia: **Project Obligated**

- Purchase one electric bus and charger  
CMAQ: \$876,000      Match: \$155,000

### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

## **AGENDA ITEM V-A**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Giancarlo Bruno, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm Tulare County Unmet Transit Needs Definition and Criteria

### **BACKGROUND:**

State transportation funding is allocated in accordance with the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971. Under TDA, a regional transportation planning authority must perform public outreach annually to identify any unmet transit needs within its jurisdiction. If unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet are identified, these needs must be fully funded before any allocation can be made for streets and roads within that jurisdiction.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) adopt by resolution a definition for an “unmet transit need” and criteria for whether such a need is “reasonable to meet”. These definitions will be used to make a determination of which, if any, comments received from the public during the unmet needs process constitute an unmet transit need that is reasonable to meet.

TCAG, as RTPA for Tulare County, updated its definition for “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” in 2014. In February 2016 TCAG made additional changes to provide greater clarity on the “reasonable to meet” criteria and to incorporate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) conformity regulations into the definitions. TCAG revisits these definitions every few years to determine if any changes are appropriate.

Staff review of the latest Caltrans TDA Guidebook dated July 2018 found that the current definitions are still consistent with state-recommended best practices. Moreover, the state legislative transportation committees in both chambers have recently formed a TDA Reform Task Force and is expected to act on its recommendations in the coming year.

In light of the current definitions conforming to current best practices, and the pending overhaul of the enabling legislation, staff recommends that the existing “unmet transit need” & “reasonable to meet” definitions be reaffirmed.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the resolution reaffirming the TCAG Unmet Transit Needs definition, criteria, and performance measures.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Resolution: Adopting the Revised Unmet Transit Needs Definition and Criteria for Tulare County Transit Providers
2. Tulare County Revised Unmet Transit Need Definition and Criteria

BEFORE THE  
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNEMENTS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2020-XXX

ADOPTION OF THE TULARE COUNTY )  
UNMET TRANSIT NEED DEFINITION )  
AND CRITERIA AS REQUIRED BY THE )  
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT)  
AS ENACTED AND AMENDED )

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8, Section 99401.5, of the Public Utilities Code, as Tulare County's Regional Transportation Planning Agency, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is mandated to consider and make findings regarding the adequacy of existing transportation services throughout the Tulare County Region on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8, Section 99401.5(c), of the Public Utilities Code, the TCAG is mandated to adopt definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and criteria for determining "Unmet Transit Needs that are Reasonable to Meet"; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the TCAG Board adopted Resolution, which revised the definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and the "Reasonable to Meet" criteria; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, TCAG revised the definitions of "Unmet Transit Needs" and the "Reasonable to Meet" criteria to provide greater clarity in the standards to be applied when determining unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet and to incorporate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) conformity regulations to the definitions (attachment A); and

WHEREAS, the TCAG desires to continue to review the unmet transit needs definitions and reasonable to meet criteria every few years to provide new members input in the process and determine if revisions are warranted; and

WHEREAS, staff has conducted a review of the unmet transit needs definition and reasonable to meet criteria adopted by the TCAG Board in February 2016 and found them to be consistent with current best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that TCAG Board reaffirms the attached "Unmet Transit Needs" criteria (Attachment A).

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted upon a motion by Member -----, and a second by Member -----, on this 17th day of August 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel, III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG



## Attachment 2

### **Tulare County Unmet Transit Need Definition and Criteria**

“Unmet Transit Need”: An unmet transit need, as identified during Tulare County Association of Governments annual Unmet Transit Needs Process, exists where public transit services are not currently provided for persons who rely on public transit to conduct daily activities. At a minimum, an unmet need must be identified by substantial community input through the public outreach process or identified in a Short Range Transit Plan, Coordinated Transportation Plan, or the Regional Transportation Plan and has not yet been implemented or funded.

“Reasonable to Meet”: Following is the TCAG definition of “Reasonable to Meet” including the recommended benchmarks for the passenger farebox recovery ratio for new transit services in Tulare County. An unmet transit need shall be considered “reasonable to meet” if the proposed service is in compliance with of the following criteria, as each are applicable:

#### Equity

1. The new, expanded, or revised transit service is needed by, and will benefit, either the general public or the elderly and disabled population as a whole. Transit service cannot be provided for a specific subset of either of these groups.
2. The proposed service will not require reductions in existing transit services that have an equal or higher priority.
3. The proposed service will require a subsidy generally equivalent to other similar services.

#### Timing

1. The proposed service is in response to an existing rather than future transit need.

#### Feasibility

1. The proposed service can be provided with available TDA funding (per state law, the lack of available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.)
2. Sufficient ridership potential exists for the new, expanded, or revised transit service.
3. The proposed service can be provided with the existing fleet or under contract to a private provider.

## Performance

1. The proposed service will not unduly affect the operator's ability to maintain the required passenger fare ratio for its system as a whole.
2. The proposed service can meet the scheduled passenger fare ratio standards as described in the recommended benchmarks for the passenger farebox recovery ratio for new transit services in Tulare County.
3. The estimated number of passengers to be carried will be in the range of similar services, and/or, the proposed service provides a "link" or connection that contributes to the effectiveness of the overall transit system.
4. The proposed service must have potential providers that are available to implement the service.

## Community Acceptance

1. The proposed service has community acceptance and/or support as determined by the unmet needs public outreach process, inclusion in adopted programs and plans, adopted governing board positions and/or other existing information.

## ADA Conformity

1. The new, expanded, or revised transit service, in conforming to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, will not impose an undue financial burden on the transit operator if complementary paratransit services are subsequently required.

## Operational Feasibility

1. The new, expanded, or revised transit service must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways and turnouts for transit vehicles.

## Notes:

1. Per state law, the lack of available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.

## RECOMMENDED BENCHMARKS FOR PASSENGER FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO FOR NEW TRANSIT SERVICES IN TULARE COUNTY.

The state has established a basic requirement in Section 99268 of the Public Utility Code for all proposed transit services in urban areas (the Visalia, Tulare, and Porterville Urbanized Areas). This requirement is to achieve a 20% passenger fare ratio by the end of the third year of operation. A passenger fare ratio of 10% exists for special services (i.e. elderly and disabled, demand-response) and rural area services. Transit serving both urban and rural areas, per state law, may obtain a blended passenger fare ratio. If a provider is granted a blended farebox recovery, performance levels should be adjusted accordingly.

TCAG has established passenger fare ratio standards, which will be used to evaluate new services as a result of the unmet needs process as they are proposed and implemented, which are described below.

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END OF TWELVE MONTHS OF SERVICE

*Performance Level*

<u>Urban Service</u>	<u>Special/Rural Service</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
Less than 6%	Less than 3%	Provider may discontinue service
6% or more	3% or more	Provider will continue service, with modifications if needed

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END OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS

*Performance Level*

<u>Urban Service</u>	<u>Special/Rural Service</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
Less than 10%	Less than 5%	Provider may discontinue service
10% or more	5% or more	Provider will continue service, with modifications, if needed.

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END OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS

*Performance Level*

<u>Urban Service</u>	<u>Special/Rural Service</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
Less than 15%	Less than 7%	Provider may discontinue service
15-20%	7-10%	Provider will continue service, with Modifications if needed
20% or more	10% or more	Provider will continue service, with Modifications if needed

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## AGENDA ITEM V-B

August 17, 2020

Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm CARES Act Funding Allocation

### BACKGROUND:

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funds** are a major source of funding for transit agencies in Tulare County. There are several funding sources under FTA that provide both operating and capital funds for urban and rural transit providers. Some funding is also provided to non-profit human services agencies in Tulare County as well. FTA 5311 funds are specifically for rural transit providers that provide service outside of large and small census-designated urbanized areas.

### DISCUSSION:

The Federal CARES Act provides funding for transit. The funding can be used for any federally eligible transit expense. Due to sharp declines in ridership, increased cost related to COVID-19, and emphasized acknowledgment of the necessity of keeping an essential public service open, the majority of agencies are using these funds for operating costs.

Urban providers in Tulare County have received direct apportionments through the 5307 program as follows:

Visalia Transit:	\$13,204,690
<i>(Includes Farmersville and Exeter)</i>	
Tulare Transit:	\$4,156,671
Porterville Transit:	\$7,503,272

Rural provider allocations go through a different process, since rural providers are technically sub recipients of state departments of transportation (Caltrans). The process for allocating federal funds to rural providers is a partnership with the regional agencies. Each year, Caltrans prepares an apportionment for each region, and the regional planning agency (TCAG), allocates funding to operators in its jurisdiction. Funding is to be performance-based and of benefit to the region. TCAG's regular 5311 policy is to allocate these funds with an initial baseline amount for each agency (\$75,000 per agency; total allocation is about \$950,000), and the remainder of funds by ridership. CARES Act funds, which are being directed through the 5311 program for rural agencies, focus on continuing to keep operators functioning in a low-ridership environment. Staff proposes that the funding be allocated on proportionate assistance to agencies based on the cost to operate their systems, as opposed to ridership counts.

In order to expedite CARES funding to agencies, Caltrans bypassed the regional planning agencies and distributed 30% of the funding directly to agencies based on what they have received in the past. The remaining 70% has been apportioned at the

regional level. Thus far, about \$2.1 million has been allocated in 5311 funding this year. An additional \$1,854,568 is currently available for our region.

Eligible agencies include the full systems of Tulare County, Dinuba, and Woodlake transit, and Route 9 of the Porterville system, which travels to the Tule River Reservation. It should be noted that Route 9 costs are significantly lower than usual. Due to COVID-19, service to the reservation has been suspended, by request of the Tule River Tribe. Also, service to the City of Lindsay is included in the Tulare County transit system.

The costs for the 2019/20 fiscal year, estimated 2020/21 fiscal year, and withheld Measure R funds as approved by the TCTA due to CARES Act funding availability, was calculated for each agency.

Costs

County of Tulare:	\$8,641,338
City of Dinuba:	\$2,098,706
City of Woodlake:	\$475,160
City of Porterville:	\$468,388

*(Route 9 Only)*

Funding this year has so far covered operating costs at the following level for each agency/service:

	Percentage	Amount
County of Tulare:	10%	\$885,755
City of Dinuba:	23%	\$475,619
City of Woodlake:	49%	\$233,333
City of Porterville:	111%	\$520,821

*(Route 9 Only)*

For the purposes of covering proportionate essential operating expenses with CARES funding, staff proposes the following allocation:

	Final Percentage	Amount
County of Tulare:	29%	\$1,654,568
City of Dinuba:	32%	\$200,000
City of Woodlake:	49%	\$0
City of Porterville:	111%	\$0

*(Route 9 Only)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Reaffirm the funding allocation as described above.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Resolution reaffirming FTA 5311 CARES Act funding allocation.

BEFORE THE  
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE 5311 CARES )  
ACT FUNDING APPORTIONMENT ) Resolution No 2020-xxx

WHEREAS, the CARES Act apportioned funding for rural transit agencies through the 5311 Program; and

WHEREAS, TCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Tulare County region, sub-apportions 5311 funds to rural transit providers; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County region was apportioned \$1,854,568.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the apportionment be assigned as follows:

Tulare County: \$1,654,568  
City of Dinuba: \$200,000.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member , seconded by Member , at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

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## AGENDA ITEM V-C

August 17, 2020

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Information:** Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Competitive Project Selection Guidelines and Application Form

### BACKGROUND:

The Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) provides flexible funds for a variety of highway, bridge, transit, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects. In the TCAG region, these funds have been primarily used for street and highway construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, and operational improvements. Each year when STBGP are distributed by the State, it has been TCAG's longstanding practice to exchange federal STBGP funds for state funds for those rural agencies located outside the Visalia Urbanized Area boundary (Dinuba, Lindsay, Porterville, and Woodlake, and portions of the County of Tulare). For agencies that are located within the Visalia Urbanized Area boundary (Visalia, Tulare, Farmersville, Exeter, and portions of the County of Tulare), the remaining STBGP funds<sup>1</sup> were made available to each agency on the basis of population.

During the FHWA certification review process held in April 2020 it was required by FHWA that we change our STBGP allocation process from a population-based process to a competitive selection process.

In accordance with the recommendation from FHWA, TCAG staff prepared the draft STBGP competitive project selection guidelines and application form. The documents were presented to the TCAG Board at their June 2020 meeting. The documents were also made available for review and comments to the eligible recipients, Caltrans District 6, Caltrans HQ, and FHWA.

### DISCUSSION:

Implementation of the STBGP project selection guidelines would affect the allocation of urban funds only. Rural funds will continue to be exchanged for state funds as described above. Proposed criteria regarding eligible recipients and project selection are included here. For other criteria such as match requirements, eligible projects, screening criteria, etc., please refer to Attachment 1:

**Eligible Recipients:** Visalia, Tulare, Farmersville, Exeter, and portions of the County of Tulare located within the Visalia Urbanized Area boundary (Visalia UZA). Caltrans is also an eligible agency for projects located within the Visalia UZA.

**Project Selection:** As currently drafted, TCAG will evaluate STBGP applications received and award projects in accordance with the following scoring criteria:

- Project addresses operations and maintenance (30 points)
- Project improves safety (10 points)
- Project provides air quality benefits (10 points)

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<sup>1</sup> These are federal funds and agencies are required to following the federal authorization process to obligate these funds.

- Project relieves congestion (10 points)
- Project provides benefits to a disadvantaged community(s) (5 points)
- Project is construction-ready (5 points)
- Leveraging funds (30 points)

Total Possible Points: 100

Projects would be awarded in the order of the scores received (highest to lowest) until all available funding is utilized. Projects not selected will be placed on a contingency list and will remain eligible for funding should awarded projects fail to obligate funds in a timely manner. Projects on the contingency list will remain eligible for funding until the next STBGP call for projects.

Funding capacity is available in 22/23 and 23/24. The first call for projects is planned for some time in September 2020. Applications would be due by October 2020. Funding recommendations would be presented to the TCAG Board for approval in December. Selected projects would be included in the 2021 FTIP.

The draft guidelines were presented to the eligible recipients, Caltrans, and FHWA for review and comments. As of the preparation of this agenda item, three agencies have submitted comments on the proposed guidelines. The comment period remains open and staff will provide a summary of responses to the comments received when this item is brought back to the Board in September for final approval. A summary of the comments received thus far is provided in the table below:

Agency	Comments
County of Tulare (7/24/2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests that TCAG allow STBGP application packet to be submitted in electronic format only as opposed to hard copies and one electronic copy.</li> <li>• Recommends that Air Quality and Congestion Relief questions be combined into one question and that combined points for both sections be 20 points. Also recommends that additional criteria addressing the project's economic benefits or connectivity to population centers such as schools, retail, recreation centers, etc. be added to the application.</li> <li>• Recommends that the points available for project's benefiting a disadvantaged community be increased. Commenter suggests that additional points come from decreasing the amount of points available for leveraging.</li> <li>• Commenter states that project readiness would be difficult to attain since obtaining environmental and right of way clearance would require the project to have a federal project ID. Federal project ID not assigned until federal funds have been formally committed to a project.</li> <li>• States that the availability of 30 points for leveraging is too much. Recommends that less emphasis be placed on leveraging funds and more be placed on project benefits and deliverability.</li> </ul>

City of Visalia (7/24/2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends that points available for operations and maintenance be increased from 30 to 40 points</li> <li>• Commenter states that street rehabilitation projects have minimal impacts to air quality and recommends reducing air quality benefit points from 10 to 5 points</li> <li>• Commenter states that street rehabilitation project have minimal impacts to congestion and recommends that congestion points be reduced from 10 to 5 points</li> <li>• Commenter suggests that points for leveraging be reduced. States that city typically requests use of toll credits in order for the construction phase to be reimbursed at a 100% and utilizes local funds for the design phase. Commenter contends that if City were to increase their local match then it may impact other maintenance projects related to transportation that are budgeted for on an annual basis. States that in cases where the winning construction bid exceeds the funds available from the program, the City funds the difference.</li> <li>• Commenter is concerned that changing the STBGP to a competitive process will make it difficult to carry out the city's road maintenance program each year due to the uncertainties of funding availability. The uncertainty of receiving funds will make it difficult to plan for and have projects shovel ready since plans may go unfunded if project not selected for funding.</li> </ul>
City of Exeter (7/29/2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commenter recommends that air quality benefits section be removed from application. Air quality not relevant to STBGP like it is in CMAQ.</li> <li>• Recommends points for project benefits to disadvantaged communities be increased to 10 points.</li> <li>• Recommends increasing points for construction readiness from 5 to 10 points.</li> <li>• Favors keeping leveraging at 30 points.</li> </ul>

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. STBGP Project Selection Guidelines and Application Form

**Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)  
Draft Project Selection Guidelines**

**Purpose of the STBG Program**

The STBG program provides flexible funding that localities may use for projects to preserve and improve conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals. STBG promotes flexibility in local transportation decisions and provides flexible funding to best address regional and local transportation needs.

Eligible costs for funds under this program include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, capital costs, and construction costs associated with an eligible activity.

**Eligible Recipients**

STBGP funding is available to local agencies in the TCAG region whose projects are fully or partially located within the Visalia Urbanized Area Boundary (Visalia UZA). Per the attached Visalia UZA map, this includes the following jurisdictions: Visalia, Tulare, Farmersville, Exeter, and portions of the County of Tulare located within the Visalia Urbanized Area boundary (Visalia UZA). Caltrans is also an eligible agency for projects located within the Visalia UZA.

**Project Selection**

TCAG will evaluate STBGP applications received via this call for projects and award projects in accordance with the following scoring criteria. The maximum points available for each criteria is shown in parentheses.

1. Project addresses operations and maintenance (30 points)
2. Project improves safety (10 points)
3. Project provides air quality benefits (10 points)
4. Project relieves congestion (10 points)
5. Project is construction-ready (5 points)
6. Project benefits disadvantaged communities (5 points)

Projects are awarded in the order of the scores received (highest to lowest) until all funding is exhausted. Those projects not selected will be placed on a contingency list and will remain eligible for funding should awarded projects fail to obligate funds in a timely manner. Projects on the contingency list will remain eligible for funding until the next STBGP call for projects.

The minimum match requirement for the STBGP program is 11.47 percent. If available, toll credits may be used to cover the match requirement.

### **Cost Increases**

Cost increases on projects from original applications will be borne by the implementing agency. In circumstances where an agency feels the cost increase is warranted from STBGP funds, the agency and TCAG staff can present that request to the TCAG Board for case-by-case approval.

### **Eligible Projects**

Please see Attachment 2 for a listing of eligible projects.

### **Screening Criteria**

Proposed STBGP projects must meet all of the following screening requirements, where applicable.

- Project must be included in a local agency-adopted resolution supporting the project.
- Project is eligible for RSTP funding as set forth in 23 USC 133(b), as amended.
- Project applicant is an eligible recipient as described above.
- Road projects must have a functional classification of urban collector, or major rural collectors or higher.
- The project must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- The project must be consistent with the currently approved Regional Transportation Plan.
- The applicant must have financial capacity to complete, operate, and maintain the project.
- Funds required from other sources must be reasonably expected to be available within the time frame needed to carry out the project.

## Visalia Urbanized Area Map



## Attachment 2

### ELIGIBLE STBGP PROJECTS (Title 23 USC Section 133)

#### 1. Eligible Projects and Activities:

- Location of Projects (23 U.S.C. 133(c)): STBG projects may not be undertaken on a road functionally classified as a local road or a rural minor collector unless the road was on a Federal-aid highway system on January 1, 1991, except-
  - (1) For a bridge or tunnel project (other than the construction of a new bridge or tunnel at a new location);
  - (2) For a project described in 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(4)-(11) and described below under "Eligible Activities" (b)(4) through (11);
  - (3) For transportation alternatives projects described in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(29) before enactment of the FAST Act (these are described in 23 U.S.C. 133(h) and in separate TA Set-Aside guidance.); and (4) As approved by the Secretary.
- Eligible Activities (23 U.S.C. 133(b)): Subject to the location of projects requirements in paragraph (a), the following eligible activities are listed in 23 U.S.C. 133(b):
  - (1) Construction, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(4), of the following:
    - i. Highways, bridges, and tunnels, including designated routes of the Appalachian development highway system and local access roads under 40 U.S.C. 14501;
    - ii. Ferry boats and terminal facilities eligible under 23 U.S.C. 129(c);
    - iii. transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
    - iv. Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements, including the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communication equipment;
    - v. Truck parking facilities eligible under Section 1401 of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C. 137 note); and
    - vi. Border infrastructure projects eligible under Section 1303 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 101 note).
  - (2) Operational improvements and capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs. Operational improvement is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(18).
  - (3) Environmental measures eligible under 23 U.S.C. 119(g), 328, and 329, and transportation control measures listed in Section 108(f)(1)(A) (other than clause (xvi) of that section) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7408(f)(1)(A)).
  - (4) Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, including railwayhighway grade crossings.

- (5) Fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 137 and carpool projects in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 146. Carpool project is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(3).
- (6) Recreational trails projects eligible under 23 U.S.C. 206, pedestrian and bicycle projects in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 217 (including modifications to comply with accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)), and the Safe Routes to School Program under Section 1404 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 402 note).
- (7) Planning, design, or construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.
- (8) Development and implementation of a State asset management plan for the National Highway System (NHS) and a performance-based management program for other public roads.
- (9) Protection (including painting, scour countermeasures, seismic retrofits, impact protection measures, security countermeasures, and protection against extreme events) for bridges (including approaches to bridges and other elevated structures) and tunnels on public roads, and inspection and evaluation of bridges and tunnels and other highway assets.
- (10) Surface transportation planning programs, highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs, and workforce development, training, and education under chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code.
- (11) Surface transportation infrastructure modifications to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, and access into and out of a port terminal.
- (12) Projects and strategies designed to support congestion pricing, including electronic toll collection and travel demand management strategies and programs.
- (13) Upon request of a State and subject to the approval of the Secretary, if Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit assistance is approved for an STBG eligible project, then the State may use STBG funds to pay the subsidy and administrative costs associated with providing Federal credit assistance for the projects.
- (14) The creation and operation by a State of an office to assist in the design, implementation, and oversight of public-private partnerships eligible to receive funding under title 23 and chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, and the payment of a stipend to unsuccessful private bidders to offset their proposal development costs, if necessary to encourage robust competition in public-private partnership procurements.
- (15) Any type of project eligible under 23 U.S.C. 133 as in effect on the day before the FAST Act was enacted. Among these are:
  - i. Replacement of bridges with fill material;
  - ii. Training of bridge and tunnel inspectors;
  - iii. Application of calcium magnesium acetate, sodium acetate/formate, or other environmentally acceptable, minimally corrosive anti-icing and



deicing compositions for bridges (and approaches to bridges and other elevated structures) and tunnels;

- iv. Projects to accommodate other transportation modes continue to be eligible pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 142(c) if such accommodation does not adversely affect traffic safety;
- v. Transit capital projects eligible for assistance under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, including vehicles and facilities (publicly or privately owned) that are used to provide intercity passenger bus service;
- vi. Approach roadways to ferry terminals to accommodate other transportation modes and to provide access into and out of the ports;
- vii. Transportation alternatives previously described in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(29) and described in 23 U.S.C. 213;
- viii. Projects relating to intersections having disproportionately high accident rates, high levels of congestion (as evidenced by interrupted traffic flow at the intersection and a level of service rating of "F" during peak travel hours, calculated in accordance with the Highway Capacity Manual), and are located on a Federal-aid highway;
- ix. Construction and operational improvements for any minor collector if the minor collector and the project to be carried out are in the same corridor and in proximity to an NHS route; the construction or improvements will enhance the level of service on the NHS route and improve regional traffic flow; and the construction or improvements are more cost-effective, as determined by a benefit-cost analysis, than an improvement to the NHS route;
- x. Workforce development, training, and education activities discussed in 23 U.S.C. 504(e);
- xi. Advanced truck stop electrification systems. Truck stop electrification system is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(32);
- xii. Installation of safety barriers and nets on bridges, hazard eliminations, projects to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife;
- xiii. Electric vehicle and natural gas vehicle infrastructure in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 137;
- xiv. Data collection, maintenance, and integration and the costs associated with obtaining, updating, and licensing software and equipment required for risk-based asset management and performance based management, and for similar activities related to the development and implementation of a performance based management program for other public roads;
- xv. Construction of any bridge in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 144(f) that replaces any low water crossing (regardless of the length of the low water crossing); any bridge that was destroyed prior to January 1, 1965; any ferry that was in existence on January 1, 1984; or any road bridge that is rendered obsolete as a result of a Corps of Engineers flood control or channelization project and is not rebuilt with funds from the Corps of

Engineers. Not subject to the Location of Project requirement in 23 U.S.C. 133(c); and

xvi. Actions in accordance with the definition and conditions in 23 U.S.C. 144(g) to preserve or reduce the impact of a project on the historic integrity of a historic bridge if the load capacity and safety features of the historic bridge are adequate to serve the intended use for the life of the historic bridge. Not subject to the Location of Project requirement in 23 U.S.C. 133(c)

## AGENDA ITEM V-D

August 17, 2020

Prepared by Benjamin Giuliani, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Information:** Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

### BACKGROUND:

The CTC is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC met via webinar/teleconference on June 22nd. The next CTC meeting will also be held via webinar/teleconference on August 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The STIP is a biennial document which covers five years of programming for transportation projects in California. The STIP is comprised of Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs) from each of the counties in California and the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) that is developed by Caltrans. The RTIPs account for 75% and the ITIP accounts for 25% of the total STIP funding.

### DISCUSSION:

#### August CTC Meeting

##### *State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):*

\$73.451 million of ITIP and STIP funding for the widening of SR-99 from 1.2 miles south of Avenue 280 to Prosperity Avenue (4.6 miles). This project also includes the replacement of the J Street on-ramp and replaces the hook ramps on the east side of the highway at Tagus.

##### *Active Transportation Program (ATP):*

\$980,000 for the North Valencia safe routes to school project in Woodlake.

The KC Vista Park safe and accessible pathways project is proposed to be added to the substitution list for California Conservation Corps (CCC) projects funding through the ATP. AB 97 directs \$4 million per year of ATP funds to CCC projects. If a project is removed from the program list or if there is enough cost savings, the Dinuba project is next in line to be funded (\$143,000).

##### *State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP):*

Caltrans is requesting an additional \$4.3 million in funding for improvements to three bridges on SR-201 and SR-216.

## June CTC Meeting

### *State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP):*

\$5.38 million on SR65 and SR190 in Porterville for construction of maintenance vehicle pullouts, pave gores, improve drainage, new fencing, relocate pullboxes and controller cabinets

\$11.52 million to replace the Ave 152 bridge over SR-99 in Tipton

\$2.54 million on SR190 between Springville and Camp Nelson to replace deteriorated culverts and upgrade guardrails

## 2020 RTIP/STIP

The CTC adopted the 2020 STIP at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. TCAG's RTIP was included as proposed.

### **2020 RTIP/STIP**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>FY 20/21</b>	<b>FY 21/22</b>	<b>FY 22/23</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 24/25</b>
SR-65 Realignment and operational improvements	Caltrans	PS&E				\$1.5m	
SR-99/Caldwell Interchange	Caltrans	R/W Con			\$4.6m	\$7.0m	
SR-99/Commercial Interchange	Caltrans	R/W Con	\$5.5m	\$7.4m			
SR-99 Widening (Tagus-Prosperity)	Caltrans	Con	\$69.491 m <sup>1</sup>				
SR-99 Widening (City of Tulare)	Caltrans	E&P PS&E	\$4.15m <sup>2</sup>		\$6.37 m <sup>3</sup>		

<sup>1</sup>\$62.327 million from Caltrans' Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), \$7.164m from RTIP

<sup>2</sup>\$2.0 million from ITIP, \$2.15 million from RTIP

<sup>3</sup>\$4.3 million from ITIP and \$2.07 million from Prop 1b savings

PS&E = Plans, Specifications & Estimate, R/W = Right of Way, E&P = Environmental Studies and Permits

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

## Tulare County Association of Governments

### **AGENDA ITEM V-E**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Roberto Brady, TCAG Staff**

#### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal SAFE Vehicles Regulation

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In August, 2018, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule. On September 27, 2019 NHTSA published a portion of the SAFE Vehicles Rule in the Federal Register as "Part One." Part One is highly significant in that it includes the withdrawal of California's preemption waiver. That is, California's ability to adopt vehicle emissions standards stricter than federal regulations applicable nationwide.

Part Two of the SAFE Vehicles Rule followed, being published on April 30, 2020. It became effective on June 29, 2020. Essentially, Part Two requires both Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and CO2 standards to increase in stringency by 1.5% per year for Model Years (MY) 2021-2026 from 2020 levels. This replaces the previous rule that required a 5% annual increase in stringency over the same period.

Because California's current mobile source emissions model, EMFAC, did not account for the new standards applicable under the SAFE Vehicles Rule, no regional or project-level conformity determinations could be issued until EMFAC was updated.

California, along with at least 23 other states, have filed lawsuits challenging aspects of both parts of the SAFE Vehicle Rule. The lawsuits have not requested temporary injunctive relief. This means the rule remains in effect during litigation.

A more extensive summary of SAFE Vehicles Rule impacts is available on the California Association of Council of Governments (CalCOG) website.

(<https://www.calcog.org/index.php?src=directory&view=legislation&submenu=PolicyTracker&srctype=detail&back=legislation&refno=10423>)

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On November 20, 2019, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) published off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC output intended to replicate the effects of the implementation of SAFE Vehicles Rule. This was proposed as a way to make conformity determinations for non-exempt plans and projects possible until the emissions model itself could be updated. EPA indicated their concurrence with the off-model adjustment factors in a letter dated March 12, 2020. More recently, they indicated verbally, concurrence that the off-model adjustments also addressed the effects of Part 2. As long as this concurrence holds, federal agencies can approve conformity determinations in California and implications to transportation funding can be avoided.

The federal concurrence applies to adjustment factors for both EMFAC 2014 and EMFAC 2017. California MPOs, including TCAG, are transitioning to EMFAC 2017 as the model required to be used in developing conformity demonstrations. The more central issue becomes the characteristics of EMFAC 2017 itself. A number of Valley MPOs have been unable to meet regional conformity with EMFAC 2017. While TCAG does appear to still meet conformity using the newer model, it can still be affected if other regions in the same air basin do not meet conformity. Valley MPO staff and our consultants are working with ARB to develop possible solutions. A new version of EMFAC (202x) is under development. Testing will begin later this year. It may be possible to shift straight to that model and bypass EMFAC 2017 if the new model shows better results. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the largest MPO in the nation, is also having issues with EMFAC 2017. This means the matter should continue to receive high priority from ARB and other state agencies.

With regard to the 2021 FSTIP update, a bill, SB 1291, has been introduced in the California Legislature that would defer the update for two more years. This could buy time to fund those projects that would not otherwise need a further conformity determination. A deferral of the FSTIP update to 2023 would still be consistent with federal law. SB 1291 has passed the Senate and is currently before the Assembly Transportation Committee. Staff is moving ahead with conformity tests for the TCAG 2021 FTIP incorporating the adjustments developed by ARB so that the region is prepared to adopt a “full” FTIP (including all projects not exempt from air quality conformity) should that be possible in the Spring.

Staff will continue to carefully monitor and report on developments that affect these timeframe estimates as well as on state-wide efforts to minimize potential funding impacts.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None

**AGENDA ITEM VII-A**  
**TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**Executive Minutes June 22, 2020**

Board Members	Alternates	Present Member/Alternate	Agency
Kuyler Crocker ( <i>Chair</i> )	Paula Clark	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel	William Cushing	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Amy Shuklian	Bill Whitchlatch	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Eddie Valero	Derek Williams	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Dennis Townsend	Terren Brown	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Maribel Reynosa	Linda Launer	<u>M/A</u>	City of Dinuba
Frankie Alves	Dave Hails	<u>M</u>	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Ruben Macareno	<u>M</u>	City of Farmersville
Pamela Kimball	Brian Watson	<u>M</u>	City of Lindsay
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Terry Sayre	Carlton Jones	<u>M</u>	City of Tulare
Bob Link ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	Phil Cox	<u>M</u>	City of Visalia
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Sharri Bender-Ehlert	Michael Navarro	<u>A</u>	Caltrans*

\* Caltrans serves as an ex-officio member of the TCAG Policy Advisory Committee. At-large TCAG members and the Public Transit Provider representative are not members of the Tulare County Transportation Authority or Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority.

**Counsel and TCAG Staff Present (X)**

<u>X</u> Jeff Kuhn, Tulare County Deputy Counsel	<u>      </u> Kasia Thompson, Associate Regional Planner
<u>X</u> Ted Smalley, Executive Director	<u>      </u> Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner
<u>      </u> Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director	<u>X</u> Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
<u>      </u> Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer-LAFCO	<u>      </u> Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH
<u>X</u> Leslie Davis, Finance Director	<u>      </u> Barbara Pilegard, Associate Regional Planner/EH
<u>      </u> Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner	<u>      </u> Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH
<u>X</u> Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner	<u>      </u> Michele Boling, Accountant III
<u>      </u> Mark Hays, Senior Regional Planner	<u>      </u> Brideget Moore, Staff Services Analyst
<u>      </u> Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner	<u>X</u> Amie Kane, Administrative Clerk II
<u>      </u> Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner	<u>      </u> Servando Quintanilla, Administrative Clerk
	<u>      </u> Olivia Forte, Intern Apprentice/EH

**I. WELCOME**

The Tulare County Association of Governments Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Crocker at 1:01 p.m. on June 22, 2020 at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Crocker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments opened/closed at 1:04 p.m. No public comments received.

***Convene as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee***

#### **IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV-A

##### **A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve MPO Component Project Selection Guidelines for Cycle 5 of the Active Transportation Program**

Upon a Motion by Member Vander Poel, and seconded by Member Stammer, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV-A. Absent: Mendoza, Holscher, and Ishida.

##### **B. Information: Senate Bill (SB1) Competitive Programs Update**

##### **C. Information: Caltrans Draft Transportation Analysis Framework (TAF) – SB 743 Implementation for State Highway Projects**

#### **V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2019/2020 Unmet Transit Needs Findings**

Mr. Bruno distributed a complete list of unmet transit need requests, together with transit providers' responses. Mr. Bruno explained that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is tasked with reviewing all comments received annually and that the SSTAC found one of the requests submitted, were a unmet transit need for 2019/20. This request would accommodate a no-cost transfer for riders in the northeast part of Visalia along East Houston Ave. Ms. Angelina Soper, City of Visalia Transit Manager, reported about the changes that would happen along transit Route 7 in Visalia.

Upon a Motion by Member Link, and seconded by Member Stammer, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the unmet transit needs findings for 2019/2020.

Absent: Mendoza, Holscher, and Ishida.

##### **B. Information: Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Competitive Program Selection Guidelines**

Mr. Smalley explained that block grant program competitive funding was issued each year, and stated that the first call for projects was planned for August 2020. Mr. Smalley stated that draft guidelines would be presented to city and county staff for comments and edits prior to being brought back to the TCAG Board for final approval.

##### **C. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update**

Mr. Smalley stated that the June CTC meeting would be held later in the week and the last meeting had been held in March. Mr. Smalley reported that during the March CTC meeting the 2020 STIP had been adopted and that TCAG's RTIP was included as proposed.

##### **D. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects**

Mr. Smalley stated the current allocations had been spent and that TCAG was responsible for ensuring the funds were being utilized appropriately and obligated in a timely manner.

##### **E. Information: Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Regulation**

Mr. Brady provided the monthly update for the ongoing SAFE Vehicle rule. Mr. Brady reported that a second part of the SAFE Vehicle Rule would go into effect June 29, 2020, and that the California Resource Board had granted off model adjustments which would work for part 2 of the SAFE Rule as well. Mr. Brady explained that he will continue to carefully monitor and report on the unfolding developments.

##### **F. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report**

Mr. Navarro provided an overview of various Caltrans projects being conducted within Tulare County. Mr. Navarro stated that effective July 13, 2020 Diana Gomez became the Director for Caltrans District 6.

***Adjourn as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee and Convene as the Tulare County Association of Governments***



## **VI. REQUEST TO REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Upon a Motion by Member Townsend, and seconded by Member Valero, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously reaffirmed all actions while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. Abstained: Link. Absent: Mendoza, Holscher, and Ishida.

## **VII. ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR-ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Request Approval of the Association Consent Calendar Action Items VII-A through VII-C

**A. Action: Minutes of May 18, 2020 TCAG Board Meeting**

**B. Action: Minutes of May 14, 2020 TCAG Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

**C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve FY 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) as amended**

Upon a motion by Member Flores, and seconded by Member Valero, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar Items VII-A through VII-C. Absent: Mendoza, Gomez, Holscher, and Ishida.

## **VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Information: Legislative Update**

Mr. Smalley reported that the One Voice Trip going to Washington D.C. was scheduled for June 22-25, 2020, had since been canceled due to COVID-19. Mr. Smalley stated that recently the House of Representatives had drafted a new transportation bill, and highlighted some of the key points such as funds for climate change and green new deal provisions. Mr. Smalley added that at the State level SB-743 updated the way transportation impacts are measured for new development projects, the policy council has submitted and sent a letter of opposition on behalf of many counties.

**B. Presentation: Report from Congressman Nunes' Office**

No representative present, report not given.

**C. Presentation: Report from Assemblyman Mathis' Office**

Rachel with Assemblyman Mathis office provided a reported on the current legislation, noting that summer recess was currently underway and that many staff are still telecommuting due to Covid-19.

**D. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office**

No representative present, report not given.

**E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Federal Governmental Advocacy Services Contract for Fiscal Years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23**

Mr. Smalley outlined the proposed contract for Federal Governmental Advocacy Services and highlighted that the fiscal years 20/21, 21/22, and 22/23 would be the years of service covered. Mr. Smalley explained the proposals received and the scoring of each. Based on the scoring Mr. Smalley presented the staff recommendations to retain the governmental advocacy services contract with PACE Government Relations for government advocacy and federal lobbying services and the contract could be renewed for up to three more years on a year-by-year basis.

Upon a Motion by Member Flores, and seconded by Member Link, the Association unanimously approved the staff recommendations in Item VIII-E as presented. Absent: Mendoza, Gomez, Holscher, and Ishida.

**F. Action: Authorize Staff to Amend Remix Software to Add Scheduling Module for City of Visalia**

Mr. Bruno explained that Visalia Transit would like to add the scheduling module, through the Remix route planning software for which there is currently an agreement, however, adding the scheduling module would require an amendment. Mr. Bruno stated that the additional cost of these services would be covered by Visalia TDA funds.

Upon a motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Stammer, the Association unanimously approved Item VIII-F as presented. Absent: Mendoza, Gomez, Holscher, and Ishida.

**G. Information: Member Agency Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Year Ending for June 30, 2019**

Ms. Davis announced that the audit was to be the last one received for the audit year ending June 30, 2019, and was for the city of Dinuba. Ms. Davis stated that there were no findings or material weaknesses.

**H. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update**

Mr. Smalley outlined the consultant report received from SBLB, which had been retained for the regional transit coordination study. Mr. Smalley stated that the report outlined some of the effects of COVID-19 on transit. Mr. Smalley highlighted the current status on agencies considering joining the JPA, and added that the city of Tulare would be joining however, the city of Visalia would not.

**I. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach**

Mr. Brady provided an update on the Census Complete Count efforts and shared that due to COVID-19 many outreach efforts had shifted to local advertising and radio media campaigns. Mr. Brady stated that as a result of COVID-19 the Census Bureau would plan to extend the Self-response Phase to October 31, 2020. Mr. Brady reported that as of 6/3/2020 the Census Self-Response rates were at 56.7% for Tulare County; slightly lower than the National rate of 60.6%. Mr. Brady stated that staff would continue to assist with Census outreach and report back during each monthly Board meeting.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. None**

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Information: Item from Staff**

**1. TCAG Director's Report**

Mr. Smalley took the opportunity to remind the Board that over the next few month's staff would be working with City Managers and agencies to identify possible funding options for widening projects along Highway 99.

**2. Other Items**

None

**B. Information: Items from Board Members**

**1. Tulare County Water Commission Update**

Ms. Flores reported that the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held and was mostly informative. Ms. Flores outlined the update that was given on the Yettem-Seville CSD, and stated that the next meeting had been scheduled for July 15, 2020.

**2. San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Update**

Chair Crocker stated that a teleconference was scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>, after which an update would be provided.

**3. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) – Amtrak Update**

Member Shuklian reported that the last meeting was held May 29<sup>th</sup>, stating that discussion was had regarding declining ridership due to Covid-19 and reduction of routes.

**4. San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Housing Task Force Update**

Member Valero reported that the recent meeting was held June 19<sup>th</sup> and much discussion was had regarding the impact of Covid-19 on housing.

**5. TCAG Transit Report**

Member Gomez had to leave the meeting early and nothing new was presented by staff.

**6. Other Items**

None

**C. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items**

Chair Crocker requested that further updates be given regarding the JPA and how TCAG might be able to assist with the startup costs.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The TCAG Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:11 p.m.

**ADJOURN AS THE TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND CONVENE AS THE  
TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

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**Item VII-B**  
**TCAG Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tulare County Association of Governments - 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291**  
**June 18, 2020 – Summary Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

City of Dinuba	George Avila
City of Exeter	Eddie Wendt
Cities of Farmersville, Woodlake	Lisa Wallis-Dutra
City of Lindsay	Neyba Amezcua
County of Tulare	Herman Beltran
City of Porterville	Javier Sanchez
City of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco
Tule River Indian Reservation	<i>Absent</i>
TCAG	Benjamin Kimball
Caltrans	Jamaica Gentry

**Others Present:** Caleb Bowman City of Visalia

**TCAG Staff Present:** Leslie Davis, Roberto Brady, Gail Miller, Benjamin Giuliani, Kasia Poleszczuk, Derek Winning, Elizabeth Forte, Gabriel Gutierrez, Ted Smalley, and Servando Quintanilla Jr Recording.

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

(Minutes reflect agenda items discussed only)

**I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Smalley at 1:35 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 Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting, scheduled for June 18, 2020.

**IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Information: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Competitive Programs Update**

Mr. Gutierrez gave an update on the Local Partnership Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Programs, and corrected an error that stated the deadline for the Local Partnership Program was due on June 30 and not on June 22.

**B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve MPO Component Project Selection Guidelines for Cycle 5 of the Active Transportation Program**

Mr. Gutierrez gave an update on the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Guidelines and that the project application would be due to the state by September 15, 2020. Also the project would be evaluated in January and February 2021.

**C. Information: Caltrans Draft Transportation Analysis Framework (TAF) - SB 743 Implementation for State Highway Projects**

Mr. Winning stated that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) would be recommended for use in estimating induced demand of transportation projects on the state highway.

**V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2019/2020 Unmet Transit Needs Findings**

Ms. Forte shared the results of the 2019/2020 Unmet Transit Needs and expressed the concerns from the public. She also stated that the social media outreach was a success and received a high response rate in Spanish.

**B. Information: Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Competitive Project Selection Guidelines**

Mr. Gutierrez detailed the Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Competitive Project Selection Guidelines. During TCAG's FHWA certification review held in April 2020, it was recommended by FHWA that TCAG change its STBGP allocation process from population-based process to a competitive selection process.

**C. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update**

Mr. Giuliani stated the next CTC meeting would be on June 22 and would be held via webinar/teleconference and that there would be three projects of interest.

**D. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects**

Mr. Gutierrez reported all of the agencies that had obligated funds for this year- Exeter, County of Tulare, Caltrans and Visalia. Ms. Forte reviewed CMAQ projects obligated to City of Porterville, and Visalia.

**E. Information: Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal SAFE Vehicles Regulation**

Mr. Brady gave an update on the SAFE Vehicle Rule and stated that the federal concurrence applies to adjustment factors for both EMFAC 2014 and EMFAC 2017 also that California MPO's, including TCAG, are transitioning to EMFAC 2017 as the model required to be used in developing conformity demonstrations.

**F. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report**

Ms. Gentry gave an updated on a new Advance Mitigation Program and will look forward to MPO's comments. She also reported that the Sustainable Planning Grant Awards had been announced for the City of Lindsay, City of Farmersville, and Tulare County RMA.

**VII. ASSOCIATION CONSENT CALENAR- ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve FY 2020/20201 Overall Work Plan (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) as amended**

Ms. Davis reported that after Caltrans, FTA, and FHWA reviewed the OWP they had suggested a couple of recommendation to incorporate into the OWP for final approval.

**VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Information: Legislative Update**

Mr. Smalley wanted to remind everybody that there would be no Washington D.C. trip this year and gave an update on the transportation senate bill.

**E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Federal Governmental Advocacy Services Contract for Fiscal Years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23**

Mr. Smalley commented on the four Federal Lobbying services and that TCAG had recommended to select Pace Government Relations with a three-year contract.

**F. Action: Authorize Staff to Amend Remix Software to Add Scheduling Module for City of Visalia**

Ms. Forte summarized that Remix Software was a route planning software used by all agencies and that Visalia Transit would want to add on a scheduling service to their Remix Software.

**G. Information: Member Agency Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Year Ending for June 30, 2019 (for City of Dinuba) – Elizabeth**

Ms. Davis stated that the item was regarding the TDA Audit for the city of Dinuba and there were no findings or material weaknesses.

**H. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update**

Ms. Forte expressed that the JPA item has been circulated to all the agencies and been taken to some cities for approval.

**I. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach**

Mr. Brady gave an update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach and that the month of May was canceled due to COVID-19 also that the 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach would still continue to contact clients.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Information: Items from Staff:**

**1. TCAG Director's Report**

Mr. Smalley explained that there would be extra handouts to the agenda and that they would be sent out via email to Board members and accessible on the TCAG website.

**2. Other Items**

Mr. Smalley discussed the Policy Council comment on SB 743 on the handout.

**XII. ADJOURN**

The TCAG Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Tulare County Board of Supervisors 2800 W. Burrel Ave, Visalia, CA 93291**. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 13, 2020 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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## **AGENDA ITEM VII-C**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 22, 2020, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) FY 2019/2020 Overall Work Plan (OWP) was adopted through Resolution No. 2020-132. Amendments throughout the year are necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020/2021 OWP is necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies.

1. Increase Work Element No. 602.10-1221 Sustainable Communities Planning grant – Sustainable Communities Strategy in the amount of \$8,807 per Caltrans letter to adjust for final funding estimates received.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends the approval of Amendment No. 1 to the 2020/2021 OWP.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

SB1 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant funding is utilized.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution approving FY 2020/2021 OWP Amendment No. 1
2. OWP summary documents as affected by approval Attachment 1

BEFORE THE  
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVING FY 2020/2021 OVERALL ) Resolution No. 2020-XXX  
WORK PLAN (OWP) AMENDMENT )  
NO. 1 )

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Planning Agency Board of Governors adopted the FY 2019/2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) on June 22, 2020, with approval of Resolution 2020-132; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020/2021 OWP is necessary to increase Work Element No. 602.10-1221 Sustainable Communities Planning grant – Sustainable Communities Strategy in the amount of \$8,807, of SB1 grant funding, per Caltrans letter to adjust for final funding estimates received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCAG 2020/2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) is amended as shown in Attachment “2” and is herein referenced as Amendment No. 1.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Vander Poel III  
Chair, TCAG

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

**W.E. 602.02     Traffic Forecasting/Model Development**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>
Member Dues	
Local Contribution	
TDA	
FHWA PL (carryover)	3,597
FHWA PL	283,803
FTA Section 5303 (carryover)	
FTA Section 5303	
FTA Section 5304	
FTA Section 5305	
DMV	
City of Dinuba	
City of Exeter	
City of Farmersville	
City of Lindsay	
City of Porterville	
City of Tulare	
City of Visalia	
City of Woodlake	
County of Tulare	
Measure R	
LAFCO	
TCAG Reserves	
SB1 Sustainable Community Grant	
Other Grants	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>287,400</b>
Toll Credits(5303&Carryover) (Not Revenues)	
Toll Credits(PL&Carryover) (Not Revenues)	32,965

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>	<b>STAFF PERSON MONTHS</b>
TCAG Staff	236,000	25.1
City of Dinuba		
City of Exeter		
City of Farmersville		
City of Lindsay		
City of Porterville		
City of Tulare		
City of Visalia		
City of Woodlake		
County of Tulare		
Insurance		
Memberships		
Office Expense		
Consultant	35,000	
Publications and Legal Notice		
Training	5,400	
Transportation and Travel	1,500	
Print Services		
County Counsel		
Auditor		
Motorpool		
Rent		
Special Dept Expense		
Dues/Subscriptions/Licenses	4,500	
Utilities		
Office Equipment	5,000	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>287,400</b>	<b>25.1</b>

**Consultant**

\$35,000 Traffic Modeling Assistance

**Training**

1 State APA \$500

3 ESRI \$4,500

Misc Training \$400

**Transportation/Travel**

1 State APA \$1,000

Misc Training \$500

**Special Dept Expense**

\$10,000 GIS services ( special projects)

**Dues/Subscriptions/Licenses**

TCAG Share Enterprise license for Cube software \$4,500

**Office Equipment**

Upgrades to modeling workstations

**W.E. 602.10-1221 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant - Sustainable Communities Strategy FY 20/21**

REVENUES	DOLLARS
Member Dues	
Local Contribution	22,940
TDA	
FHWA PL (carryover)	
FHWA PL	
FTA Section 5303 (carryover)	
FTA Section 5303	
FTA Section 5304	
FTA Section 5305	
DMV	
City of Dinuba	
City of Exeter	
City of Farmersville	
City of Lindsay	
City of Porterville	
City of Tulare	
City of Visalia	
City of Woodlake	
County of Tulare	
Measure R	
LAFCO	
TCAG Reserves	1,010
SB1 Sustainable Community Grant	184,857
Other Grants	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>208,807</b>
Toll Credits(5303&Carryover) (Not Revenues)	
Toll Credits(PL&Carryover) (Not Revenues)	

EXPENDITURES	DOLLARS	STAFF PERSON MONTHS
TCAG Staff	75,000	8.0
City of Dinuba		
City of Exeter		
City of Farmersville		
City of Lindsay		
City of Porterville		
City of Tulare		
City of Visalia		
City of Woodlake		
County of Tulare		
Insurance		
Memberships		
Office Expense		
Consultant		
Publications and Legal Notice		
Training		
Transportation and Travel		
Print Services		
County Counsel		
Auditor		
Motorpool		
Rent		
Special Dept Expense	133,807	
Dues/Subscriptions		
Utilities		
Office Equipment		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>208,807</b>	<b>8.0</b>

**Local Contributions**

SB1 match FY 20/21 \$22,940

**SB1 Grant**

SB1 grant funding FY 20/21 \$ 184,857

**TCAG Reserves**

SB1 match FY 20/21 \$ 1,010

**Labor**

FY 20/21 \$75,000

**Consultant**

FY 20/21 \$133,807

**EXPENDITURES**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM**

<b>WORK ELEMENT</b>	<b>TCAG</b>	<b>Dinuba</b>	<b>Exeter</b>	<b>Farmersville</b>	<b>Lindsay</b>	<b>Porterville</b>	<b>Tulare</b>	<b>Visalia</b>	<b>Woodlake</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Other/Print/Legal/T&amp;T</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
601.01 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION	93,660										136,340		230,000
601.02 TCAG ADMINISTRATION	125,000										33,000	59,430	217,430
601.04 OFFICE EXPENSES/FIXED ASSETS										270,254		239,385	509,639
601.06 OWP & BUDGET	85,000											1,000	86,000
601.08 ADVOCACY	69,000										105,000	42,100	216,100
601.09 PERFORMANCE MEASURES	12,000												12,000
602.01 REGIONAL TRANSP. PLAN	66,916											5,000	71,916
602.02 TRAFFIC FORECASTING/MODEL DEVELOPMENT	236,000										35,000	16,400	287,400
602.03 REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING	126,615											18,000	144,615
602.04 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION	125,000											55,000	180,000
602.04-0045 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION-City of Tulare SRTP	9,200										110,000		119,200
602.06 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES	1,000												1,000
602.07 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES NON FED	29,994												29,994
602.10-1121 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- Environmental Justice & Health Impact Assessments FY 20- 21	18,938											60,000	78,938
602.10-1221 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FY 20-21	75,000											133,807	208,807
602.10-3020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- SUSTAINABILITY MODEL ENHANCEMENTS FY 19/20											60,000		60,000
602.10-5020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION FOR SHORT & LONG TERM PLANNING FY 19/20	10,000										8,807		18,807
602.10-6000 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- MULTIMODAL OUTREACH & SAFETY PROGRAM FY 18/19	19,430											8,809	28,239
602.10-7020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- COMPLETE STREETS FY 19/20	10,000											148,938	158,938
602.10-7120 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-FY 19/20	15,000											35,000	50,000
603.02 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORATION SYSTEMS	5,000											1,000	6,000
604.01 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	119,993											9,720	129,713
605.01 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	118,000										15,000	3,350	136,350
610.01 AIR QUALITY PLANNING & ANALYSIS	85,179										36,000	3,000	124,179
620.01 VALLEYWIDE COORDINATION	55,000										13,000	1,200	69,200
620.02 GOODS MOVEMENT	19,262												19,262
650.01 PUBLIC INFORMATION & PARTICIPATION	79,018											7,700	86,718
670.01 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	1,000												1,000
670.05 LOCAL COORDINATION	183,125											6,950	190,075
670.07 ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT	3,000												3,000
670.1 REGIONAL HOUSING	40,000												40,000
680.02 FILM PROMOTION										50,000			50,000
680.03 CENSUS PROJECT	9,000											50,000	59,000
700.01 MEASURE R ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING	244,979	40,000									60,500	25,500	370,979
700.02 SANTA FE TRAIL CONNECTION	500						500	500		500	500		2,500
800.01 LAFCO	165,000											90,500	255,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,255,809</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>					<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>		<b>\$320,754</b>	<b>\$613,147</b>	<b>\$1,021,789</b>	<b>\$4,252,499</b>

**EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM**

WORK ELEMENT	MEMBER DUES/ TCAG RESERVES		DMV	LOCAL PLANNING CONTRIBUTION			TDA/Transit Admin FUNDS		FHWA PL FUNDS			FTA TPA		SB 1 Sustainable Communities		LEGACI GRANT/OTHER/TOLL		TOTALS
	TCAG	CO. SPCL.		TCAG	CITY/CO.	CONSUL	TCAG	CONSUL	TCAG	CITY/CO	CONSUL	TCAG	CONSUL	TCAG	CONSUL	TCAG/CITY	CONSUL	
601.01 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION							230,000											230,000
601.02 TCAG ADMINISTRATION				184,430		33,000												217,430
601.04 OFFICE EXPENSES/FIXED ASSETS	32,000			207,385	270,254													509,639
601.06 OWP & BUDGET	25,000								60,000	1,000								86,000
601.08 ADVOCACY	111,100	29,400				75,600												216,100
601.09 PERFORMANCE MEASURES									12,000									12,000
602.01 REGIONAL TRANSP. PLAN									71,916									71,916
602.02 TRAFFIC FORECASTING/MODEL DEVELOPMENT									262,400	25,000								287,400
602.03 REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING									71,830			72,785						144,615
602.04 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION							32,000		43,000			105,000						180,000
602.04-0045 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION-City of Tulare SRTP												105,528				9,200	4,472	119,200
602.06 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES	1,000																	1,000
602.07 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES NON FEDERAL							20,000									9,994		29,994
602.10-1121 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FY 20/21				9,054										9,884	60,000			78,938
602.10-1221 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FY 20/21	1,010			22,940										52,060	132,797			208,807
602.10-3020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABILITY MODEL ENHANCEMENTS FY 19/20						6,882									53,118			60,000
602.10-5020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION FOR SHORT & LONG TERM PLANNING FY 19/20				1,147					1,010					7,843	8,807			18,807
602.10-6000 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL OUTREACH & SAFETY PROGRAM FY 18/19				3,239										25,000				28,239
602.10-7020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-COMPLETE STREETS FY 19/20				10,000		8,230									140,708			158,938
602.10-7120 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATEFY 19/20				5,735										44,265				50,000
603.02 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS				6,000														6,000
604.01 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM									129,713									129,713
605.01 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM									121,350	15,000								136,350
610.01 AIR QUALITY PLANNING & ANALYSIS				1,415					86,764	36,000								124,179
620.01 VALLEYWIDE COORDINATION				56,200		13,000												69,200
620.02 GOODS MOVEMENT									19,262									19,262
650.01 PUBLIC INFORMATION & PARTICIPATION				445					86,273									86,718
670.01 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	1,000																	1,000
670.05 LOCAL COORDINATION				190,075														190,075
670.07 ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT			3,000															3,000
670.1 REGIONAL HOUSING	28,941			11,059														40,000
680.02 FILM PROMOTION		50,000																50,000
680.03 CENSUS PROJECT																59,000		59,000
700.01 MEASURE R ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING																310,479	60,500	370,979
700.02 SANTA FE TRAIL CONNECTION																2,500		2,500
800.01 LAFCO																255,500		255,500
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	200,051	79,400	3,000	709,124	270,254	136,712	282,000	0	965,518	0	77,000	177,785	105,528	139,052	395,430	646,673	64,972	4,252,499
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>279,451</b>		<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,116,090</b>			<b>282,000</b>		<b>1,042,518</b>			<b>283,313</b>		<b>534,482</b>		<b>711,645</b>		<b>4,252,499</b>

REVENUES  
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

WORK	Member Dues/ TCAG Reserves	Local Contrib.	TDA/Transit Admin	FHWA PL (carryover)	FHWA PL	FTA Section 5303 (carryover)	FTA Section 5303	FTA Section 5304	FTA Section 5305	SB1 Sustainable Communities	DMV	By Cities Special Planning	Measure R DIF	LAFCO	Oth Funding and Grants	TOTAL	FHWA PL Toll Credits	FTA 5303 Toll Credits
601.01 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION			230,000													230,000		
601.02 TCAG ADMINISTRATION		217,430														217,430		
601.04 OFFICE EXPENSES/FIXED ASSETS	32,000	477,639														509,639		
601.06 OWP & BUDGET	25,000				61,000											86,000	6,997	
601.08 ADVOCACY	140,500	75,600														216,100		
601.09 PERFORMANCE MEASURES				5,289	6,711											12,000	1,376	
602.01 REGIONAL TRANSP. PLAN					71,916											71,916	8,249	
602.02 TRAFFIC FORECASTING/MODEL DEVELOPMENT				3,597	283,803											287,400	32,965	
602.03 REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING					71,830		72,785									144,615	8,239	8,348
602.04 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION			32,000		43,000	5,000	100,000									180,000	4,932	12,044
602.04-0045 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION-City of Tulare 2020 SRTP								105,528				13,672				119,200		
602.06 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES	1,000															1,000		
602.07 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES NON FEDERAL			20,000									9,994				29,994		
602.10-1100 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FY 20/21		9,054								69,884						78,938		
602.10-1221 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FY 20/21	1,010	22,940								184,857						208,807		
602.10-3020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABILITY MODEL ENHANCEMENTS FY 19/20		6,882								53,118						60,000		
602.10-5020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION FOR SHORT & LONG TERM PLANNING FY 19/20		1,147			1,010					16,650						18,807	116	
602.10-6000 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL OUTREACH & SAFETY PROGRAM FY 18/19		3,239								25,000						28,239		
602.10-7020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-COMPLETE STREETS FY 19-20		18,230								140,708						158,938		
602.10-7120 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-REGIONAL ACTIVE		5,735								44,265						50,000		
603.02 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS		6,000														6,000		
604.01 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM					129,713											129,713	14,878	
605.01 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM					136,350											136,350	15,639	
610.01 AIR QUALITY PLANNING & ANALYSIS		1,415		4,029	118,735											124,179	14,081	
620.01 VALLEYWIDE COORDINATION		69,200														69,200		
620.02 GOODS MOVEMENT				18,835	427											19,262	2,209	
650.01 PUBLIC INFORMATION & PARTICIPATION		445		18,250	68,023											86,718	9,895	
670.01 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	1,000															1,000		
670.05 LOCAL COORDINATION		190,075														190,075		
670.07 ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT											3,000					3,000		
670.1 REGIONAL HOUSING	28,941	11,059														40,000		
680.02 FILM PROMOTION	50,000															50,000		
680.03 CENSUS PROJECT															59,000	59,000		
700.01 MEASURE R ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING													370,979			370,979		
700.02 SANTA FE TRAIL CONNECTION													2,500			2,500		
700.03 MEASURE R MITIGATION BANKING																		
800.01 LAFCO														255,500		255,500		
TOTALS	\$279,451	\$1,116,090	\$282,000	\$50,000	\$992,518	\$5,000	\$172,785	\$105,528		\$534,482	\$3,000	\$23,666	\$373,479	\$255,500	\$59,000	\$4,252,499	\$119,577	\$20,392

**2020/2021 Overall Work Program**

**SUMMARY**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>
Member Dues (191,500)	191,500
Local Contribution	1,116,090
TDA	282,000
FHWA PL (carryover)	50,000
FHWA PL	992,518
FTA Section 5303 (carryover)	5,000
FTA Section 5303	172,785
FTA Section 5304	105,528
FTA Section 5305	
DMV	3,000
City of Dinuba	
City of Exeter	
City of Farmersville	
City of Lindsay	
City of Porterville	
City of Tulare	13,672
City of Visalia	
City of Woodlake	
County of Tulare	9,994
Measure R	373,479
LAFCO	255,500
TCAG Reserves	87,951
SB1 Sustainable Community Grant	534,482
Other Grants (Census)	59,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,252,499</b>
Toll Credits(5303) (Not Revenues)	20,392
Toll Credits(PL) (Not Revenues)	119,577

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>	<b>STAFF PERSON MONTHS</b>
TCAG Staff	2,252,459	242
City of Dinuba	40,000	
City of Exeter		
City of Farmersville		
City of Lindsay		
City of Porterville		
City of Tulare	500	
City of Visalia	500	
City of Woodlake		
County of Tulare	320,754	
Insurance	5,500	
Memberships	13,830	
Office Expense	22,500	
Consultant	673,147	
Publications/ Legal Notice/Dues	700	
Training	15,650	
Transportation and Travel	60,220	
Print Services	22,859	
County Counsel	22,000	
Auditor	2,500	
Motorpool		
Rent	160,885	
Special Dept Expense	607,995	
Dues/Subscriptions	6,500	
Utilities	16,000	
Office Equipment	8,000	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,252,499</b>	<b>241.6</b>

\* FHWA PL Funding

Carryover	\$50,000
<u>Current Year funding:</u>	<u>\$992,518</u>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$1,042,518</b>



## Tulare County Association of Governments

### **AGENDA ITEM VIII-A**

**August 17, 2020**

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#### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Legislative Update

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Every year, TCAG holds one or more One Voice trips to Washington, D.C. to collaborate with administration and legislative bodies on matters of federal policy and financing. TCAG also participates in legislative efforts and Valley Voice trips conducted by the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council, both to Washington, D.C. for federal matters and Sacramento for state matters.

In addition, TCAG works with the California Councils of Government (CalCOG), the Self Help Counties Coalition (Self Help), the American Planning Association (APA) and the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) to advance the regional agenda and get additional support from the federal and state government.

Assisting TCAG staff in these efforts is our federal lobbyist, Pace Government Solutions.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

TCAG did not prepare a One Voice Trip in 2020 due to the government shutdowns that resulted from the Coronavirus Pandemic. However, TCAG continues to work with our partners in Washington D.C. to advance our legislative agenda and obtain support for project funding.

TCAG will continue to work on federal and state grant applications for funding to construct the commercial interchange in Tulare.

TCAG has also been receiving regular correspondence from our Federal Lobbyist Pace Government Solutions with information on the latest legislative actions. Recently, the House of Representatives and the Senate have proposed competing infrastructure bills. Although it is unlikely that either bill will be adopted as they are currently written, a comparison of the two is attached for your reference for informational purposes.

In September of this year, the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council will forego it's annual Valley Voice trip to Washington D.C. and instead hold meetings with federal partners digitally.

The following discussion items constitute the valley platform as understood at this time. It is subject to further refinement by the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council prior to the meetings:

We are encouraging your consideration of a federal platform that advocates for the following for the following projects and legislative and regulatory principles.

## **1) Projects**

- a. We encourage your continued advocacy for the Central Valley Gateway Project, the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project, and any additional projects of regional significance. These priorities should be the first items discussed in most meetings with appropriate Members of Congress or the Administration.

## **2) Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles**

### **a. Highway Trust Fund**

- i. Restoring solvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) in order to fund major infrastructure programs;
- ii. Temporarily increasing gas and diesel taxes by 15 and 20 cents, respectively, over a three-year period and then index them to inflation so they will continue to grow;
- iii. Creating an HTF Commission to determine a new funding mechanism for transportation which cannot be fuel taxes and that must be place before the fuel taxes are then eliminated in ten years;
- iv. Implementing a pilot program to test out transitioning from a tax on gasoline to a tax based on miles driven, or VMT;
- v. Evaluating new funding mechanisms from a ten percent tax on bike tires of 26 inches or larger and electric vehicle batteries and eliminating the fuel tax subsidy for transit;
- vi. Reducing non-federal cost share requirements and allowing flexibility for jurisdictions that have lost revenues during the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19, then maintaining historic 80/20 non-federal cost share requirements for surface transportation programs moving forward after FY 2021;

### **b. Program Design**

- i. Prioritizing formula over discretionary or competitive allocations to programs;
- ii. Ensuring set-asides for urban areas with fewer than one million residents as well as rural areas, and small projects;
- iii. Ensuring set-asides for small projects across discretionary grant programs;
- iv. Maintaining flexibility and authority for MPOs;
- v. Increasing flexibility for States and local governments to improve their systems with multimodal infrastructure, including public transportation and rail, active transportation, and technology and system management;
- vi. Increasing funding for the next three years for roads and bridges, which excludes increases for biking and walking projects;
- vii. Increasing funding for existing bridge programs or creating a new bridge program with a set-aside of the highway formula apportionment, and increasing the off-system bridge set-aside to

- address the backlog of bridge repair and replacement needs throughout the Valley;
- viii. Creating a national farm-to-market routes rehabilitation program.

### **3) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)**

- i. Creating a SMART Transportation Planning pilot gram to provide MPOs flexibility in the RTP adoption cycle from four years to up to every ten years;
- ii. Supporting the role of MPOs in the decision-making process, finding ways to improve flexibility in how MPOs conduct business, and avoiding the transfer of MPO authority to the State or federal government.

### **4) Regulatory Process**

- i. Codifying the "One Federal Policy" establishing a two-year goal for completion of environmental reviews of highway projects, and requiring the Secretary of Transportation to develop a template for Federal-State stewardship and oversight agreements;
- ii. Implementing exceptions to Buy America proposed previously by FHWA in federal rulemaking and reinstating a uniform waiver process to ensure transportation projects are progressing without significant delays;
- iii. Developing clear guidelines on exceptions at the federal level to create a consistent nationwide application of rules and reducing the burden, delays, and resources expended over small percentages of materials;
- iv. Expanding eligible activities and the eligible miles of roadways for the National Highway Freight Program;
- v. Additional flexibility in a State's ability to expeditiously complete planning and project delivery processes and make the best investments for the State without siloed programs; and

### **5) Air Quality**

- a. We recommend your support for the following proposed programs:
  1. \$9 billion for a Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNPS) program for large highway, transit, passenger, and freight rail projects that reduce congestion on roadways;
  2. \$1 billion new discretionary grant program over 5 years to States and localities to deploy alternative fuel infrastructure, including hydrogen, natural gas, and electric vehicle fueling infrastructure, along designated highway corridors;
  3. \$6.25 billion resiliency program to fund resilience and emergency evacuation needs, and adding eligibilities for resilience to highway formula programs; or
  4. \$8.35 billion program focused on carbon pollution reduction across highway, transit, and passenger rail;
- b. We seek additional input from the Air District.

## **6) Water Supply**

- a. We seek additional input on your current local needs and projects under development.
- b. We encourage your advocacy for the extension of authorizations for the CWSRF and DWSRF to ensure all communities can have access to federal support for clean drinking water as well as greater federal investment in new water storage projects to enhance supply and reliability.

Additional information on legislative matters will be made available at the Board Meeting.

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

# Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
Unemployment Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the enhanced weekly benefits through 12/31/20 at the following amounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aug &amp; Sept: \$200/week</li> <li>Oct-Dec: A payment (up to \$500) that, when combined with the state UI payment, would replace 70% of lost wages. (States may apply for a waiver to continue paying a flat fee through Nov.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Includes \$2 billion for state unemployment system upgrades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of \$600/week Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to January 2021</li> <li>Allows gig workers, independent contractors, part-time &amp; self-employed workers typically ineligible for unemployment insurance to receive insurance (but not the additional pandemic unemployment compensation) through March 2021 (currently set to expire 1/31/21)</li> </ul>
Liability Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The "Safeguarding America's Frontline Employees to Offer Work Opportunities Required to Kickstart the Economy Act" (SAFE to WORK Act): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gives exclusive federal cause of action that applies to natural persons, schools, colleges, charities, churches, government agencies, associations, and businesses due to COVID-19. Valid from 12/1/19 -10/1/24</li> <li>Allows cases to be brought in state or federal court, but only one standard of liability applies. Defendants may move cases filed in state court to federal district court</li> <li>Requires plaintiffs show defendant was grossly negligent OR engaged in willful misconduct &amp; violated state/local public health guidelines in place at time of the incident</li> <li>Limits compensatory damages to economic losses and prohibits punitive damages, except in cases involving intentional misconduct</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A

## Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
Labor & Employment Law Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protects employers from liability under federal labor and employment laws (including ADA, OSHA, and Civil Rights Act of 1964) for actions taken to comply with Coronavirus-related public-health guidance and regulations</li> </ul>	N/A
Paycheck Protection Program—Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamlined loan forgiveness for small loans &lt;\$150k</li> <li>Intermediate forgiveness process for loans &lt;\$2 million</li> <li>Expands eligible expenses that qualify for forgiveness to include covered operations expenditures, property damage costs, covered supplier costs, and covered worker protection expenditures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of loan forgiveness terms, but no streamlined forgiveness based on loan amount</li> <li>Amendments to PPP Loan Forgiveness include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added flexibility for borrowers by extending the 8-week period to a 24-week period</li> <li>Eliminates the 75/25 rule on use of loan proceeds</li> <li>Clarifies the hold harmless provision for lenders</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Small Businesses—Other PPP Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act” provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second round of PPP loans of up to \$2 million available for businesses under 300 workers or other small businesses with 50% lost revenue (smaller loan size than last round)</li> <li>PPP set-asides for small entities, including those with fewer than 10 employees (\$2 billion) and community institutions (\$10 billion)</li> <li>New loan program providing working capital loans for small businesses as an alternative to a second PPP loan</li> <li>Simplifies the forgiveness application process for small loans</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPP eligibility expanded to all nonprofits</li> <li>Funding set-asides focused on underserved communities and nonprofits</li> <li>Expanded data collection requirements including total amount of fees paid to lenders</li> <li>Improved coordination between PPP and Employee Retention Tax Credit</li> <li>Expands the pool of available capital for small firms by increasing the annual lending limit of the 7(a) program from \$30 billion to \$75 billion</li> <li>Ensures the principal and interest loan assistance is not treated as taxable income to small business borrowers</li> </ul>

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Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New allowable loan uses, which include working capital, acquisition of fixed assets, and refinancing existing indebtedness</li> <li>○ Hold harmless provision for PPP lenders that no enforcement action could be taken against a lender who in good faith relief on borrower certifications or documentation</li> </ul>	
State and Local Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No additional state/local aid; however, additional flexibility on state money granted through CARES Act</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$1 trillion to state and local governments, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$500 billion for state fiscal relief</li> <li>○ \$375 billion for local fiscal relief</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Back to School/Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act” will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work Child Care Grants that will help parents go back to work by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Short-term assistance to child care centers, operators, providers</li> <li>– Critical resources to states to help child care providers reopen and stay open</li> <li>– Safe environments for children</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Emergency Education Freedom Grants that will provide funding for scholarships for students to use towards educational expenses</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ “American Workers, Families, and Employers Assistance Act” provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improvements to Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to better match lost wages</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “COVID-19 Every Worker Protection Act of 2020” will require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Employers to develop and implement a COVID-19 exposure control plan</li> <li>○ Requires employers to comply with OSHA regulations</li> <li>○ Prohibits retaliation against workers for reporting health and safety hazards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Increases funding for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) which provides funding for child and family care for essential workers</li> <li>▪ Provides emergency flexibility for child welfare programs</li> <li>▪ Amends the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act by extending the benefits from 12/21/2020 – 12/31/2021</li> </ul>

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Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Opportunity Tax credit (WOTC) which offers expanded access to the elective tax credit for hiring employers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act by extending the applicability from 12/31/2020 – 12/31/2021, as well as eliminates the large employer exemption and clarifies that nonprofit organizations are covered employees. It also ensures both full-time and part-time employees can earn full wage replacement</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Impact Payments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second round of stimulus payments under same terms as CARES:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max amount: \$1,200 for singles &amp; \$2,400 for married couples, with up to \$500/child (no age limit on child dependents unlike previous bill)</li> <li>Single filers making ≤\$75,000 &amp; married couples filing jointly making ≤\$150,000 receive full payment with phase out to incomes up to \$99,000 and \$198,000 (with no dependents), respectively</li> <li>Prohibits garnishment withholding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second round of stimulus payments similar to CARES, but with more money for dependents:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max amount: \$1,200 for singles &amp; \$2,400 for joint filers, with up to \$1,200/child (max of \$6,000 per household)</li> <li>Single filers making ≤\$75,000 &amp; married couples filing jointly making ≤\$150,000 receive full payment with phase out to incomes up to \$99,000 and \$198,000 (with no dependents), respectively</li> <li>Prohibits garnishment withholding</li> <li>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) Expansion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Consumer/Employee Protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamlines federal student loan repayment to two options: (1) a standard, 10-year mortgage-style repayment plan; or (2) an income-based repayment plan dependent on the borrower's annual income</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspension of negative consumer credit reporting in declared national disasters, including COVID-19</li> <li>Moratorium on consumer debt collection with specified consumer repayment options when payments resume</li> <li>\$200 billion in hazard pay to essential workers</li> <li>Expands new COVID-19 paid leave policies to all employers &amp; extends temporary provisions until December 2021</li> </ul>



## Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends suspended interest/payments for most federal student loans through 9/30/2021 &amp; cancels up to \$10,000 in debt for some federal &amp; private loans</li> </ul>
Domestic Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Restoring Critical Supply Chains and Intellectual Property Act” helps facilitate the availability, development, and production of domestic resources to meet national PPE and material needs.</li> <li>The “United States Manufacturing Availability of Domestic Equipment Act” (U.S. MADE Act) provides investment credits for PPE manufacturers</li> <li>The “Safeguarding American Innovation Act” establishes a Federal Research Security Council that will establish a strategic plan to protect the national and economic security interests of the United States</li> <li>The “Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America Act” (CHIPS for America Act) creates semiconductor incentive grants and will advance semiconductor research and design.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to hold a symposium to discuss recommendations to encourage domestic manufacturing of certain drugs</li> </ul>

## Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
Health Care Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relaxes the terms of loans from Medicare</li> <li>Ensures that Medicare telehealth options don't expire before Congress can determine what should be made permanent</li> <li>Extends for five years the CARES Act provision that pays clinics and health centers for telehealth in order to meet the health care needs in rural America</li> <li>Freezes Medicare premiums at 2020 levels to head off a predicted spike next year</li> <li>Emergency support for nursing homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further increases Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) by an additional 14 % for the period of 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021</li> <li>Provides increased funding for Home and Community Based Services through Medicaid</li> <li>Temporarily increases Medicaid allotments for disproportionate share hospitals by 2.5%</li> <li>Provides \$25 million to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in both the Medicaid and Medicare programs</li> </ul>
Renter/Homeowner Provisions	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$75 billion homeowner assistance fund</li> <li>\$100 billion rental assistance program</li> <li>12 month eviction &amp; 6 month foreclosure moratorium</li> <li>Modifies CARES Act forbearance requirements &amp; specifies loan modifications &amp; loss mitigation available to homeowners</li> <li>Establishes a mortgage servicer liquidity facility</li> </ul>
Retirement Provisions	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief for multiemployer pension plans</li> <li>Relief for single employer pension plans</li> </ul>

## Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
Select Appropriations Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$25 billion for hospitals/providers</li> <li>▪ \$20 billion for vaccine-related measures</li> <li>▪ \$29.4 billion for defense</li> <li>▪ \$20 billion for farmers</li> <li>▪ \$15 billion for child care</li> <li>▪ \$1.5 billion for NASA</li> <li>▪ \$150 million for FEMA</li> <li>▪ \$1.222 billion in loan authority for USCIS</li> <li>▪ \$1.6 billion for Customs and Border Protection (CBP)</li> <li>▪ \$3.4 billion to the CDC to support federal, state, and local public health agencies</li> <li>▪ \$15.5 billion to the NIH</li> <li>▪ \$4.5 billion to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</li> <li>▪ \$16.7 billion to provide supportive and social services for families and children</li> <li>▪ \$78.1 billion for Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$25 billion for Provider Relief Fund</li> <li>○ \$16 billion for testing and contact tracing</li> <li>○ \$6 billion for vaccine distribution</li> <li>○ \$2 billion for the Strategic National Stockpile</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ \$105 billion to the Department of Education to help get all students back to school including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$5 billion for the Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$100 billion for hospitals/providers</li> <li>▪ \$3.5 billion for vaccine-related measures</li> <li>▪ Marginal funding for defense</li> <li>▪ \$100 million for farmers</li> <li>▪ Democrats are currently updating their child care funding</li> <li>▪ \$1.3 billion to FEMA</li> <li>▪ \$10 billion for SNAP</li> <li>▪ \$600 million in Pandemic Justice Response Act Grants</li> <li>▪ \$2.1 billion to the CDC to support federal, state, and local public health agencies</li> <li>▪ \$4.745 billion to the NIH</li> <li>▪ \$3 billion to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</li> <li>▪ \$10.1 billion to provide supportive and social services for families and children</li> <li>▪ \$175 billion for Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$100 billion in grants for hospitals and health care providers</li> <li>○ \$75 billion for testing, contact tracing, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ \$10 billion in grants to small businesses</li> <li>▪ \$1 billion to CDFIs</li> <li>▪ \$1.5 billion for increased broadband \$100.15 billion to Department of Education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$90 billion for a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ \$10.15 billion for colleges</li> </ul>

## Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$70 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1/3 going to all K-12 schools regardless of their plans next year</li> <li>– 2/3 directed at K-12 schools with a physical reopening plan that is approved by the governor</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ \$29 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund</li> <li>▪ \$4.01 billion to United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</li> <li>▪ \$10.151 billion for transportation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$75 million to Essential Air Service (EAS)</li> <li>○ \$50 million to FAA operations</li> <li>○ \$10 billion to Airport Improvement Program (AIP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ \$2.2 billion for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</li> <li>▪ \$1 billion for Public Housing Operating Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$2 billion to support worker training</li> <li>○ \$925 million to assist states in processing unemployment insurance claims</li> <li>○ \$7.6 billion to support expanded health care services for underserved populations</li> <li>○ \$25 billion for Postal Service</li> <li>○ \$3.6 billion for grants to States for planning and preparing for elections</li> <li>○ \$31 billion for transportation (no funding for airports, but provides Airport &amp; Airway Trust Fund relief), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– \$75 million for FAA operations</li> <li>– \$15 billion for highways</li> <li>– \$15.75 billion for transit emergency relief</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ \$4 billion for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</li> <li>▪ \$2 billion for Public Housing Operating Fund</li> <li>▪ \$5 billion for Community Development Block Grant</li> <li>▪ \$100 billion for Emergency Rental Assistance</li> <li>▪ \$11.5 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants</li> </ul>

## Side-By-Side Comparison: the Senate HEALS Act vs. the House HEROES Act

Topic Area	HEALS Act (Republican Proposal)	HEROES Act (Democrat Proposal)
Tax Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile Workforce legislation to standardize state tax liability for work travel, and a temporary solution for state tax withholding rules for large employers with remote workers</li> <li>Refundable payroll tax credit for employer purchasing testing, PPE &amp; certain other safety supplies</li> <li>Expanded Employee Refundable Tax Credit for employers with significant decrease in receipts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elimination of the State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT) cap for 2020 and 2021 tax years</li> <li>Expansion of the employee retention tax credit (ERTC)</li> <li>Changes to the net operating loss (NOL) provisions</li> </ul>
Additional Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Supporting America’s Restaurant Workers Act” provides an increase business meal reduction from 50% to 100%</li> <li>The “Time to Rescue United States’ Trusts Act” (Trust Act of 2020) would create a process to provide economic relief to each of the major endangered trust funds, such as the Highway Trust Fund, Social Security Old-Age &amp; Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, and Medicare Part A.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidizes 100% of COBRA premiums for workers who would otherwise lose job-based coverage due to loss of employment or reduction in hours worked</li> <li>Includes the Medical Supply Transparency and Delivery Act, which requires the president to use all available authorities under the Defense Production Act to mobilize a federal response to the pandemic</li> </ul>

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## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-E**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Regional Transit Coordination Update

### **BACKGROUND:**

TCAG assembled an ad hoc committee to discuss concerns regarding transit coordination and the potential for exploring a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) or other formal coordination of regional transit service. The ad hoc committee prepared a Joint Powers Agreement and it was circulated to TCAG member agencies.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Each member agency has considered the JPA for the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA). All agencies approved the JPA except the Cities of Visalia and Dinuba. Agency formation is underway. Additional items regarding the initiation of the TCRTA follow in this agenda.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-F**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Alternatives for Supplemental Funding for Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA)

### **BACKGROUND:**

TCAG led studies and then the organization of a regional transit agency. A Joint Powers Agreement was approved by seven of TCAG's member agencies and the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency is coming to fruition.

### **DISCUSSION:**

TCAG staff was requested at the June TCAG Board meeting to evaluate funding available to assist the TCRTA in its establishment and initial operation. TCAG staff discussed various funding options and recommends the following:

1. TCAG Reserves be used for initial organization, specifically for staff and agency support, in the amount of \$100,000 per year for two years. This proposal is included in the proposed Overall Work Program amendment in this agenda.
2. Authorize undesignated transit/bike funds from the City of Lindsay Measure R repayment for use by TCRTA. This proposal is included in the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) agenda.
3. Reserve \$500,000 per year of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for three years for eligible projects proposed by the TCRTA. This is proposed in an action item following in this agenda.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-G**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 22, 2020, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) FY 2019/2020 Overall Work Plan (OWP) was adopted through Resolution No. 2020-132. Amendments throughout the year are necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020/2021 OWP is necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies.

1. Increase Work Element No. 602-07, Special Transportation Project Studies, in the amount of \$100,000 to assist with the establishment of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency.
2. Add Work Element No. 602.08, City of Farmersville Complete Street & Multi Modal Access Study, in the amount of \$165,000 to include approved 5304 grant and matching funds.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends the approval of Amendment No. 2 to the 2020/2021 OWP.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

TCAG Reserves and 5304 Grant funding.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution approving FY 2020/2021 OWP Amendment No. 2
2. OWP summary documents as affected by approval

BEFORE THE  
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVING FY 2020/2021 OVERALL ) Resolution No. 2020-XXX  
WORK PLAN (OWP) AMENDMENT )  
NO. 2 )

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Planning Agency Board of Governors adopted the FY 2019/2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) on June 22, 2020, with approval of Resolution 2020-132; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020/2021 OWP is necessary to increase Work Element No. 602-07, Special Transportation Project Studies, in the amount of \$100,000 to assist with the establishment of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020/2021 OWP is necessary to add Work Element No. 602.08, City of Farmersville Complete Street & Multi Modal Access Study, in the amount of \$165,000, to include approved 5304 grant and matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCAG 2020/2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) is amended as shown in Attachment “2” and is herein referenced as Amendment No. 2.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

## Attachment 2

## W.E. 602.07 Special Transportation Project Studies (Non-Federal)

REVENUES	DOLLARS	EXPENDITURES	DOLLARS	STAFF PERSON MONTHS
Member Dues		TCAG Staff	29,994	3.2
Local Contribution		City of Dinuba		
TDA	20,000	City of Exeter		
FHWA PL (carryover)		City of Farmersville		
FHWA PL		City of Lindsay		
FTA Section 5303 (carryover)		City of Porterville		
FTA Section 5303		City of Tulare		
FTA Section 5304		City of Visalia		
FTA Section 5305		City of Woodlake		
DMV		County of Tulare		
City of Dinuba		Insurance		
City of Exeter		Memberships		
City of Farmersville		Office Expense		
City of Lindsay		Consultant		
City of Porterville		Publications and Legal Notice		
City of Tulare		Training		
City of Visalia		Transportation and Travel		
City of Woodlake		Print Services		
County of Tulare	9,994	County Counsel		
Measure R		Auditor		
LAFCO		Motorpool		
TCAG Reserves	100,000	Rent		
SB1 Sustainable Community Grant		Special Dept Expense	100,000	
Other Grants		Dues/Subscriptions		
		Utilities		
		Office Equipment		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>129,994</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>129,994</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Toll Credits(5303) (Not Revenues)				
Toll Credits(PL) (Not Revenues)				

County of Tulare

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Special Dept Exp

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Implementation

**W.E. 602.08      City of Farmersville Complete Streets & Multi Modal Access Study**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>
Member Dues	
Local Contribution	
TDA	
FHWA PL (carryover)	
FHWA PL	
FTA Section 5303 (carryover)	
FTA Section 5303	
FTA Section 5304	146,074.00
FTA Section 5305	
DMV	
City of Dinuba	
City of Exeter	
City of Farmersville	
City of Lindsay	
City of Porterville	
City of Tulare	
City of Visalia	
City of Woodlake	
County of Tulare	
Measure R	
LAFCO	
TCAG Reserves	18,926.00
SB1 Sustainable Community Grant	
Other Grants	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>
Toll Credits(5303) (Not Revenues)	0.00
Toll Credits(PL) (Not Revenues)	0.00

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>	<b>STAFF PERSON MONTHS</b>
TCAG Staff	25,000	2.7
City of Dinuba		0.0
City of Exeter		0.0
City of Farmersville		0.0
City of Lindsay		0.0
City of Porterville		0.0
City of Tulare		0.0
City of Visalia		0.0
City of Woodlake		0.0
County of Tulare		
Insurance		0.0
Memberships		0.0
Office Expense		
Consultant		
Publications and Legal Notice		
Training		
Transportation and Travel		
Print Services		
County Counsel		0.0
Auditor		0.0
Motorpool		0.0
Rent		
Special Dept Expense	140,000	0.0
Dues/Subscriptions		
Utilities		
Office Equipment		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>2.7</b>

**Special Dept Exp**

City of Farmersville complete streets & Multi Modal Access Study

**EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM**

WORK ELEMENT	MEMBER DUES/ TCAG RESERVES		DMV	LOCAL PLANNING CONTRIBUTION			TDA/Transit Admin FUNDS		FHWA PL FUNDS			FTA TPA		SB 1 Sustainable Communities		LEGACI GRANT/OTHER/TOLL		TOTALS
	TCAG	CO. SPCL.		TCAG	CITY/CO.	CONSUL	TCAG	CONSUL	TCAG	CITY/CO	CONSUL	TCAG	CONSUL	TCAG	CONSUL	TCAG/CITY	CONSUL	
601.01 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION							230,000											230,000
601.02 TCAG ADMINISTRATION				184,430		33,000												217,430
601.04 OFFICE EXPENSES/FIXED ASSETS	32,000			207,385	270,254													509,639
601.06 OWP & BUDGET	25,000								60,000	1,000								86,000
601.08 ADVOCACY	111,100	29,400				75,600												216,100
601.09 PERFORMANCE MEASURES									12,000									12,000
602.01 REGIONAL TRANSP. PLAN									71,916									71,916
602.02 TRAFFIC FORECASTING/MODEL DEVELOPMENT									262,400	25,000								287,400
602.03 REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING									71,830			72,785						144,615
602.04 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION							32,000		43,000			105,000						180,000
602.04-0045 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION-City of Tulare SRTP												105,528				9,200	4,472	119,200
602.06 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES	1,000																	1,000
602.07 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES NON FEDERAL	100,000						20,000									9,994		129,994
602.08 CITY OF FARMERSVILLE COMPLETE STREETS & MULTI MODAL ACCESS	18,926											146,074						165,000
602.10-1121 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FY 20/21				9,054										9,884	60,000			78,938
602.10-1221 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FY 20/21	1,010			22,940										52,060	132,797			208,807
602.10-3020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABILITY MODEL ENHANCEMENTS FY 19/20						6,882									53,118			60,000
602.10-5020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION FOR SHORT & LONG TERM PLANNING FY 19/20				1,147					1,010					7,843	8,807			18,807
602.10-6000 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL OUTREACH & SAFETY PROGRAM FY 18/19				3,239										25,000				28,239
602.10-7020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-COMPLETE STREETS FY 19/20				10,000	8,230										140,708			158,938
602.10-7120 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATEFY 19/20				5,735										44,265				50,000
603.02 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS				6,000														6,000
604.01 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM									129,713									129,713
605.01 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM									121,350	15,000								136,350
610.01 AIR QUALITY PLANNING & ANALYSIS				1,415					86,764	36,000								124,179
620.01 VALLEYWIDE COORDINATION				56,200		13,000												69,200
620.02 GOODS MOVEMENT									19,262									19,262
650.01 PUBLIC INFORMATION & PARTICIPATION				445					86,273									86,718
670.01 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	1,000																	1,000
670.05 LOCAL COORDINATION				190,075														190,075
670.07 ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT			3,000															3,000
670.1 REGIONAL HOUSING	28,941			11,059														40,000
680.02 FILM PROMOTION		50,000																50,000
680.03 CENSUS PROJECT																59,000		59,000
700.01 MEASURE R ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING																310,479	60,500	370,979
700.02 SANTA FE TRAIL CONNECTION																2,500		2,500
800.01 LAFCO																255,500		255,500
SUBTOTALS	318,977	79,400	3,000	709,124	270,254	136,712	282,000	0	965,518	0	77,000	323,859	105,528	139,052	395,430	646,673	64,972	4,517,499
TOTALS	398,377		3,000	1,116,090			282,000		1,042,518			429,387		534,482		711,645		4,517,499

**EXPENDITURES**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM**

WORK ELEMENT	TCAG	Dinuba	Exeter	Farmersville	Lindsay	Porterville	Tulare	Visalia	Woodlake	County	Consultant	Other/Print/Legal/T&T	TOTAL
601.01 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION	93,660										136,340		230,000
601.02 TCAG ADMINISTRATION	125,000										33,000	59,430	217,430
601.04 OFFICE EXPENSES/FIXED ASSETS										270,254		239,385	509,639
601.06 OWP & BUDGET	85,000											1,000	86,000
601.08 ADVOCACY	69,000										105,000	42,100	216,100
601.09 PERFORMANCE MEASURES	12,000												12,000
602.01 REGIONAL TRANSP. PLAN	66,916											5,000	71,916
602.02 TRAFFIC FORECASTING/MODEL DEVELOPMENT	236,000										35,000	16,400	287,400
602.03 REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING	126,615											18,000	144,615
602.04 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION	125,000											55,000	180,000
602.04-0045 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION-City of Tulare SRTP	9,200										110,000		119,200
602.06 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES	1,000												1,000
602.07 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES NON FED	29,994											100,000	129,994
602.08 CITY OF FARMERSVILLE COMPLETE STREETS & MULTI MODAL ACCESS STUDY	25,000											140,000	165,000
602.10-1121 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- Environmental Justice & Health Impact Assessments FY 20- 21	18,938											60,000	78,938
602.10-1221 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FY 20-21	75,000											133,807	208,807
602.10-3020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- SUSTAINABILITY MODEL ENHANCEMENTS FY 19/20											60,000		60,000
602.10-5020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION FOR SHORT & LONG TERM PLANNING FY 19/20	10,000										8,807		18,807
602.10-6000 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- MULTIMODAL OUTREACH & SAFETY PROGRAM FY 18/19	19,430											8,809	28,239
602.10-7020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT- COMPLETE STREETS FY 19/20	10,000											148,938	158,938
602.10-7120 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-FY 19/20	15,000											35,000	50,000
603.02 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORATION SYSTEMS	5,000											1,000	6,000
604.01 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	119,993											9,720	129,713
605.01 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	118,000										15,000	3,350	136,350
610.01 AIR QUALITY PLANNING & ANALYSIS	85,179										36,000	3,000	124,179
620.01 VALLEYWIDE COORDINATION	55,000										13,000	1,200	69,200
620.02 GOODS MOVEMENT	19,262												19,262
650.01 PUBLIC INFORMATION & PARTICIPATION	79,018											7,700	86,718
670.01 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	1,000												1,000
670.05 LOCAL COORDINATION	183,125											6,950	190,075
670.07 ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT	3,000												3,000
670.1 REGIONAL HOUSING	40,000												40,000
680.02 FILM PROMOTION										50,000			50,000
680.03 CENSUS PROJECT	9,000											50,000	59,000
700.01 MEASURE R ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING	244,979	40,000									60,500	25,500	370,979
700.02 SANTA FE TRAIL CONNECTION	500						500	500		500	500		2,500
800.01 LAFCO	165,000											90,500	255,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,280,809</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>					<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>		<b>\$320,754</b>	<b>\$613,147</b>	<b>\$1,261,789</b>	<b>\$4,517,499</b>



REVENUES  
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

WORK	Member Dues/	Local	TDA/Transit	FHWA	FHWA	FTA Section	FTA Section	FTA Section	FTA Section	SB1 Sustainable		By Cities	Measure R		Oth Funding		FHWA	FTA
ELEMENT	TCAG Reserves	Contrib.	Admin	PL (carryover)	PL	5303 (carryover)	5303	5304	5305	Communities	DMV	Special Planning	DIF	LAFCO	and Grants	TOTAL	PL Toll Credits	5303 Toll Credits
601.01 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION			230,000													230,000		
601.02 TCAG ADMINISTRATION		217,430														217,430		
601.04 OFFICE EXPENSES/FIXED ASSETS	32,000	477,639														509,639		
601.06 OWP & BUDGET	25,000				61,000											86,000	6,997	
601.08 ADVOCACY	140,500	75,600														216,100		
601.09 PERFORMANCE MEASURES				5,289	6,711											12,000	1,376	
602.01 REGIONAL TRANSP. PLAN					71,916											71,916	8,249	
602.02 TRAFFIC FORECASTING/MODEL DEVELOPMENT				3,597	283,803											287,400	32,965	
602.03 REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING					71,830		72,785									144,615	8,239	8,348
602.04 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION			32,000		43,000	5,000	100,000									180,000	4,932	12,044
602.04-0045 TRANSIT PLANNING AND COORDINATION-City of Tulare 2020 SRTP								105,528				13,672				119,200		
602.06 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES	1,000															1,000		
602.07 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT STUDIES NON FEDERAL	100,000		20,000									9,994				129,994		
602.08 CITY OF FARMERSVILLE COMPLETE STREETS & MULTI MODAL ACCESS STUDY	18,926							146,074								165,000		
602.10-1100 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FY 20/21		9,054								69,884						78,938		
602.10-1221 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY FY 20/21	1,010	22,940								184,857						208,807		
602.10-3020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-SUSTAINABILITY MODEL ENHANCEMENTS FY 19/20		6,882								53,118						60,000		
602.10-5020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION FOR SHORT & LONG TERM PLANNING FY 19/20		1,147			1,010					16,650						18,807	116	
602.10-6000 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-MULTIMODAL OUTREACH & SAFETY PROGRAM FY 18/19		3,239								25,000						28,239		
602.10-7020 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-COMPLETE STREETS FY 19-20		18,230								140,708						158,938		
602.10-7120 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT-REGIONAL ACTIVE		5,735								44,265						50,000		
603.02 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS		6,000														6,000		
604.01 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM					129,713											129,713	14,878	
605.01 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM					136,350											136,350	15,639	
610.01 AIR QUALITY PLANNING & ANALYSIS		1,415		4,029	118,735											124,179	14,081	
620.01 VALLEYWIDE COORDINATION		69,200														69,200		
620.02 GOODS MOVEMENT				18,835	427											19,262	2,209	
650.01 PUBLIC INFORMATION & PARTICIPATION		445		18,250	68,023											86,718	9,895	
670.01 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	1,000															1,000		
670.05 LOCAL COORDINATION		190,075														190,075		
670.07 ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT											3,000					3,000		
670.1 REGIONAL HOUSING	28,941	11,059														40,000		
680.02 FILM PROMOTION	50,000															50,000		
680.03 CENSUS PROJECT															59,000	59,000		
700.01 MEASURE R ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING													370,979			370,979		
700.02 SANTA FE TRAIL CONNECTION													2,500			2,500		
700.03 MEASURE R MITIGATION BANKING																		
800.01 LAFCO														255,500		255,500		
TOTALS	\$398,377	\$1,116,090	\$282,000	\$50,000	\$992,518	\$5,000	\$172,785	\$251,602		\$534,482	\$3,000	\$23,666	\$373,479	\$255,500	\$59,000	\$4,517,499	\$119,577	\$20,392

**2020/2021 Overall Work Program**

**SUMMARY**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>
Member Dues (191,500)	191,500
Local Contribution	1,116,090
TDA	282,000
FHWA PL (carryover)	50,000
FHWA PL	992,518
FTA Section 5303 (carryover)	5,000
FTA Section 5303	172,785
FTA Section 5304	251,602
FTA Section 5305	
DMV	3,000
City of Dinuba	
City of Exeter	
City of Farmersville	
City of Lindsay	
City of Porterville	
City of Tulare	13,672
City of Visalia	
City of Woodlake	
County of Tulare	9,994
Measure R	373,479
LAFCO	255,500
TCAG Reserves	206,877
SB1 Sustainable Community Grant	534,482
Other Grants (Census)	59,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,517,499</b>
Toll Credits(5303) (Not Revenues)	20,392
Toll Credits(PL) (Not Revenues)	119,577

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>	<b>STAFF PERSON MONTHS</b>
TCAG Staff	2,277,459	242
City of Dinuba	40,000	
City of Exeter		
City of Farmersville		
City of Lindsay		
City of Porterville		
City of Tulare	500	
City of Visalia	500	
City of Woodlake		
County of Tulare	320,754	
Insurance	5,500	
Memberships	13,830	
Office Expense	22,500	
Consultant	673,147	
Publications/ Legal Notice/Dues	700	
Training	15,650	
Transportation and Travel	60,220	
Print Services	22,859	
County Counsel	22,000	
Auditor	2,500	
Motorpool		
Rent	160,885	
Special Dept Expense	847,995	
Dues/Subscriptions	6,500	
Utilities	16,000	
Office Equipment	8,000	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,517,499</b>	<b>241.6</b>

\* FHWA PL Funding

Carryover	\$50,000
<u>Current Year funding:</u>	<u>\$992,518</u>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$1,042,518</b>

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-H**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Approve Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Transit Set Aside for Three Years

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program has been a longstanding source of funding for TCAG's member agencies. Tulare County agencies qualify for funding due to the region being in a non-attainment area for meeting federal air quality standards for Particulate Matter (PM) and Ozone. The program exists under federal law and is implemented via guidance issued by the Federal Highway Administration and carried out by Caltrans. TCAG receives approximately \$6.1 million per year. Project examples include roundabouts, signal coordination, compressed natural gas and electric vehicles and facilities, new transit routes, bike paths, etc.

### **DISCUSSION:**

TCAG's CMAQ project selection policy allocates seventy-five percent of funds to Measure R projects, and twenty-five percent to highly cost-effective projects. This item proposes to set aside \$500,000 per year for three years for eligible projects to support the newly formed Tulare County Regional Transit Agency. This would account for approximately eight percent of the annual regional allocation.

Eligible transit projects include new service/service expansion, and purchase of vehicles and fueling/charging infrastructure. In the last few years over a dozen buses have been funded, the majority to the City of Visalia which often provides a fifty-percent match. Funding for new service, which is eligible for three years, has included Visalia's Route 16, and the initiation of the Sequoia Shuttle.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider approval of the transit funding set aside as described above.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the TCAG budget.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-I**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Derek Winning, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** SB 743 Implementation Update

### **BACKGROUND:**

SB 743, which requires Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) became effective for land use projects on July 1, 2020. TCAG staff has recommended that its member agencies adopt SB 743 Guidance consistent with Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) recommendations. Local agencies with land use authority may adopt SB 743 Guidance that address VMT thresholds of significance, screening map, minimum project thresholds, projects that are presumed low VMT, and VMT mitigation strategies for projects that have a significant impact. Local agencies may deviate from OPR Guidance as appropriate if the local data/condition so warrant.

### **DISCUSSION:**

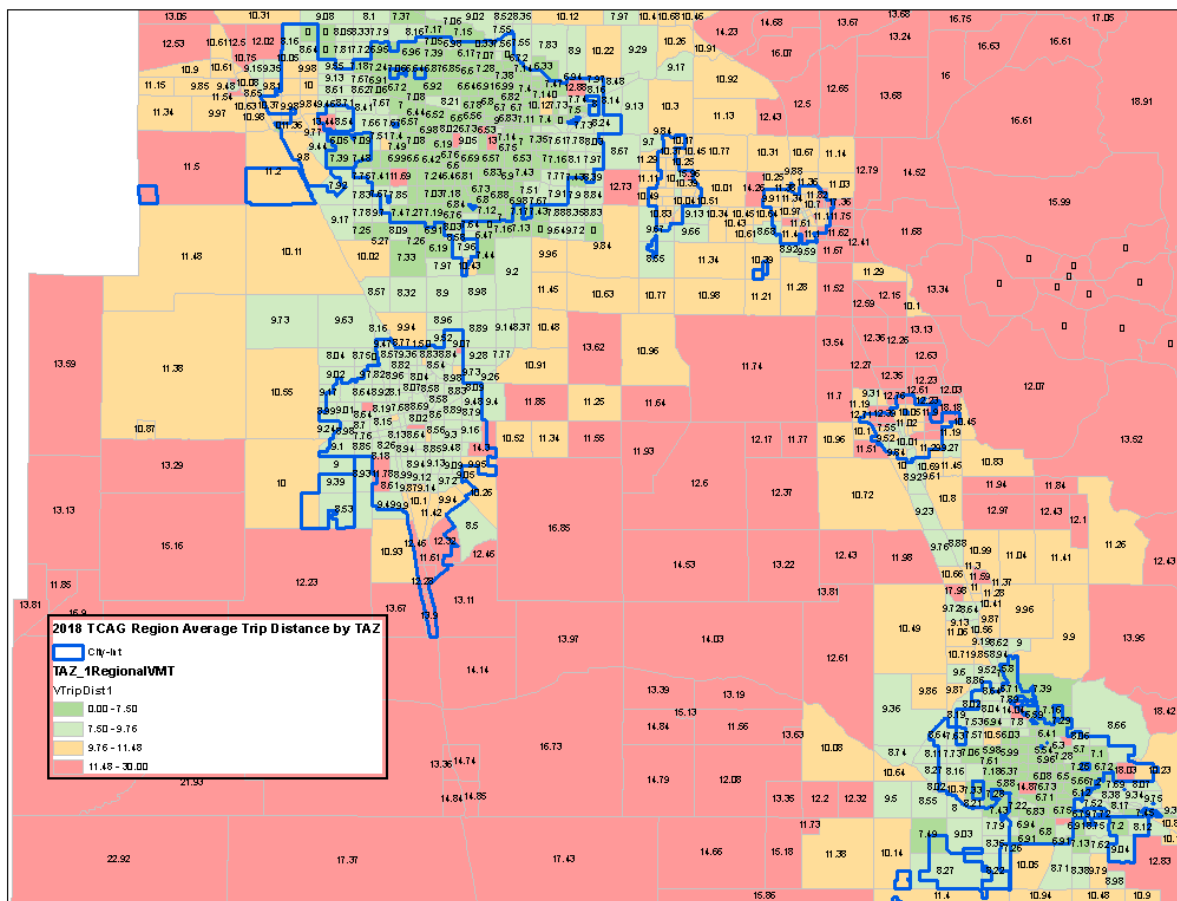
The County of Tulare recently approved SB 743 Guidance as an early adopter in the San Joaquin Valley. Cities of Tulare and Visalia have developed interim SB 743 Guidance memos until a formal guidance document can be developed. As of this writing TCAG staff are unaware of other member agencies implementation progress.

TCAG Staff has received several VMT data requests for commercial and residential development projects in the following locations:

City of Tulare  
City of Visalia  
City of Woodlake  
City of Porterville

The VMT data map below was derived from the TCAG Travel Demand Model and indicates in green areas (TAZs) that are 15% below the regional average for trip distance recommended by OPR. The regional average is 11.48 miles and the corresponding 15% reduction target is 9.76. The citywide average trip distance for Visalia (7.98), Porterville (8.23), Tulare (9.53) all come in under the OPR recommended target. Basically the State of California would like to see development occur in these green low VMT areas to help the state meet its VMT and GHG reduction goals. It is important to note there may also be worthwhile competing or conflicting goals such as preservation of prime agricultural lands to consider. Again that is why local agencies

should develop SB 743 Guidance that help meet state goals but that also consider the local condition. TCAG staff is available to member agencies as a SB 743 resource.



## ATTACHMENTS:

None

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-J**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Barbara Pilegard and Roberto Brady, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **The U.S. Census Bureau**

The U.S. Census Bureau counts each resident of the country, where they live on April 1, every decade. The Constitution mandates the enumeration to determine how to apportion the House of Representatives among the states and to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities. More than 70 federal programs that benefit California, including education, health, and transportation, use Census numbers as part of their funding formulas.

#### **California Complete Count**

California Complete Count – Census 2020 is a statewide outreach and awareness campaign designed to ensure the federal government collects an accurate and complete count of all California residents in the upcoming U.S. Census 2020. California's Census efforts are designed to supplement the U.S. Census Bureau's outreach campaign and through collaboration, avoid duplication of work.

#### **California Census Funding**

State leaders have made a significant commitment to California's outreach and communication efforts in support of the U.S. Census 2020 by investing in strategies and activities that will help ensure an accurate and successful count of all Californians, including approximately \$27 million in funding for local governments. The County of Tulare has chosen to participate in this funding program and executed an Agreement with the State of California, California Complete Count – Census 2020 in the amount of \$582,714 on March 26, 2019.

#### **TCAG Sub-contract for Census Outreach**

For both the 2000 and 2010 censuses, TCAG was the lead agency in Tulare County for formation of a Census Complete Count Committee and conducting outreach related to the California Complete Count. In terms of census outreach, California is considered to have one of the largest proportions of "hard to reach" populations in the nation. Tulare County is also considered to have one the highest proportions in the state. Tulare County has approached TCAG to again take the lead in these tasks for the 2020 Census. On January 28, 2019, the TCAG Board authorized the Executive Director to

negotiate an agreement with Tulare County to conduct outreach for the 2020 Census. The agreement between TCAG and the County was executed on April 15, 2019.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **Tulare County Regional Complete Count Committee**

The Tulare County Regional Complete Count Committee (CCC) is comprised of representatives from a wide range of government, education, business, healthcare, media and community based organizations. Due to COVID-19, communications with Tulare County CCC participants are continuing via email.

Outreach has continued to be shifted towards media, social media, and phone outreach as organizations incorporate Census outreach as part of their modified interactions with clients. Census information and promotional items have also been included as part of various food distribution efforts throughout the county through FoodLink, Dolores Huerta Foundation, La Ley KGEN / La Poderosa KTIP radio, LULAC and other CCC partners.

The local Census media campaign continued in June with local Census messaging included on Univision (KFTV 21 and KTFF 61 television, KOND, KRDA and KLLC radio stations), La Ley KGEN / La Poderosa KTIP radio and Lazer KMQA radio stations (KMQA ended 6/7). Radio coverage continued in July through the La Ley KGEN / La Poderosa KTIP radio stations. The local messaging is designed to complement the Census Bureau's national and the State Census Office's statewide media campaign.

As of 8/2/20, the 2020 Census Self-Response rates are: 62.9% (National); 64.2% (California); and 60.0% (Tulare County). The final 2010 Self-Response rate for Tulare County was 65%.

TCAG submitted the Nonresponse Follow-up Plan to the California Census Office in fulfillment of grant requirements on June 1. The Plan outlined outreach activities to be pursued during August through October and was approved by the State on June 15. A Final Report will be due to the State on November 16.

The Census Bureau has planned to extend the Self-Response Phase to October 31 and conduct Nonresponse Follow-up (visiting households that have not responded) from August 11 to October 31. Fliers just published by the State outreach effort reflect this timing (see attached). However, a July 30 National Public Radio report indicated that the Census Bureau may now be considering a September 30 end date since Congress has not formally extended the statutory deadline for the Bureau to report Census results (<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/30/896656747/when-does-census-counting-end-bureau-sends-alarming-mixed-signals>).

The Census Bureau issued a press release on July 30 stating that they are “working to complete data collection as soon as possible, as it strives to comply with the law by delivering a complete and accurate count of every person living in the country by the statutory deadline.” The press release also noted that the Census Bureau is evaluating their operations and would be making an announcement once plans are finalized (<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/complete-data->



[collection.htmlhttps://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/complete-data-collection.html](https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/complete-data-collection.html)).

## Census Outreach Efforts

A description of outreach activities from June 1 through July 31 is provided in the following table.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Meeting</b>	<b>Type of Participation</b>
Ongoing	FoodLink Tulare County, countywide	Provided FoodLink with Census grocery tote bags to hand out during food distributions throughout the county
Ongoing	Tulare County Parks	Provided Census Disc Golf discs and “Know Your Rights About the 2020 Census” (KYR) cards for distribution at disc golf courses at Mooney Grove, Bartlett and Pixley parks
Ongoing	Tulare County Library, countywide	Library website includes Census message and link to Census Bureau website to complete the Census
Ongoing beginning 6/8/20	Tulare Public Library, Tulare	Library will be handing out Census bookmarks to patrons as part of the library pickup service
6/9/20	Woodlake Family Resource Center	Provided 300 Census grocery tote bags, 288 Census plush bears for use in ongoing outreach efforts (food distributions, essential item “door drops,” student lunch distributions, student preschool & TK/Kindergarten registrations, and via Woodlake FRC services)
6/11/20	Dolores Huerta Foundation, countywide	Provided 224 Census grocery tote bags, 144 Census plush bears, 155 Census coloring books & Census crayon packs, and 600 KYR cards for use in ongoing outreach (food distributions, Census car caravan)
6/12/20	Cuadrilla de la Semana, blueberry farm near Tulare	Attended a Crew of the Week event hosted by La Ley Radio; distributed Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards and Census bears; Radio host talked with people about the Census; live radio coverage
6/17/20	Family HealthCare Network	Provided 200 Census grocery tote bags, 288 Census plush bears, 310 Census coloring books & Census crayon packs and 600 KYR cards for use in ongoing outreach (Farmworker Crew of the Week, school lunch distributions at various sites, flea market, and farmers markets)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Meeting</b>	<b>Type of Participation</b>
6/18/20	First 5 Tulare County, countywide	Provided 288 Census plush bears, 310 Census coloring books & Census crayon packs for use in ongoing “door drop” outreach efforts through their funded programs. Outreach also continuing via social media platforms, website and services to families via Zoom meetings, teleconferences and Face Time.
6/18/20	CSET, countywide	Provided 200 Census grocery tote bags, 144 Census plush bears, 155 Census coloring books & 155 Census crayon packs, and 200 KYR cards for use in ongoing outreach efforts to senior citizens and families with children
6/19/20	Cuadrilla de la Semana, Plainview vineyard	Attended a Crew of the Week event hosted by La Ley Radio; distributed Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards and Census bears; Radio host talked with people about the Census; live radio coverage
6/19/20	African American Historical and Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley	Provided Census plush bears, Census coloring books & crayon packs, and KYR cards for use in outreach through local churches in Tulare and New Life Ministries of Tulare County
6/26/20	Cutler-Orosi JUSD	Census information included in Farmers to Families fruit box distribution event
6/26/20	Cuadrilla de la Semana, Porterville area	Radio staff distributed Census items at a Crew of the Week event hosted by La Ley Radio; distributed Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards and Census bears; Radio host talked with people about the Census; live radio coverage
7/8/20	CSET	Provided 200 KYR cards, 200 Census grocery tote bags, 144 Census plush bears to be used in meal delivery outreaches
7/10/20	La Ley / La Poderosa Radio Station & LULAC, Terra Bella	Attended a food distribution event in Terra Bella; distributed 100 Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards, 200 Census coloring books & crayon packs and 200 Census plush bears
7/13/20	Dolores Huerta Foundation	Provided 2,200 KYR cards, 288 Census plush bears, 310 Census coloring books and 300 Census crayon packs for use in ongoing food distribution events and door-to-door outreach throughout Tulare County
7/15/20	City of Farmersville	Provided large Census banner to be installed across Farmersville Blvd

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Meeting</b>	<b>Type of Participation</b>
7/16/20	Altura Health, Tulare	Provided 1000 KYR cards, 465 Census coloring books and 576 Census plush bears to be used in school backpack distribution in Tulare on 7/24
7/20/20	First 5 Tulare County	Provided 485 Census crayon packs to be distributed along with coloring books in health related care packages in conjunction with HHSA farmworker based outreach
7/22/20	Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment (CRPE)	Provided 288 plush Census bears and 300 KYR cards for Census door-to-door outreach in 6 Census Tracts in Tulare County with lower self-response rates
7/24/20	Cuadrilla de la Semana, Poplar area orchard	Attended a Crew of the Week event hosted by La Ley Radio; distributed Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards and Census bears; Radio host talked with people about the Census; live radio coverage
7/24/20	Salvation Army, Porterville	Provided 200 Census grocery tote bags, 144 Census plush bears, 450 Census coloring books and 100 Census crayon packs for use in ongoing food distribution events in Porterville area
7/24/20	La Ley / La Poderosa Radio Station & LULAC, Porterville	Attended a food distribution event in Porterville; distributed 240 Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards, Census coloring books & crayon packs and Census plush bears
7/30/20	Dolores Huerta Foundation	Provided 300 Census grocery tote bags, 244 Census plush bears and 600 KYR cards for ongoing food distribution events and door-to-door outreach throughout Tulare County
7/31/20	La Ley / La Poderosa Radio Station & LULAC, Tulare	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards and Census plush bears to distribute at morning food distribution event in Tulare
7/31/20	La Ley / La Poderosa Radio Station & LULAC, Woodlake	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards and Census plush bears to distribute at afternoon food distribution event in Woodlake

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Samples of CA Census Office flier and postcard-sized flier



# Participa en el Censo

**¡Puedes mejorar tu comunidad!**  
**Esta encuesta de nueve preguntas ayuda**  
**determinar los fondos que reciben los programas**  
**importantes para los siguientes 10 años.**



**CONSTRUIR MEJORES CARRETERAS Y ESCUELAS**



**FINANCIAR PROGRAMAS COMUNITARIOS PARA**  
**PERSONAS MAYORES, NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS**



**CREAR TRABAJOS**



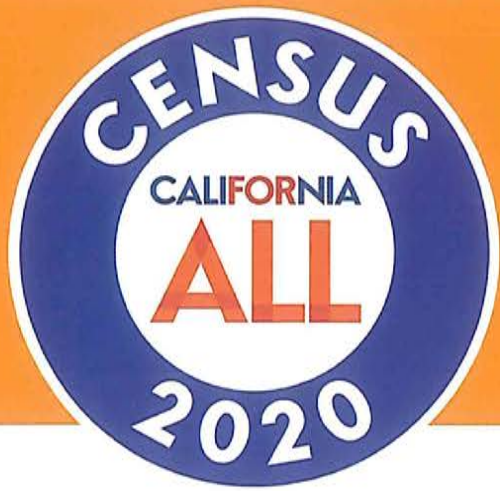
**MEJORAR VIVIENDAS**

**La pregunta de la ciudadanía no está en el Censo.**

**Completa el Censo antes del 31 de Octubre de 2020**

Sus respuestas al Censo 2020 serán protegidas y confidenciales.





**WEAR A  
MASK.**



# Participate in the Census

**You can make a difference for your community!**  
This simple, nine question survey helps  
determine dollars that fund important programs  
for the next 10 years.



**BUILD BETTER ROADS AND SCHOOLS**



**FUND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS,  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**



**CREATE JOBS**



**IMPROVE HOUSING**

**There is no citizenship question on the 2020 Census form.**

**Complete the Census before October 31, 2020**

Your 2020 Census data is safe, protected and confidential.



# Participate in the Census

WEAR A MASK.



You can make a difference for your community!  
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BUILD BETTER ROADS AND SCHOOLS



FUND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



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USA MASCARILLA.



¡Puedes mejorar tu comunidad! Esta encuesta de nueve preguntas ayuda determinar los fondos que reciben los programas importantes para los siguientes 10 años.



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CONSTRUIR MEJORES CARRETERAS Y ESCUELAS



FINANCIAR PROGRAMAS COMUNITARIOS PARA PERSONAS MAYORES, NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS



CREAR TRABAJOS



MEJORAR VIVIENDAS

La pregunta de la ciudadanía no está en el Censo.

**Completa el Censo antes del 31 de Octubre de 2020**

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-K**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access For All Program Administration

### **BACKGROUND:**

In September 2018, the Governor signed into state law Senate Bill 1376: TNC Access for all Act. This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, as part of its regulation of transportation network companies (TNCs), to establish a program in a new or existing proceeding relating to accessibility for persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV).

As part of the program, the bill would require the commission, by January 1, 2019, to begin conducting workshops with stakeholders in order to determine community WAV demand and WAV supply and to develop and provide recommendations regarding specified topics for programs for on-demand services and partnerships.

The bill would require each TNC, by July 1, 2019, to pay on a quarterly basis to the commission an amount equivalent to, at a minimum, \$0.05 for each TNC trip completed using the TNC's online-enabled application or platform that originates in one of the geographic areas selected by the commission for inclusion in the program and would authorize the commission to adjust that fee in each geographic area to different levels based on the cost of providing adequate WAV service within the geographic area.

The bill would exempt a TNC from payment of the fee in a geographic area if the TNC meets the level of WAV service designated by the commission for that geographic area, as specified, and would require the commission to reduce the amount of money a TNC is required to pay if it meets certain requirements.

The bill would require moneys collected by the commission to be deposited in the TNC Access for All Fund, which the bill would create, and would continuously appropriate moneys deposited in the fund to the commission for purposes of the program.

The bill would require the commission to distribute funds from the TNC Access for All Fund on a competitive basis to access providers that establish on-demand transportation programs or partnerships to meet the needs of persons with disabilities in the geographic areas selected by the commission.

The bill would require the commission to authorize no more than 2% of existing funds collected from TNCs and deposited in the Public Utilities Commission Transportation Reimbursement Account to be distributed to accessibility advocates who provide a substantial contribution to the proceeding, thereby making an appropriation.

The bill would require the commission to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2024, on the compliance with these provisions and on the effectiveness of the on-demand transportation programs or partnerships funded pursuant to these provisions.

The bill would authorize the commission to hire an independent entity to administer the program and to complete the report to the Legislature.

**DISCUSSION:**

As a result of SB1376 the Commission is conducting workshops throughout the State to engage the public to determine community WAV demand and supply; develop and provide recommendations regarding specified topics for programs and on-demand service and partnerships; and discuss all other topics related to the successful implementation of the TNC Access for All Act. The purpose of the session is to provide an overview of the Access Fund Program and the requirements as an Access Fund Administrator.

After careful review of the reporting requirements and discussion with other MPO's around the state it was determined that the cost to administer the program would far exceed the funding available. In the absence of the Access Fund Administrator the State would be required to administer the program. Therefore, staff has considered and rejected the administration of this program unless the board wants to have the item brought back.

**ATTACHMENT:**

None



Tulare County Association of Government  
Sitting as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

**AGENDA ITEM IX-A**

**August 17, 2020**

**Prepared by Michele Boling, TCAG Staff**

**SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2019/2020 Third Quarter Report

**BACKGROUND:**

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program Third Quarter Report for FY 2019/2020 represents the period from January 1 to March 31, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

The State's quarterly disbursements are distributed according to the following formula:

- 1) Allocates 1% to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) for support of TCAG's role as Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority; and
- 2) Distributes 50% of the remaining quarterly allocation to the eight cities and county in direct proportion to their population as determined by State Department of Finance January 1, 2016 estimates; and
- 3) Distributes 50% of the remaining quarterly allocation to the eight cities and county in direct proportion to their share of the total number of abatements made during that quarter.
- 4) The amount received for 2019/2020 Third Quarter distribution is \$97,933.91. The distributed based on the above criteria as represented on attachment A.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Tulare County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Third Quarter 2019/2020 FY Report

Tulare County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority								
Report on Allocations for 3rd Quarter, January 1-March 31						2019-2020		
\$ 97,933.91	Authority's allocation of Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Funds from State							
\$ 979.34	1% administration fee levied by the Tulare County Association of Governments							
\$ 96,954.57	Funds distributed to Local Jurisdictions by the Authority this quarter							
Local Jurisdiction	Population as of 5/1/2019	Percentage of Population	Funding Allocation Based on Population	Total Number of Abatements	Percentage of Abatements	Funding Allocation Based on Abatements	Total Funding Allocation for Quarter	Total Number of Voluntary Abatements
Dinuba	25,328	5.29%	\$ 2,562.73	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$ 2,562.73	0
Exeter	11,002	2.30%	\$ 1,113.20	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$ 1,113.20	0
Farmersville	11,358	2.37%	\$ 1,149.22	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$ 1,149.22	0
Lindsay	13,358	2.79%	\$ 1,351.58	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$ 1,351.58	8
Porterville	60,260	12.58%	\$ 6,097.20	8	34.78%	\$16,861.66	\$ 22,958.86	75
Tulare	66,967	13.98%	\$ 6,775.82	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$ 6,775.82	0
Visalia	138,207	28.85%	\$ 13,984.00	4	17.39%	\$8,430.83	\$ 22,414.83	175
Woodlake	7,891	1.65%	\$ 798.42	2	8.70%	\$4,215.42	\$ 5,013.84	4
Unincorporated	144,741	30.21%	\$ 14,645.12	9	39.13%	\$18,969.37	\$ 33,614.49	28
TOTALS	479,112	100.00%	48,477.29	23	100.00%	\$48,477.28	\$ 96,954.57	290

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**TCAG Item X-A: Correspondence***Making Conservation  
a California Way of Life.*

July 24, 2020

City of Dinuba

Attn: Mr George Avila

1088 E. Kamm Avenue

Dinuba, CA 93618

Re: Title VI Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Avila:

Thank you for submitting City of Dinuba Title VI Plan. Upon review, we have determined that it meets the requirements set forth in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Title VI Circular, 4702.1B, "Title VI Program Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," effective October 1, 2012. This Plan becomes part of your Certificate and Assurances that will be uploaded in TRAMs for final FTA approval. Please upload your agency's Plan and this letter into the BlackCat system under the "Important Documents" tab.

Your next Title VI Plan must be updated and submitted by May 2023.

We thank you for partnering with us to meet the FTA compliance requirements. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 657-5206, should you have any questions or need immediate technical assistance. I can also be reached by e-mail at [Sharon.Beasley@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Sharon.Beasley@dot.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

*Sharon Beasley*

SHARON BEASLEY, Specialist

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July 8, 2020

Mr. Kuyler Crocker, Board Chairman  
Tulare County Association of Governments  
210 N. Church St. Suite B  
Visalia, CA 93291

Re: Tulare County Association of Governments  
Federal Certification Review

Dear Chairmen Crocker:

This letter notifies you that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly certify the planning process for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Transportation Management Area (TMA). This certification is based on the findings from the Federal Certification Review conducted virtually due to the statewide shelter-in-place order on April 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The overall conclusion of the Certification Review is that the planning process for the Tulare County Association of Governments complies with the spirit and intent of Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations under 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The planning process at Tulare County Association of Governments is a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in transportation planning.

We would like to thank T CAG's Executive Director, Mr. Theodore Smalley and his staff for their time and assistance in planning and conducting the review. The final Certification Review Report is forthcoming and documents the results of this review which include two corrective actions, seven recommendations, and four commendations for continuing quality improvements and enhancements to the planning process. The Certification Review Team also noted one noteworthy practice. This report will be transmitted concurrently to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Visalia Transit and Porterville Transit.

If you have any questions regarding the Certification Review process, the Certification action, and/or the forthcoming report, please direct them to either Ms. Jasmine Amanin, Community Planner of the FHWA California Division, at (916) 498-5038, or by email at [jasmine.amanin@dot.gov](mailto:jasmine.amanin@dot.gov), or Ms. Dominique Kraft, Community Planner of the FTA Region IX, at (415) 734-9469 or by email at [dominique.kraft@dot.gov](mailto:dominique.kraft@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

Tashia Clemons  
Director, Planning & Environment  
Federal Highway Administration

Sincerely,

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