

Tulare County Association of	Date:	Monday, May 18, 2020
Governments	Time:	1:00 p.m.
	Place:	Tulare County Board of Supervisors
		2800 W. Burrel Avenue
		Visalia, CA 93291
Technical Advisory Committee	Date:	Thursday, May 14, 2020
	Time:	1:30 PM
	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 –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV-A.

A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and County of Tulare for Fiscal Year 2019/20

(Pages 01-11)

B. Information: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Competitive Programs Update (Pages 13-14)

C. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update (Pages 15-16)

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects (Pages 17-18)

B. Information: Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal SAFE Vehicles
Regulation (Pages 19-21)

C. 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

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 TCAG Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. Items pulled from the Calendar will be considered separately. The TCAG/Transportation Authority Board may provide guidance and/or direction to staff on any item listed as information.

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 April 20, 2020 TCAG Board Meeting (Pages 23-27)

B. Action: Minutes of April 16, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Pages 29-31)

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Adopt New Regional Priorities List for Federal Legislation (Pages 35-38)

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. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve FY 2020/20201 Overall Work Plan (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) (Pages 39-42)

F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Election of TCAG Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Representatives (Pages 43-53)

G. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update (Page 55)

H. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach (Pages 56-60)

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

X. 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

XI. ADJOURN

(Pending approval of rescheduling the June 2020 meetings)

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet on Thursday, June 18, 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.

(If the reschedule of the June 2020 TCAG Board Meeting is not approved)
The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Sequoia Conference Room, Visalia, CA 93291. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, June 11, 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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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM IV-A

May 18, 2020 Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and County of Tulare for Fiscal Year 2019/20

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) was passed in 1971 and provides transit funding for local agencies from two sources. The Local Transportation Fund (LTF) is derived through a ¼ cent of general sales tax collected statewide. The State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund is derived from a statewide sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuels, and augmented by funds received via SB 1. Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) approves the apportionments, accounting for transfer agreements between agencies, for transit services for each fiscal year. TCAG reviews the claims and instructs the County Auditor on the payment of funds to each respective agency. Many requirements exist for approving claims, including items such as budget information and farebox recovery ratios, to vehicle safety inspection reports and compliance with fiscal and performance audits.

It should be noted that STA funds are allocated annually by the State Controller, and LTF funds are a result of sales tax revenues; the available amount of TDA funding available for 2019/20 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:

The claims information for the cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and County of Tulare is listed below:

City of Dinuba

State Transit Assistance (STA)

Amount Claimed: \$301,824.81

State of Good Repair (SGR)

Amount Claimed: \$43,137.12

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions: \$45,710.90 Coordination & Implementation: \$8,990.61 Transit: \$407,701.00 Streets and Roads: \$556,880.91

The city of Dinuba has a farebox recovery requirement of 10%. Dinuba achieved 10.37% in farebox recovery per the TDA, using fare revenue and local revenue (non-Measure R). Also, Dinuba met the efficiency standard required by the TDA.

City of Tulare

State Transit Assistance (STA)

Amount Claimed: \$649,057.57

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions: \$120,859.20
Coordination & Implementation: \$23,771.09
Transit: \$1,431,449.07
Streets and Roads: \$1,409,505.63

The city of Tulare has a farebox recovery requirement of 20%. Tulare achieved 18% in farebox recovery per the TDA, using fare revenue, advertising revenue, and Measure R. Since this is the first year that Tulare failed to meet farebox there is no penalty. Should Tulare fail to meet TDA farebox requirements next year a penalty will apply. Tulare did not meet the efficiency standard required under TDA. \$76,588.79 in STA funds may only be used for capital and may not be used for operations.

City of Visalia

State Transit Assistance (STA)

Amount Claimed: \$1,399,481.22

State of Good Repair (SGR)

Amount Claimed: \$216,246.16

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions: \$249,430.13 Coordination & Implementation: \$49,058.94 Transit: \$5,104,839.49 Streets and Roads: \$275,000.00

The city of Visalia has a farebox recovery requirement of 20%. Visalia achieved 20.5% in farebox recovery per the TDA, using fare revenue, Measure R, advertising revenue and other local funds. Visalia did not meet the efficiency standard required under TDA. \$106,080.68 in STA funds may only be used for capital and may not be used for operations.

In reviewing claims submittal TCAG staff has found multi-year errors and omissions, and non-compliance with some performance audit findings. Corrections were made to claims prior to this agenda item coming to the Board for approval. TCAG will continue to work with Visalia Transit staff on these issues.

The claims information for the County of Tulare is listed below:

County of Tulare

State Transit Assistance (STA)

Amount Claimed: \$458,044.65

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the claims for the cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and County of Tulare as presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Failure to approve the claims will have a negative impact on local agencies' ability to provide transit services as well as on TCAG's operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolutions of Approval of 2019/2020 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and County of Tulare

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2019/20 TRANSPORTATION)	
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR)	Resolution No
THE CITY OF DINUBA)	

WHEREAS, the State of California, through legislative action, has established the Transportation Development Act as enacted and amended by statute which authorized the creation of a State Transit Assistance Fund and Local Transportation Fund in each Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA); and

WHEREAS, such RTPAs are authorized to approve disbursement of State Transit Assistance Funds and Local Transportation Funds under this Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has been duly authorized as the RTPA for Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, TCAG has adopted rules and regulations for administration of its duties under the Transportation Development Act; and

WHEREAS, the city of Dinuba has submitted claims for the following:

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$45,710.90
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$8,990.61
- c) Local Transportation Fund Transit: \$407,701.00
- d) Local Transportation Fund Streets and Roads: \$556,880.91
- e) State Transit Assistance: \$301,824.81
- f) State of Good Repair: \$43,137.12

WHEREAS, the city of Dinuba met their required farebox ratio; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2019/20; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditures are in conformity with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and incorporated Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

WHEREAS, comments were solicited and two public hearings held by the Tulare County Association of Governments to receive Unmet Transit Needs requests; and

WHEREAS, the city of Dinuba had no Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

WHEREAS, TCAG staff has reviewed all claims and found them to be in order and compliant with the Transportation Development Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims of the City of Dinuba in the amounts specified above are approved and funds shall be allocated as received.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member , seconded by Member , at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Kuyler Crocker

Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley

Executive Director, TCAG

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2019/20 TRANSPORTATION])
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR	Resolution No
THE CITY OF TULARE)

WHEREAS, the State of California, through legislative action, has established the Transportation Development Act as enacted and amended by statute which authorized the creation of a State Transit Assistance Fund and Local Transportation Fund in each Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA); and

WHEREAS, such RTPAs are authorized to approve disbursement of State Transit Assistance Funds and Local Transportation Funds under this Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has been duly authorized as the RTPA for Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, TCAG has adopted rules and regulations for administration of its duties under the Transportation Development Act; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tulare has submitted claims for the following:

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$120,859.20
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$23,771.09
- c) Local Transportation Fund Transit: \$1,431,449.07
- d) Local Transportation Fund Streets and Roads: \$1,409,505.63
- e) State Transit Assistance: \$649,057.57

WHEREAS, the city of Tulare did not meet their required farebox ratio for the first consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tulare did not meet the required efficiency standard and a portion of STA funds will be restricted to capital expenditures only; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2019/20; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditures are in conformity with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and incorporated Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

WHEREAS, comments were solicited and two public hearings held by the Tulare County Association of Governments to receive Unmet Transit Needs requests; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tulare had no Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

WHEREAS, TCAG staff has reviewed all claims and found them to be in order and compliant with the Transportation Development Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims of the City of Tulare in the amounts specified above are approved and funds shall be allocated as received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$76,588.79 of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds may be used for capital expenditures only and not for operations costs.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member , seconded by Member , at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Kuyler Crocker Chair, TCAG	
Ted Smalley Executive Director	or TCAG

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2019/20 TRANSPORTATION)	
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR)	Resolution No
THE CITY OF VISALIA)	

WHEREAS, the State of California, through legislative action, has established the Transportation Development Act as enacted and amended by statute which authorized the creation of a State Transit Assistance Fund and Local Transportation Fund in each Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA); and

WHEREAS, such RTPAs are authorized to approve disbursement of State Transit Assistance Funds and Local Transportation Funds under this Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has been duly authorized as the RTPA for Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, TCAG has adopted rules and regulations for administration of its duties under the Transportation Development Act; and

WHEREAS, the city of Visalia has submitted claims for the following:

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$249,430.13
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$49,058.94
- c) Local Transportation Fund Transit: \$5,104,839.49
- d) Local Transportation Fund Streets and Roads: \$275,000.00
- e) State Transit Assistance: \$1,399,481.22
- f) State of Good Repair: \$216,246.16

WHEREAS, the city of Visalia met their required farebox ratio; and

WHEREAS, the city of Visalia did not meet the required efficiency standard and a portion of STA funds will be restricted to capital expenditures only; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2019/20; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditures are in conformity with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and incorporated Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

WHEREAS, comments were solicited and two public hearings held by the Tulare County Association of Governments to receive Unmet Transit Needs requests; and

WHEREAS, the city of Visalia had no Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

WHEREAS, TCAG staff has reviewed all claims and found them to be in order and compliant with the Transportation Development Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims of the City of Visalia in the amounts specified above are approved and funds shall be allocated as received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$106,080.68 of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds may be used for capital expenditures only and not for operations costs.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member , seconded by Member , at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Kuyler Crocker Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley Executive Director, TCAG

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2019/20 TRANSPORTATION	ON)	
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE CLAIM FC	DR)	Resolution No
THE COUNTY OF TULARE)	

WHEREAS, the State of California, through legislative action, has established the Transportation Development Act as enacted and amended by statute which authorized the creation of a State Transit Assistance Fund and Local Transportation Fund in each Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA); and

WHEREAS, such RTPAs are authorized to approve disbursement of State Transit Assistance Funds and Local Transportation Funds under this Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has been duly authorized as the RTPA for Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, TCAG has adopted rules and regulations for administration of its duties under the Transportation Development Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare has submitted a claim for the following: a) State Transit Assistance: \$458,044.65; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare met their required farebox ratio; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2019/20; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expenditures are in conformity with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and incorporated Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

WHEREAS, comments were solicited and two public hearings held by the Tulare County Association of Governments to receive Unmet Transit Needs requests; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare had no Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

WHEREAS, TCAG staff has reviewed all claims and found them to be in order and compliant with the Transportation Development Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Transit Assistance claim of the County of Tulare in the amount specified above is approved and funds shall be allocated as received.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member , seconded by Member , at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	
	TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
	Kuyler Crocker
	Chair, TCAG
	Ted Smalley
	Executive Director, TCAG

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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM IV-B

May 18, 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	Call for Projects: 3/25/2020 Applications Due: June 12, 2020 June 22, 2020	After considering input from agencies around the state to address delays caused by the COVID-19
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	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23	Call for Projects: 3/25/2020 Applications Due: July 15, 2020 August 3, 2020	pandemic, the California Transportation Commission on April 29, 2020 approved amending the application due dates for the

a \$217 million target	Local Partnership
(27% of overall	Program, Solution
funding available).	for Congested
Different programing	Corridors
target proposals are	Program, and
currently under	Trade Corridor
consideration.	Enhancement
	Program. The
	staff funding
	recommendations
	and program
	adoption dates
	remain
	unchanged.

The Commercial Avenue Interchange Project and the Tulare City Widening Projects are both being considered for funding through one or both programs. TCAG staff in partnership with Caltrans is currently working on the 2020 BUILD grant application for the Commercial Avenue Interchange Project which is due for submittal on 5/18/2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information item only. No action needed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM IV-C

May 18, 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 in via webinar/teleconference on March 25th. The next CTC meeting will also be held via webinar/teleconference on May 13th. 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:

May CTC Meeting

The agenda for the May CTC was not released prior to the printing of the TCAG agenda. An update regarding Tulare County items will be given at the TCAG Board meeting.

March CTC Meeting

Active Transportation Program (ATP):

The Cycle 5 fund estimate was adopted. The regional programming share for Tulare County is as follows: 21/22 \$498,000, 22/23 \$518,000, 23/24 \$636,000, 24/25 \$636,000.

\$1.7 million was allocated for the construction of sidewalk, curb/gutter and ADA ramp improvements in Earlimart on State, Washington and Church Streets.

Local Partnership Program (LPP):

The LPP formulaic program funding distribution was adopted. Tulare County will receive \$1,258,000 per year in fiscal years 20/21, 21/22 and 22/23.

State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP):

\$8.3 million was allocated for the upgrade of 10 stormwater pump plants on SR-99 in Tulare, Fresno and Madera Counties.

2020 RTIP/STIP

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

2020 RTIP/STIP

Project	Agency	Phase	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
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 ¹				
SR-99 Widening (City of Tulare)	Caltrans	E&P PS&E	\$4.15m ²		\$6.37 m ³		

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

ATTACHMENTS:

None

²\$2.0 million from ITIP, \$2.15 million from RTIP

^{3\$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

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM V-A

May 18, 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 \$6.2 million per year for the next four-year cycle. Project examples include roundabouts, signal coordination, compressed natural gas and electric facilities and vehicles, transit 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 cities of Exeter, Farmersville, Tulare, Visalia and the County of Tulare are each eligible to receive federalized STBGP fund allocations. In Fiscal Year 2019, \$2.992 million in STBGP funds were programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The primary use of the 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. In addition, TCAG is responsible for ensuring that the funds are being utilized appropriately and are obligated in a timely manner. The status of STBGP projects programmed in the current fiscal year (19/20) and next fiscal year (20/21) is shown on the table below:

FY 2019/20						
Project Sponsor	Project	Scope and Limits	Amount of STBGP Funds	Status		
Exeter	Palm Street Reconstruction	Palm Street between Kaweah Avenue (State Route 65) and G Street	\$750,000	Obligated		
County of Tulare	HSIP Project No. 7-06-014	On Avenue 232 from Road 36 to Road 76 (Palm St.). Installation of three (3) left turn lanes in selected intersections; and install edge line rumble strips/stripes.	\$500,000	\$150k obligated for ROW on 1/29/2020. County staff wo		
Caltrans	SR-137/SR-99 Ramp Intersection Improvements	Signalization of on/off ramps at SR-137/SR-99	\$1,485,000	Obligated		
Visalia	Goshen Avenue Rehabilitation	Base Bid: Goshen Ave from east of Shirk to west of Akers Alternate Bid No. 1: Goshen Ave from Akers to west of Demaree Alternate Bid No. 2: Goshen Ave from east of Demaree to west of Mooney	\$1,500,000	As of 5/5/2020, RFA is at Caltrans HQ awaiting final obligation approval.		
FY 2020/21						
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	TCAG and Visalia staff working to prepare project for authorization in FY 20/21.		

CMAQ

Three projects have been submitted. With the approval of these three projects our region's CMAQ funds will be fully obligated. See status as of May 1st below:

City of Porterville: Project Obligated

- Tule River Parkway Bike Path, Phase 3 (Construction)

CMAQ: \$1,828,000 Match: \$237,000

City of Visalia: Project held, awaiting state allocation of funds

- 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

Work Element: 604.01 – Transportation Improvement Program

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM V-B

May 18, 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 as "Part One" (Federal Register, Vol 84, No. 188, Page 51310 et seq.). 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, which addresses the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards was finalized on March 31, 2020.

SAFE Vehicles Rule, Part One, became effective on November 26, 2019 with, at least, the following implications for transportation planning and programming:

- Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) will not be able to update Transportation Improvement Program (TIPs)/Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) nor process Type 4/Type 5 amendments that require a new conformity analysis.
- Projects requiring project-level conformity analyses as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process would not be able to receive federal approval.
- State Implementation Plan (SIPs) that were developed using EMFAC 2014/2017 may be found unsatisfactory and disapproved by EPA.
- For the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), it may not be
 possible to make programming changes if they require a Type 4/5 amendment.
 For example, if the change advances open-to-traffic date or recommends a new
 project.
- For the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which is due
 in October of 2020, only an "exempt projects only" FTIP can be adopted if a
 conformity determination cannot be made due to EMFAC being invalid.
- Valley MPOs are responsible for adopting a Regional Transportation
 Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) update by December 2022.
 If a way to conformity is not found by then, essentially all federal transportation
 funding and approvals are affected.

 Waiver withdrawal makes achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals more difficult. Increased vehicle emissions will make it more difficult to meet the GHG reduction targets in TCAG's 2022 RTP/SCS. A potential result could be that the region would become ineligible to pursue competitive funding under SB-1 and ineligible to receive its formula share of Local Partnership Program funds under SB-1.

California, along with 23 other states, have filed a lawsuit in response. The lawsuit does not request temporary injunctive relief. This means the rule will be 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)

At the December 4, 2019 meeting of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provided an update stating that because California's current mobile source emissions model, EMFAC, does not account for the new standards applicable under the SAFE Vehicles Rule, no regional or project-level conformity determinations can be issued at this time. FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are still approving TIP amendments that do not require a regional emissions analysis.

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has published off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC output intended to replicate the effects of the implementation of SAFE Vehicles Rule, Part One. This could provide a way to make conformity determinations for non-exempt plans and projects in the short term. EPA indicated their concurrence with the off-model adjustment factors in a letter dated March 12, 2020.

On March 31, 2020, EPA and NHTSA finalized Part Two of the SAFE Vehicle Rule. Part Two has not yet been published in the Federal Register. Essentially, Part Two requires CAFE standards for CO2 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.

The implication for air quality conformity is that a window of time exists from the date of federal concurrence with ARB's EMFAC adjustment (March 12) until Part Two of the SAFE Rule goes into effect (not before the end of June) for FHWA to accept new conformity determinations adopted by California MPOs. It appears that the Part Two changes will <u>not</u> require additional adjustment to EMFAC model outputs in order for them to be acceptable for supporting conformity determinations. This is based on statements from ARB and EPA. Staff will be looking for documentation of this concurrence.

DISCUSSION:

As of the preparation of this agenda item, the SAFE Vehicle Rule, Part Two, regulation has not been published in the Federal Register. The 60-day period for it to go into effect has therefore not begun.

With regard to the 2021 Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) update, a bill is being prepared 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. Staff is moving ahead with conformity tests for the TCAG 2021 FTIP incorporating the adjustments developed by ARB for Part One of the SAFE Vehicles Rule.so that the region is prepared to adopt a "full" FTIP (including all projects not exempt from air quality conformity) this summer should that be possible.

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

Work Element: 610.01 – Air Quality Planning and Analysis

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AGENDA ITEM VII-A

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Executive Minutes April 20, 2020

Board Members	Alternates	Member/Alternate	Agency
Kuyler Crocker (Chair)	Paula Clark	M	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel	William Cushing	M	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Amy Shuklian	Bill Whitchlatch	M	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Eddie Valero	Derek Williams	M	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Dennis Townsend	Terren Brown	M	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Maribel Reynosa	Linda Launer	M/A	City of Dinuba
Frankie Alves	Dave Hails	M	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Ruben Macareno	M	City of Farmersville
Pamela Kimball	Brian Watson	M	City of Lindsay
Martha A. Flores	Milt Stowe	M	City of Porterville
Terry Sayre	Carlton Jones	M	City of Tulare
Bob Link (Vice-Chair)	Phil Cox	M/A	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Francis Ortiz		City of Woodlake
Greg Gomez	Virginia Gurrola	M	Rep. from Public Transit
Tyrone Holscher	Shae Gowin	M	Member-At-Large*
Walter Stammer Jr.	Pamela Whitmire	Α	Member-At-Large*
Wanda Ishida	Marlene Sario		Member-At-Large*
Sharri Bender-Ehlert	Michael Navarro	Α	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)		Kasia Thompson, Associate Regional Planner
X	Jeff Kuhn, Tulare County Deputy Counsel		Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner
Χ	Ted Smalley, Executive Director		Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
Χ	Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director		Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH
	Benjamin Giuliani , Executive Officer-LAFCO		Barbara Pilegard, Associate Regional Planner/EH
X	Leslie Davis, Finance Director		Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH
X	Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner		Michele Boling, Accountant III
X	Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner		Brideget Moore, Staff Services Analyst
	Mark Hays, Senior Regional Planner	X	Amie Kane, Administrative Clerk II
	Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner	X	Servando Quintanilla, Administrative Clerk
	Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner		Olivia Forte, Intern Apprentice/EH

I. WELCOME

The Tulare County Association of Governments Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Crocker at 1:00 p.m. on April 20, 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 1:02 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 Items IV-A through IV-D

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the County of Tulare and City of Lindsay Fiscal Year 2019/20
- B. Action Adoption of Resolution: Approve Highway Infrastructure Program Funding Allocation to the State Route 190 and Westwood Roundabout and Operational Improvements Project
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange Authorization for Fiscal Year 2019/2020
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange and Federal programming Distribution for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Upon a Motion by Member Townsend, and seconded by Member Shuklian, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Items IV-A through IV-D. Absent: Mendoza, Holscher, and Ishida.

- E. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects
- F. Information: Senate Bill (SB1) Competitive Programs Update
- V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Reduced Price T-Pass Sales for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Sequoia Commons Project for Three Years

Ms. Forte provided an overview and background on the proposed reduction to the price of the T-Pass. Ms. Forte stated that staff recommended authorizing the sale of the T-Passes to Self Help Enterprises for the Sequoia Commons Project for \$45.00 per pass for three years.

Upon a Motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Link, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved Item V-A as presented. Absent: Mendoza, Holscher, and Ishida.

- B. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update
 - Mr. Smalley stated that the CTC meeting met via webinar/teleconference on March 25 to review STIP allocations. Mr. Smalley noted that STIP was approved with the 8 million advance for projects.
- C. Information: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Transit Funding

Ms. Forte explained that public transit would receive \$25 billion through the CARES Act due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Ms. Forte highlighted the appropriation of funds to various city and county transit agencies.

- D. Information: Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Regulation
 - Mr. Brady provided the monthly update on the ongoing SAFE Vehicle rule. Mr. Brady reported that a second part of the SAFE Vehicle Rule is expected to be published in the Federal Register within a few days of finalization; and would then go into effect 60 days after publication; likely by early June 2020. Mr. Brady explained that he will continue to carefully monitor and report on the unfolding developments.
- E. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

 Mr. Navarro provided an overview of various Caltrans projects being conducted within Tulare

 County.

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 Vander Poel, and seconded by Member Valero, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously reaffirmed all actions while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. 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 March 24, 2020 TCAG Board Meeting
- B. Action: Minutes of March 20, 2020 TCAG Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 8 to the 2019/2020 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

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

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Legislative Update

Mr. Kimball reported that the San Joaquin Policy Council (SJVPC) had gone to Sacramento March 10-11, 2020; and preparations were still underway for the One Voice Trip going to Washington D.C. was scheduled for June 22-25, 2020.

Chair Crocker reported that the trip to Sacramento went well and that he felt hopeful some progress would happen on Valley issues.

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 that limited staff were in the office due to COVID-19 and that in fact COVID-19 had been the main focus of much of the current legislation.

D. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office

Mr. Martinez with Senator Hurtado's office stated that the Senator would be scheduled to be in session May 4, 2020 but added that this may be affected by COVID-19. Mr. Martinez added that several legislative bills are still being worked on and that a work group had been appointed to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic.

E. Presentation: Microtransit Service in City of Porterville

Mr. Rich Tree, city of Porterville Transit Manager presented recent changes and goals they are working on. Mr. Tree highlighted that low performing routes had been identified and were reduced or eliminated and supplemented with microtransit on demand options similar to other ride share platforms.

F. Action: Approve Document Establishing Regional Transit Agency for Circulation to TCAG Member Agencies

Ms. Forte explained that an ad hoc committee prepared and presented a number of recommendations that had previously been presented to the Board, at that time staff were directed to prepare a draft governance document and circulate it for member agencies to review and provide feedback. Ms. Forte stated that comments were due March 27, 2020 and provided copies of the feedback received from the member agencies. Ms. Forte announced the recommendation to approve the circulation of the agreement to form the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA).

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

G. Information: Notification of Election of TCAG Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Representatives

Chair Crocker announced that terms would be ending at the end of June 2020 and that this was simply an informational item that appointments or reappointments would be presented and voted on during the May 2020 TCAG meeting.

H. Information: Draft Overall Work Plan (OWP) for Fiscal Year 2020/20201 Copies of the FY 2020/2020 draft OWP were available for review. Ms. Davis stated that the total estimated expenditures for FY 2020/21 were \$4,243,692 and highlighted the membership dues and reserves. Ms. Davis reported that a major change was the \$59,000 one-time grant

funding for the 2020 Census.

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

Ms. Davis stated that audits for the city of Exeter, city of Woodlake, city of Visalia, and the County of Tulare were complete and showed no findings or material weaknesses. Ms. Davis announced that the city of Dinuba is the only outstanding audit.

J. 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 media, social media, and phone outreach. Mr. Brady stated that the last Census team meeting had been held March 10, 2020 staff would continue to monitor and report.

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) Fiscal Year 2019/20 Second Quarter Report

Leslie provided a review of the allocations and distributions for the second quarter of fiscal year 2019/2020 and stated that for the second quarter the amount received totaled \$89,351.74.

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

X. CORRESPONDENCE

1. None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Item from Staff

1. TCAG Director's Report

Mr. Smalley provided an update on office operations and stated that despite COVID-19 TCAG staff had been continuing to work but mostly from home. Mr. Smalley announced that the CERT review which takes place every four years was scheduled to take place the following week, April 27th through the 30th. Mr. Smalley stated that as part of the CERT review a Board Member participation would be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

2. Other Items

None

- B. Information: Items from Board Members
 - Tulare County Water Commission Update
 Ms. Flores reported April meeting had been cancelled.
 - 2. San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Update

Chair Crocker reported that the meeting had been cancelled.

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

 Member Shuklian reported that routes were still running but had been greatly reduced.
- 4. San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Housing Task Force Update
 Member Valero reported that the next meeting was not scheduled until June 2020.
- 5. TCAG Transit Report

Member Gomez reported that he had attended the Calvans meeting and many discussions regarding funding had taken place and that a reduction in meeting could be expected.

6. Other Items

None

C. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items
None

XII. ADJOURN

The TCAG Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:14 p.m.

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TCAG Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Tulare County Association of Governments - 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291 April 16, 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	Absent	
County of Tulare	Herman Beltran	
City of Porterville	Javier Spencer	
City of Tulare	Absent	
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco	
Tule River Indian Reservation	Absent	
TCAG	Benjamin Kimball	
Caltrans	Michael Navarro	

Others Present: Dave Deel Caltrans

TCAG Staff Present: Michele Boling, Benjamin Giuliani, Elizabeth Forte, Gabriel Gutierrez, Roberto Brady, Gail Miller, Ted Smalley, Giancarlo Bruno, Brideget Moore 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. Kimball at 1:32 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 May 18, 2020.

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA)
 Claims for the County of Tulare and City of Lindsay for Fiscal Year 2019/20
 Ms. Forte gave an update on TDA Claims for the County of Tulare and the city of Lindsay.
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Highway Infrastructure Program Funding Allocation to the State Route 190 and Westwood Roundabout and Operational Improvements Project

Mr. Gutierrez stated the item was for allocation to the State Route 190 and Westwood Roundabout and Operational Improvements Project and was going to the Board for approval.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)
 State Exchange Authorization for Fiscal Year 2019/2020
 - Ms. Davis detailed the RSTP State Exchange Authorization for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. The estimated apportionment was at \$6,370,866 and as a result of the new TMA designation, it was approximately \$3,284,389 could be exchanged for state funds.
- Action: Adoption of Resolution: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)
 State Exchange and Federal programming Distribution for Fiscal Year 2019/2020
 Ms. Davis stated that the item was the distribution of funds from Item IV-C

E. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects

Mr. Gutierrez gave a status update on Caltrans project SR-137/SR-99 ramp intersection improvements and the city of Visalia road rehabilitation project. Ms. Forte informed that she had checked the status of the city of Visalia's project and did not see it in the que.

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

Mr. Gutierrez reported the status of SB1 funding programs and final guidelines were adopted at the last CTC meeting.

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Reduced Price T-Pass Sales for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Sequoia Commons Project for Three Years

Mr. Forte explained the authorization of sales of the T-Passes to Self Help Enterprises for the Sequoia Commons Project at a rate of \$45 per pass.

B. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations And California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

Mr. Giuliani stated that the CTC met via webinar on March 25 and there was a couple of Tulare County projects allocated and the 2020 STIP was adopted.

C. Information: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Transit Funding

Ms. Forte reported that the CARES Act, signed on March 27, 2020, provides \$2 trillion in federal funding through a number of programs to address issues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and that Public transit will receive \$25 billion through the CARES Act.

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

Mr. Brady gave an update on the Federal SAFE Vehicle Rule.

E. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Mr. Navarro gave an update on Tulare County Caltrans projects and announced staffing changes at Caltrans.

VII. ASSOCIATION CONSENT CALENAR- ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 8 to the 2019/2020 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

Ms. Davis gave an update on FTA 5303, and PL funds.

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Legislative Update

Mr. Kimball detailed the importance of having projects ready to go and the June Washington D.C. is still yet canceled.

E. Presentation: Microtransit Service in City of Porterville

Ms. Forte stated that Rich Tree from Porterville Transit would give a presentation at the upcoming Board meeting.

F. Action: Approve Document Establishing Regional Transit Agency for Circulation to TCAG Member Agencies

Ms. Forte discussed the approval of circulation of agreement to form the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) to the cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Woodlake, and the County of Tulare.

- G. Information: Notification of Election of TCAG Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Representatives
 - Mr. Smalley informed that there will be a vote next month for Chair, Vice Chair, and Representatives.
- H. Information: Draft Overall Work Plan (OWP) for Fiscal Year 2020/2021
 Ms. Davis stated that she had received comments from FHWA and Caltrans on the OWP.
- I. Information: Member Agency Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Year Ending June 30, 2019

Ms. Davis stated that TCAG had received TDA Audits from the cities of Exeter, Visalia, Woodlake and the County of Tulare with no findings or material weaknesses and the City of Dinuba had yet to turn in their TDA Audit.

J. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach
Mr. Brady gave an update on the 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach.

IX. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT AUTHORITY - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2019/20 Second Quarter Report Ms. Boling reported on the amount received for 2019/2020 Second Quarter distribution.

XII. ADJOURN

The TCAG Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 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, May 14, 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 May 18, 2020 Propaged by Amio Kano, TCAG Staff

Prepared by Amie Kane, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Reschedule the June Meetings and Cancel the July 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The 2020 Revised Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA), and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting schedule was approved by the Governing Board on December 9, 2019. Generally, the TCAG Board meeting is held on the third Monday of each month, with some exceptions. The TAC meeting is held the Thursday prior to the TCAG Board meeting. Due to occasional conflicts, meetings are subject to change with notice. The Chair, in consultation with the Executive Director, may cancel or reschedule a meeting.

DISCUSSION:

TCAG Staff in consultation with the TCAG Chair is requesting to move the TAC meeting scheduled for June 11, 2020 to June 18, 2020; and the TCAG Meeting schedule for June 15, 2020 to June 22, 2020.

TCAG staff in consultation with the TCAG Chair is requesting to cancel the TAC meeting scheduled for July 16, 2020 and the TCAG Meeting scheduled for July 20, 2020.

The August meetings would be held as originally scheduled. The TAC meeting on August 13, 2020 and TCTA meeting on August 17, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the cancellation of the July 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board Meeting.

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None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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AGENDA ITEM VIII-A

May 18, 2020 Prepared by Benjamin A. Kimball, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Adopt New Regional Priorities List for Federal Legislation

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.

TCAG has also been receiving regular correspondence from our Federal Lobbyist Pace Government Solutions with information on the latest legislative actions associated with the Coronavirus response to see if there is anything there that might affect transportation. TCAG staff has been analyzing these reports but has found little that would affect our region's projects.

TCAG is also working with our Federal Lobbyist to stay up to date on the latest efforts to develop a federal stimulus package that involves transportation and make sure that our regional priorities make it to any new federal legislation or funding opportunities.

DISCUSSION:

TCAG is preparing a Once Voice Trip to be held June 22-25, 2020 in Washington, D.C. to discuss a number of transportation related issues, foremost among them is grant funding for the Commercial Interchange Project in Tulare.

The following represents staff's recommendation for a TCAG Federal Priorities list for 2020:

- Support federal stimulus funding that leads to local and regional transportation project funding in the Tulare County Region, specifically:
 - Support grant applications that fund the Tulare Commercial Interchange project on State Route 99
 - Funding for farm to market routes
 - Support stimulus funding criteria that is flexible and supports Tulare County projects

- Support federal legislation that accomplishes the following:
 - o Allow Regional Transportation Plans to be updated up to every ten years
 - o Protects local sales tax
 - Bases the rural designation on areas outside of an urbanized area instead of on a county boundary
 - o Protects the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program and funding

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Adoption of Approving The 2020 TCAG Federal Legislative Platform

Work Element: 601.08 Advocacy

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

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APPROVING THE 2020 TCAG FEDERAL)	Resolution No
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM)	

WHEREAS, each Year TCAG engages in legislative discussions and matters of interest to the regions; and

WHEREAS, the TCAG puts together a legislative platform to be used for discussions held on One Voice lobbying trips to Washington D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 TCAG Federal Legislative Platform is approved as follows:

- Support federal stimulus funding that leads to local and regional transportation project funding in the Tulare County Region, specifically:
 - Support grant applications that fund the Tulare Commercial Interchange project on State Route 99
 - Funding for farm to market routes
- Support federal legislation that accomplishes the following:
 - Allow Regional Transportation Plans to be updated up to every ten years
 - Protects local sales tax
 - Bases the rural designation on areas outside of an urbanized area instead of on a county boundary
 - o Protects the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program and funding

	RESOLVED, that the TCAG Director is able to material formation arises or as changes are needed for triple.	
The foregoing Re	solution was adopted upon motion of	_, seconded
by, at a regula	ar meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2020, by	the following
vote:		
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	TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GO	VERNMENTS
	Kuyler Crocker Chair, TCAG	_
	Ted Smalley Executive Director, TCAG	-

AGENDA ITEM VIII-E

May 18, 2020 Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the FY2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

BACKGROUND:

TCAG staff has completed the 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan and Budget. The OWP contains work elements with detailed tasks as well as revenues and expenditures anticipated by task for the year.

DISCUSSION:

Staff presented the Draft 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP) to the Board at the March and April meetings. The draft OWP has been presented for review and given adequate time to receive public comments. Comments have been received from the Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans, and the TCAG Board and requested revisions were incorporated into the final draft as outlined. No comments were received from the Board.

The following summary compares the Final 2020/2021 and Final 2019/2020 Overall Work Programs (OWP).

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Budget (non Measure R			
& LAFCO)	\$ 4,164,462	\$ 3,614,713	\$ (549,749)
Measure R, TIF & Lafco			
Admin	\$ 670,921	\$ 628,979	\$ (41,942)
Total Budget	\$ 4,835,383	\$ 4,243,692	\$ (591,691)
Membership Dues	\$ 191,500	\$ 191,500	\$ -
LTF Contributions			\$ -
TDA Admin	\$ 282,000	\$ 282,000	\$ -
TDA Planning	\$ 864,681	\$ 889,681	\$ 25,000
Coordination, Mgmt, &			
Implementation	\$ 226,409	\$ 226,409	\$ -
Total LTF	\$ 1,373,090	\$ 1,398,090	\$ 25,000
Consultants	\$ 546,121	\$ 663,147	\$ 117,026

Attachment "A" is the proposed Final Budget and Contribution Summary for FY 2020/2021.

The proposed Final OWP is presented for Board approval. Upon Board approval, the OWP will be printed and submitted to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration for final approval. At the Board meeting, staff will discuss potential impacts as a result of reduced sales tax revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed FY 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan and authorize Executive Director to make technical adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The TCAG Overall Work Plan would be decreased by \$591,691, compared to fiscal year 2019/2020. The decreases are composed of federal funds or grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution: Adopting the 2020/2021 Overall Work Program
- 2. Attachment A: proposed Final Budget and Contribution Summary for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (Under Separate Cover)

Work Element: 601.06 Overall Work Program and Budget

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

In the matter of:

ADOPTION OF THE 2020/2021)	
OVERALL WORK PLAN)	Resolution No. 2020-XXX
(OWP) AND BUDGET)	

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments' staff has prepared the 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP); and

WHEREAS, the 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan describes the tasks to be performed by the Tulare County Association of Governments during Fiscal Year 2020/2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Tulare County Association of Governments has determined to approve the 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan, as amended; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (TCAG) certify each year that the planning process is being conducted in conformance with the applicable requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the TCAG Board of Governors does hereby adopt the FY 2020/2021 OWP and Budget in accordance with 23 CFR 450.334 and 450.220, Caltrans and the Tulare County Association of Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Porterville and Visalia Urbanized Areas hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all the applicable requirements of:

- 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 and 5323(1); as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users; and
- II. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)); and
- III. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by California under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794; and

IV.	105-178 112 Stat. 1	he Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century (Pub. L. 07) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business HWA and FTA funded projects (FR Vol. 64 No. 21, 49 CFR				
V.	The provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-33 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the U.S. DOT implementing regulations (4 CFR 27, 37 and 38);					
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		TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS				
		Kuyler Crocker Chair, TCAG				
		Ted Smalley Executive Director, TCAG				

AGENDA ITEM VIII-F

May 18, 2020 Prepared by Ted Smalley, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Election of TCAG Chair, Vice Chair and Reappointment of Committee Representatives

BACKGROUND:

Every two years, TCAG elects a Chair and Vice-Chair to the TCAG Board as required by the existing Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws. The term for this selection runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. TCAG will also be reevaluating representation on various associated committees to coincide with Chair and Vice Chair elections, as the committees do not specify term limits.

DISCUSSION:

On June 30, 2020, the two-year terms of the Chair (Kuyler Crocker) and Vice Chair (Bob Link) will expire. The election of new officers is required. Pursuant to the TCAG Bylaws, any member of the Governing Board may hold the position of Chair or Vice Chair. Duties of the Chair, Vice Chair and Committee descriptions are listed in the TCAG Board Roles and Responsibilities.

TCAG will also be reappointing members on the following committees:

AGENCY/COMMITTEE	CURRENT BOARD MEMBER(S)	# REPS	# ALT REPS
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES POLICY COUNCIL	Kuyler Crocker, Rudy Mendoza, Maribel Reynosa (Alt)	2	1
TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION	MARTHA FLORES	1	0
SAN JOAQUIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (SJJPA)	AMY SHUKLIAN, BOB LINK	1	1
TCAG TRANSIT (FULFILLED BY PUBLIC TRANSIT PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE)	GREG GOMEZ, ALT- CAMERON HAMILTON	1	1

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Select new TCAG Board Chair and Vice Chair members in addition to appointing or reappointing committee representatives as indicated above. The newly elected officers will assume their duties on July 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution: Appointment of Election of Tulare County Association of Governments Board Chair, Vice Chair and Reappoint Committee Representatives
- 2. Tulare County Association of Government Governing Board Roles and Responsibilities

Work Element: 601.02 TCAG Administration

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

in the matter of:	
ELECTION OF TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND REAPPOINT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES) Resolution No. 20-xx))
	ssociation of Governments (TCAG) Board is made county Board of Supervisors, and three At-Large
	AG elects a Chair and Vice Chair to the TCAG Powers Agreement and Bylaws and the term for thi 30, 2022; and
WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, th Chair positions will expire; and	e two years terms for the current Chair and Vice-
associated committees that do not hav be <i>reappointed or appointed</i> to represe Agencies Policy Council;	selected for reappointment on various other re specified term limitsshall ent the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning _ shall be appointed or reappointed to representshall be appointed or quin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA).
andas vice chair and the reappo Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Ager	OLVED THAT the Board approvesas cha pintment of to represent the Sar ncies Policy Council; to mmission; to represent SJJPA.

The fore	joing Resolution was adopted upon motion of, seconded by
Member	, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2020 by the
following vote:	
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	TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
	Kuyler Crocker Chair, TCAG
	Ted Smalley Executive Director, TCAG

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS GOVERNING BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TCAG BOARD

TCAG serves under several designations, encompassing local, state, and federal responsibilities. TCAG was initially formed as an **Association of Governments** (more commonly known as a Council of Governments, or COG) under a Joint Powers Agreement in 1971. The eight incorporated cities of Exeter, Dinuba, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Woodlake, and the County of Tulare are TCAG member agencies. Below is a selection of the stated purposes of TCAG:

- Assist local jurisdictions in obtaining federal assistance by providing advice, counsel, and professional direction;
- Prepare the necessary plans and studies consistent with comprehensive planning goals and objectives;
- 3) Serve as a center for disseminating general planning information of areawide significance to the various local jurisdictions;
- Investigate and prepare recommendations regarding the resolution of conflicts or other circumstances arising from the multiplicity of jurisdictions concerned with comprehensive development;
- 5) Review and coordinate applications for programs utilizing federal funding; and
- 6) Provide a clearinghouse for the coordination and review of all state funded projects.

As a result of the 1980 Census, the Visalia Urbanized Area was designated. The Visalia Urbanized Area originally included the cities of Visalia, Farmersville, and Exeter, and several adjacent unincorporated communities. Every Census boundaries are adjusted; the 2010 Census included the City of Tulare within the officially designated Visalia Urbanized Area.

Once Tulare County received an urban designation, the TCAG Board took on new responsibilities. In 1982, TCAG became the federal **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** for Tulare County. A number of responsibilities come with this designation, such as: preparation of a Regional Transportation Plan, demonstration of Air Quality Conformity, programming of all projects with federal funding in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), the use and maintenance of a transportation demand model, development of transit plans, and more.

Another major designation of TCAG is as the **Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)** for Tulare County. A designation by the State of California implemented in 1976, this agency is responsible for implementation of the Transportation Development Act, preparation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), preparation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), and more.

Additional designations of TCAG and their purpose are described briefly below. Not every member of the TCAG Board as established under the Joint Powers Agreement are members of every TCAG agency/authority. Board representation is in some cases determined by regulations for that agency's function.

- Transportation Management Agency (TMA). After the 2010 Census, the Visalia Urbanized Area exceeded the threshold of a population greater than 200,000. TCAG then received this new designation. TCAG is required to develop a Congestion Management Program (CMP), meet higher standards in transportation demand modeling, and is now subject to a federal certification review.
- Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority. Under the California Vehicle Code, \$1 of the registration fee of each vehicle in Tulare County is used for the abatement of abandoned vehicles. Member agencies report abatements to TCAG and TCAG administers the allocation of these funds. Only elected officials on the TCAG Board are a part of the Service Authority.
- Regional Data Center and Census Coordination Committee. A state designation, TCAG serves as the local Regional Data Center, providing Census information to agencies and residents. TCAG sits as the Census Coordination Committee during the Census process, and plays a role in ensuring all residents are included in Census counts.
- Local Clearinghouse. TCAG is the agency responsible for circulating certain state grant applications to stakeholders throughout the county to soliciting comments regarding grant application conflicts. Comments received are relayed to the applicants.
- Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA). Measure R, the local transportation sales tax, appointed the elected officials of the TCAG Board as the TCTA for administration of the Measure.
- At board meetings, TCAG also sits as the **Transportation Policy Advisory Committee**. The advisory committee includes an ex-officio position for a representative of Caltrans.

TCAG BOARD MEMBERS

The TCAG Board is comprised of the following:

- a) The five (5) members of the Board of Supervisors.
 - a. Term: during tenure in the office of Supervisor
 - b. Alternates appointed for each member, must be a resident of the county
- b) One (1) councilmember from each city which is a party to the Joint Powers Agreement, appointed by the city councils of such respective cities.
 - a. Term: during tenure in the office of Councilmember, or until replaced by the city
 - b. Alternates appointed by the respective cities, must be a Councilmember
- c) Three (3) residents, over the age of 18, of the county to be appointed by a majority vote of the other members of the governing board of the Association listed in (a) and (b) above at a meeting of the governing board.
 - a. Term: three years, staggered
 - b. Alternates appointed in the same manner as the primary members
- d) One (1) representative, to be appointed by the Tulare County Council of Cities, to serve as a representative from a provider of public transit in accordance with 23 U.S.C. as amended by MAP-21.
 - a. Term: three years
 - b. Alternate appointed in the same manner as the primary member

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TCAG BOARD MEMBERS

Elected Officials Appointed to the TCAG Board

Elected officials appointed to the TCAG Board include the five members of the Board of Supervisors and one councilmember from each incorporated city. Each member of the TCAG Board has one vote. Roles and responsibilities of the members of the TCAG Board include:

- Receive orientation and training on the roles and responsibility of TCAG as an agency, as well as the responsibilities of individual board members.
- ➤ Represent your local agency in a regional context. The focus of TCAG board members shall be on regional cooperation, strategic planning, regulatory compliance, and other issues as presented by the TCAG Chair and Executive Director and under the purview and requirements of the duties of TCAG.
- Attend various meetings, functions, conferences, etc. Attendance of board members is not expected at all events, as TCAG is routinely represented by the agency Chair; however, board members are encouraged to participate in TCAG matters as much as they are able. Examples include:
 - Stakeholder and community meetings
 - o Meetings, functions, etc. with local, regional, state and federal partner agencies
 - Advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C.
 - o Project groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings
- Ensure that you are provided the necessary information for decision-making.
- Attend board member training.
- Make every effort to attend TCAG board meetings and workshops.
- Notify your alternate when you will be unable to attend a meeting of the governing board.
- Act as a liaison to your respective local elected board/council.

Public Transit Representative

The Public Transit Representative position on the TCAG Board was approved in 2015 due to a new requirement in the federal transportation authorization bill, MAP-21. This position carries a three-year term and is appointed by the Tulare County Council of Cities. Roles and responsibilities of this position are:

Receive orientation and training on the roles and responsibility of TCAG as an agency, as well as the responsibilities of individual board members.

- Represent the interests of public transit in Tulare County. This includes the interest of residents and riders in the county, as well as all agencies that provide public transit in Tulare County.
- > Serve as the TCAG representative (and alternate) on the CalVans board of governors.
- Attend various meetings, functions, conferences, etc. Examples include:
 - o CalVans board meetings
 - o Stakeholder and community meetings
 - Unmet Needs Public Hearings
 - o Transit forum meetings
 - o Meetings of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
 - o Events, functions, etc. with local, regional, state and federal partner agencies
 - Advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C.
 - Project groundbreakings
- > Ensure that you are provided the necessary information for decision-making.
- Attend board member training.
- Make every effort to attend TCAG board meetings and workshops.
- Promote and advocate for public transit that serves the residents of Tulare County.

TCAG Board Members-at-Large

As established in the Joint Powers Agreement, the TCAG Board allocates three positions to members-at-large. Each member-at-large has one vote. Members-at-large will be appointed by elected officials that sit on the TCAG Governing Board, and will be selected via an application process. This position carries a three-year term, alternating so that one member-at-large is appointed per year. Rules and responsibilities include:

- Receive orientation and training on the roles and responsibility of TCAG as an agency, as well as the responsibilities of individual board members.
- Regardless of the location of your residence in Tulare County, focus of TCAG board members shall be on regional cooperation, strategic planning, regulatory compliance, and other issues as presented by the TCAG Chair and Executive Director and under the purview and requirements of the duties of TCAG.
- Ensure that you are provided the necessary information for decision-making.
- Attend board member training.
- Make every effort to attend TCAG Board meetings and workshops.
- > Notify your alternate when you will be unable to attend a meeting of the governing board.

Alternate Members of the TCAG Board

Roles and responsibilities of the alternate members of the TCAG Board include:

- Receive orientation and training on the roles and responsibility of TCAG as an agency, as well as the responsibilities of individual board members.
- Fulfill the role of a TCAG Board member when the primary appointee for your position is not in attendance.
- > Stay current on activities and issues involving TCAG.
- Attend board member training.
- Make every effort to attend TCAG Board meetings and workshops.

TCAG Chair

The TCAG Chair serves a two-year term and is elected from among the members of the governing board. Terms commence July 1st of even-numbered years. The duties and time commitment required to serve as the Chair will vary from year to year, but is typically very involved. Below are roles and responsibilities of the TCAG Chair:

- Preside at meetings of the board and provide leadership: responsible for ensuring that the necessary business of TCAG is carried out efficiently, effectively, and in an appropriate manner.
- Ensure that key and appropriate issues are discussed by the governing board in a timely manner and ensure the provision of all the necessary information needed on which to base decisions.
- Ensure that in making decisions the governing body takes proper account of statutory and other requirements and constraints.
- Offer both general and specific support to the Executive Director where strategic, major, or contentious issues are involved, such as direction on seeking project funding or handling a personnel matter.
- Act, between board meetings, on matters delegated by the board and respond to requests on matters that do not require board approval, such as the signing of routine documents and responses to outside agencies.
- Exceptional circumstances may arise where an urgent decision is required and it is not possible to convene a meeting of the governing board. In such circumstances, the Executive Director shall seek the approval of the Chair (or in his or her absence the Vice Chair). Any decisions taken in these circumstances must be reported at the next meeting of the board.
- Serve as the TCAG representative of the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG). (Except when one of the TCAG Board members is the Policy Council Chair. In this special circumstance, the Policy Council Chair will also serve as the CALCOG representative.)

- > Attend various meetings, functions, conferences, etc. Examples include:
 - Stakeholder and community meetings
 - o Meetings, functions, etc. with local, regional, state, and federal partner agencies
 - o Advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C.
 - CalCOG annual meeting, National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference,
 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meetings, and others
 - Project groundbreakings
- Assure that TCAG meetings and board members comply with applicable regulations under the Brown Act, Robert's Rules of Order, and other governance standards.
- Call for and appoint members to ad-hoc committees. One example is the committee convened for the annual performance review of the TCAG Executive Director/Agency.
- Undertake all duties and responsibilities that fall within the range expected to execute the duties under the purview of TCAG.

TCAG Vice Chair

The TCAG Vice Chair also serves a two-year term and is elected from among the members of the governing board. The offices of Chair and Vice Chair run concurrently. Roles and responsibilities include:

- Fulfill duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence
- Attend various meetings, functions, conferences, etc. Examples include:
 - Stakeholder and community meetings
 - Meetings, functions, etc. with local, regional, state and federal partner agencies
 - Advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C.
 - Project groundbreakings

TCAG APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES

TCAG has positions allocated on the boards and committees of several organizations. Listed below are the appointments made by the TCAG Board, and the general roles and responsibilities as TCAG representatives for these positions.

• San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council. The Policy Council is comprised of two members and one alternate from the Councils of Governments of each of the counties in the San Joaquin Valley: Tulare, Kern, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and a representative from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. The purpose of the Policy Council is to work together on a regional front, often in the legislative arena. The Policy Council has an adopted legislative platform and typically travels both to Sacramento and Washington D.C. once a year. The Policy Council also works on regional issues in general, such as in Goods Movement and Air Quality. The TCAG board appoints two members and one alternate to the Policy Council. Terms shall be for two

years, commencing July 1st of even-numbered years. If a TCAG representative is elected the Policy Council Chair then that person would then also serve as the TCAG CALCOG representative.

- CalVans. TCAG is a member agency of CalVans, which operates as a Joint Powers Authority. CalVans is a very successful vanpool program that operates in many counties throughout California. TCAG is allotted one member and one alternate to the CalVans board. The TCAG Public Transit Representative is the member of CalVans, and alternate to the Board appointed the CalVans alternate.
- Tulare County Water Commission. The Water Commission is an advisory committee to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. The Water Commission is comprised of elected officials, water experts, and community activists and examines a wide variety of water issues that impact Tulare County. TCAG is allotted one position on the Water Commission and the representative is appointed by the board. Terms shall be for two years, commencing July 1st of even-numbered years.
- San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA). The SJJPA is the governing board that manages the Amtrak San Joaquin line. This line provides service between Bakersfield, Fresno, Modesto, Stockton, Sacramento, and Oakland, and is the fifth busiest Amtrak service in the nation. TCAG is allotted one member and one alternate to the SJJPA. TCAG appoints the member and alternate to the SJJPA. Terms shall be for two years, commencing July 1st of even-numbered years.
- San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee (SJVRC). The SJVRC can be described as the technical advisory committee to the SJJPA. TCAG is authorized the appointment of two members and one alternate to the SJVRC. Members must reside in Tulare County, cannot be elected officials, and may not be employees of SJJPA member agencies. TCAG appoints the members and alternate to the SJVRC. Terms shall be for two years, commencing July 1st of even-numbered years.
- California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG). CalCOG is a state organization of Councils of Governments of which TCAG is a member. Similar to the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council, CalCOG covers a number of issues relevant to its member agencies. Most often, these issues are either legislative in nature or regarding regulations or other processes affecting councils of governments in the state. As mentioned previously, the TCAG Chair shall serve as the representative on the CalCOG board, except in the instance that the TCAG appointee to the SJV Policy Council is that agency's chair. In that instance, the Policy Council chair will sit as the TCAG representative on CalCOG. Additionally, the TCAG Vice Chair shall serve as the alternate member.

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AGENDA ITEM VIII-G

May 18, 2020 Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update

BACKGROUND:

TCAG operates as a number of agencies. Various levels of regional coordination and oversight are the responsibility of TCAG acting as the federal Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), state Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and local Measure R Transportation Authority. TCAG works very closely with member agencies and transit providers. As the region has evolved and transit has been changing, TCAG hired a consulting team to evaluate and make recommendations for improved transit efficiency and regional coordination in our region.

At the August 19, 2019 Board meeting, TCAG staff was directed to assemble 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 and presented a number of recommendations to the TCAG Board on December 9, 2019. Staff was directed to prepare a governance document and submit it for legal review.

DISCUSSION:

On April 20, TCAG approved an agreement for the proposed Tulare County Regional Transit Agency for circulation to member agencies for consideration and action. As of the day of this staff report was written, no action had yet been taken. Updates will be provided on May 18th.

ATTACHMENT:

None

Work Element: 601.01 – Transit Administration

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AGENDA ITEM VIII-H

May 18, 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, the Tulare County CCC April meeting was canceled, however, communications with CCC participants are continuing via email. In an update emailed to CCC participants in April, topics included: key Census messages and links to Census social media resources; links to the online Census form and video guides that walk through the Census form; a link to the daily 2020 Census response rate map; and a link to the Census Bureau's revised schedule outlining delays and extended time frames for various field operations. In addition, CCC participants were asked to talk with people about the Census when they contact clients by phone and to help identify outreach opportunities that are still open.

Outreach efforts have 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 and school districts' meal & curriculum distributions.

The local Census media campaign continued in April, with local Census messaging included on Univision (KFTV 21 and KTFF 61 television, KOND, KRDA and KLLE radio stations), La Ley KGEN / La Poderosa KTIP radio, Lazer KMQA radio, and Momentum Broadcasting (KJUG, K100, KCRZ and KVMI) radio stations. The local messaging is designed to complement the Census Bureau's national and the State Census Office's statewide media campaigns.

As a result of COVID-19, the Census Bureau is now planning 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. They also plan to conduct Update Leave (dropping off invitations to respond along with paper Census questionnaires at the front door of houses) from June 13 to July 9. Update Leave is done in areas where there is no mail delivery to street addresses and affects many of the rural communities in Tulare County.

As of 5/3/20, the 2020 Census Self-Response rates are: 56.6% (National); 57.8% (California); and 51.9% (Tulare County). It is important to keep in mind that because several Tulare County communities do not have street address mail delivery, many households have not yet received their Census forms due to the delay in Census field operations. As noted above, Census forms should be delivered to communities scheduled for Update Leave beginning in June. The final 2010 Self-Response rate for Tulare County was 65%.

Census Outreach Efforts

A description of outreach activities from April 1 through May 5 is provided in the following table.

Date	Event / Meeting	Type of Participation
Ongoing	FoodLink Tulare County, countywide	Provided FoodLink with 5000 Census grocery tote bags on 4/17 to hand out during food distributions throughout the county
Ongoing	Sierra View Medical Center, Porterville	Including a "Sierra View Medical Center supports the Census" sticker with Census logo and message on front cover of Patient Guide
Ongoing	City of Lindsay, Lindsay	City of Lindsay designed and installed 7 Census banners at high visibility locations throughout city
4/1/20	First 5 Tulare County	Provided 300 Census tote bags and approx. 220 Census coloring books for distribution to families. Provided 2 We Count! children's Census books (1 English / 1 Spanish) for use in online story reading activity
4/1/20	Houston Elementary School, Visalia	Provided Census grocery tote bags, Census coloring books & crayon packs to give away via grab-n-go student lunch distribution (approx. 475)
4/6/20	Veva Blunt Elementary School, Visalia	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards, Census coloring books & crayon packs to give away via grab-n-go student lunch distribution (approx. 215)
4/7/20	Earlimart School District, Earlimart	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards, Census coloring books to give away via drive through food distribution (approx. 500 KYR cards, 450 coloring books, 300 tote bags)
4/7/20	Porterville Area Coordinating Council, Porterville	Provided 100 Census grocery tote bags for organization to distribute during outreach
4/8/20	Proteus, London	Provided 100 Census bags, 620 Census coloring books (310 English/310 Spanish), 600 crayon packs and 500 CA Census fliers to give away at food distributions
4/9/20	Parenting Network	Provided 100 Census bags, 620 Census coloring books (310 English/310 Spanish), 600 crayon packs and 500 CA Census fliers to distribute via family outreach

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4/10/20 &	La Ley / La Poderosa Radio	Provided 300 Census grocery tote bags,
ongoing	Station	500 KYR cards and 400 fliers for delivery
Fridays		at upcoming Cuadrillas de la Semana to
		be held on Fridays beginning 4/10
4/13/20	Four Creeks Elementary	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR
	School, Visalia	cards, Census coloring books & crayon
		packs to give away via grab-n-go student
		lunch distribution (approx. 465)
4/17/20	First 5 Tulare County,	Provided 600 Census bags, 620 Census
	Countywide	coloring books (310 English/310 Spanish),
		600 crayon packs & 600 KYR cards to
		distribute through their 6 partnering Family
		Resource Centers
4/17/20	Woodlake Family Resource	Provided 400 Census bags, 620 Census
	Center, Woodlake area	coloring books (310 English/310 Spanish),
		600 crayon packs and 600 KYR cards to
		give away at food and curriculum
		distributions
4/17/20	Porterville Unified School	Provided 200 Census bags, 3565 Census
	District, Porterville	coloring books (1705 English/1860
		Spanish) & 1500 crayon packs for use in
		food and curriculum distributions
4/20/20	Annie R. Mitchell Elementary	Provided Census grocery tote bags, CA
	School, Visalia	Census fliers, Census coloring books &
		crayon packs to give away via grab-n-go
1/22/22		student lunch distribution (approx. 315)
4/22/20	Visalia First Assembly, Visalia	Provided 200 Census bags, 200 Census
		coloring books & 200 crayon packs for
4/00/00	Conveine Adult Education	4/24 distribution of Family Care Packages
4/22/20	Sequoias Adult Education	Provided 400 Census bags, 310 coloring
	Consortium, Countywide	books, 200 crayon packs & 75 We Support
4/23/20	African American Historical 9	the Census posters for use in outreach
4/23/20	African-American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San	State of Black Tulare County Part 1
		Census outreach online Town Hall. Event live streamed and included as video
	Joaquin Valley / ONME	
	Network, Countywide	content on plug-and-play devices to be distributed to Tulare County African-
		American congregants of partnering
		churches
4/24/20	The Sun-Gazette Newspaper /	Provided Census information for Census
7/27/20	Ivanhoe Sol, Ivanhoe	article published in Ivanhoe Sol 4/29
4/27/20	CSET, Countywide	Provided 200 Census grocery tote bags for
1,21,20	John, Journey Wido	use in outreach at open locations in
		Visalia, Porterville, Tulare, Pixley,
		Earlimart and North County Youth Site
4/27/20	Mineral King Elementary	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR
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	2330., 1.00	packs to give away via grab-n-go student
		lunch distribution (approx. 398)
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4/28/20	Parenting Network and Tulare County HHSA Mental Health South County Collaborative (SCC)	Attended online meeting to encourage participating organizations to check in with their families to make sure everyone is counted and offered Census materials for use in outreach
4/30/20	African-American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley / ONME Network, Countywide	State of Black Tulare County Part 2 Census outreach online Town Hall. Event live streamed and included as video content on plug-and-play devices to be distributed to Tulare County African- American congregants of partnering churches
4/30/20	Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District	Provided 300 Census bags, 620 Census coloring books (310 English/310 Spanish), 600 crayon packs and 144 Census plush bears to give away at food and curriculum distributions
4/30/20	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Tooleville, Pixley, Ivanhoe and Matheny	Provided 200 Census bags, 100 Census coloring books (50 English/50 Spanish), 100 crayon packs and 60 Census plush bears to give away at water distributions and along with food deliveries to families
4/30/20	Parenting Network	Provided 100 Census grocery tote bags for organization to distribute during outreach
5/5/20	Pleasant View Elementary School, Poplar	Provided Census grocery tote bags, KYR cards, Census plush bears and Census coloring books & crayon packs to give away via drive-through student food and curriculum distribution (approx. 215)

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None

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