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Tulare County Transportation Authority	Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 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 p.m. Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291
<p>NOTE: This meeting will allow Board Members and the public to participate in the meeting via Teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020), available at https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf</p> <p>The call-in number for this meeting is: 877-858-5743 Passcode: 609873</p>	

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I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS-TIMED ITEM

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Convene as the Tulare County Transportation Authority

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

III. AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

A. Action: Minutes of April 20, 2020 Authority Meeting

(Pages 01-02)

Dinuba

Exeter

Farmersville

Lindsay

Porterville

Tulare

Visalia

Woodlake

County of Tulare

- B. Action: Minutes of April 16, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Page 03)
C. Action: Reschedule the June Meetings and Cancel the July 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Board Meeting (Page 04)

IV. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving Submission of the Measure R Expenditure Plan Draft Amendment No. 5 to Member Agencies for Consideration and Approval (Pages 05-15)
B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Measure R Transit Funding Suspension for FY 2020/2021 to all eligible Member Agencies (Pages 16-19)
C. Information: Measure R Revenue for April 2020 (Pages 20-21)

V. OTHER BUSINESS

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

VI. ADJOURN

(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**

TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS	AGENCY	ALTERNATE
Kuyler Crocker – Chair	Tulare County-District 1	*
Pete Vander Poel	Tulare County-District 2	*
Amy Shuklian	Tulare County-District 3	*
Eddie Valero	Tulare County-District 4	*
Dennis Townsend	Tulare County-District 5	*
Maribel Reynosa	City of Dinuba	Linda Launer
Frankie Alves	City of Exeter	Dave Hails
Paul Boyer	City of Farmersville	Ruben Macareno
Pamela Kimball	City of Lindsay	Brian Watson
Martha A. Flores	City of Porterville	Milt Stowe
Terry Sayre	City of Tulare	Carlton Jones
Bob Link – Vice-Chair	City of Visalia	Phil Cox
Rudy Mendoza	City of Woodlake	Frances Ortiz

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

TCAG STAFF

Ted Smalley, Executive Director
 Ben Kimball, Deputy Executive Director
 Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer- LAFCO
 Leslie Davis, Finance Director
 Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner
 Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner
 Mark Hays, Senior Regional Planner
 Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner
 Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner
 Kasia Poleszczuk, Associate Regional Planner
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 Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
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AGENDA ITEM: III-A
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Executive Minutes April 20, 2020

Board Members	Alternates	Member/Alternate	Agency
Kuyler Crocker (<i>Chair</i>)	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Amy Shuklian	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Eddie Valero	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Dennis Townsend	*	M	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Maribel Reynosa	Linda Launer	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 (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	Phil Cox	M/A	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Francis Ortiz		City of Woodlake

Counsel and TCAG Staff Present (X)

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

Kasia Poleszczuk, Associate Regional Planner
Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner
Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH
Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH
Barbara Pilegard, Associate Regional Planner/EH
Michele Boling, Accountant III
Brideget Moore, Staff Services Analyst III
X Amie Kane, TCAG Administrative Clerk II
X Servando Quintanilla, TCAG Administrative Clerk
Olivia Forte, Intern Apprentice/EH

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Tulare County Transportation Authority was called to order by Chair Crocker at 2:14 p.m. on April 20, 2020 at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrell Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments opened/closed at 2:16 p.m. No public comments received.

III. AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

A. Action: Minutes of March 24, 2020 Authority Meeting

B. Action: Minutes of March 20, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Affirm Citizens' Oversight Committee Members

Upon a motion by Member Vander Poel, and seconded by Member Valero, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved the Authority Consent Calendar Action Items III-A through III-C. Absent: Mendoza.

IV. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: FY 2020/21 Measure R Local Allocation Advance to Eligible Member Agencies

Ms. Davis provided an overview of the annual allocation advances to eligible member agencies.

Upon a motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Townsend, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved Item IV-A as presented. Absent: Mendoza.

B. Information: Member Agency Measure R 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.

C. Information: Measure R Revenue for March 2020

Ms. Davis shared that the Measure R Revenue for March was \$2,443,330 compared to \$2,663,160 for the same period the previous year. The year to date amount was \$26,833,297 compared to \$25,476,552 for the same period the previous year and represented a 5.3% increase. Ms. Davis shared that due to COVID-19 she expected to see a 10% decline in Measure R tax revenues and that she would continue to monitor the revenues and report at each monthly Board Meeting.

Mr. Smalley added that nobody knows for certain how much a decline would be seen over the coming months; explaining that the fall in gasoline prices also contribute to loss in revenue.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

B. Information: Items from Board Members

C. Information: Other Items

D. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

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

VI. ADJOURN

The Tulare County Transportation Authority adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

TCTA 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	<i>Absent</i>
County of Tulare	Herman Beltran
City of Porterville	Javier Spencer
City of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco
Tule River Indian Reservation	<i>Absent</i>
TCAG	Benjamin Kimball
Caltrans	Michael Navarro

Others Present: David Deel Caltrans**TCAG Staff Present:** Michele Boling, Benjamin Giuliani, Elizabeth Forte, Gabriel Gutierrez, Roberto Brady, Gail Miller, Ted Smalley, Giancarlo Bruno, Kasia Poleszczuk, Brideget Moore and Servando Quintanilla Jr Recording.**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

(Minutes reflect agenda items discussed only)

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting convened as the Tulare County Transportation Authority Meeting and was called to order by Ms. Kimball at 2:08 p.m. All action and informational documents were distributed for review and discussion. All actionable items would be voted on at the next Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Board meeting, scheduled for May 18, 2020.
- III. AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Affirm Citizens’ Oversight Committee Members**
Ms. Davis named Cathy Capone as a reappointed COC member for the City of Porterville.
- IV. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: FY 2020/21 Measure R Local Allocation Advance to Eligible Member Agencies**
Ms. Davis stated that this item allowed for the advancement of FY 2020/21 Measure R Local Program Funds for one fiscal year on July 1, 2020.
- B. Information: Member Agency Measure R Audit Year Ending June 30, 2019**
Ms. Davis stated that TCTA 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.
- C. Information: Measure R Revenue for March 2020**
Ms. Davis gave an update on Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Measure R allocations that had been received, payment request and distribution made through March 2020 and the allocation for the month of March was \$2,443,330 compared to \$2,663,160 for the same period last year and the year to date amount was \$26,833,297 compared to \$25,476,552 for the same period last year, representing a 5.3% increase for the fiscal year.

ADJOURN

The TCTA Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

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

AGENDA ITEM III-C

May 18, 2020

Prepared by Amie Kane, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Reschedule the June Meetings and Cancel the July 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Meetings

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 TCTA 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 TCTA 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 TAC and the TCTA Meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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

AGENDA ITEM IV-A

May 18, 2020

Prepared by Ted Smalley & Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving Submission of the Measure R Expenditure Plan Draft Amendment No. 5 to Member Agencies for Consideration and Approval

BACKGROUND:

The Measure R Expenditure Plan serves as a guide for the use of transportation funds that will be generated through the Tulare County half-cent transportation sales tax over the next thirty years. The Expenditure Plan was developed by the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and its nine member agencies (Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Woodlake, and the County of Tulare) and approved by the voters in November 2006. The Expenditure Plan represents diverse community interests and addresses major regional transportation needs in Tulare County through the year 2037. The Plan provides a detailed blueprint that will allow for the leveraging of state and federal funds through revenues that will be received through Measure R. The Plan provides funds for: regional road improvements, public transit, rehabilitation of existing roads, and other transportation programs that will improve mobility and air quality within the County and each of the cities.

DISCUSSION:

Consensus on the amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan was discussed and developed at the April 13, 2020 City Managers meeting.

It is now necessary to receive approval from the TCTA to submit the draft Expenditure Plan amendment to member agencies for Council/Board considerations and approvals. All nine agencies will present Amendment No. 5 to their respective Councils/Board. Approval by a majority of the cities with a majority of the population along with the Board of Supervisors is required for the TCTA to approve Amendment No.5.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allow for the submittal of the draft Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 5 to member agencies for their Councils/Board to consider and approve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The passage of Amendment No. 5 is revenue neutral and will not increase the funding amounts for regional projects. As a result of the recent Covid-19 fiscal impacts, for the

Air Quality Program (Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects), staff recommends the Transit Tier II program "Transit Innovation and Technology Program" be established and guidelines prepared; but program be delayed until fiscally prudent to fund. Also, guidelines for the program will require TCTA Board approval prior to offering funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution: Submitting the draft Measure R Expenditure Plan Draft Amendment No. 5 To Member Agencies for Consideration and Approval with attachment: Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment Five (5) Summary of 2020 Measure R Amendment Requests
2. Proposed Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 5 Schedule
3. Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment Five (5) Requests

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

In the matter of:

SUBMITTING THE MEASURE R)	
EXPENDITURE PLAN DRAFT AMENDMENT)	Resolution No.
NO. 5 TO MEMBER AGENCIES FOR)	
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL)	

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 5 is necessary to allow for member agencies and TCTA to have greater flexibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Authority of the County of Tulare allows for DRAFT Amendment No. 5 to the Measure R Expenditure Plan as described in the attached Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment Five Summary of 2020 Measure R Amendment Requests to be submitted to member agencies for Council/Board consideration and approval;

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 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Kuyler Crocker
Chair, TCTA

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCTA

Proposed Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 5 Schedule

1. January 27, 2020 – Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) approves Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 5 schedule
2. February 3, 2020 – Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) staff releases directions for submittal of agency requested changes to the Measure R Expenditure Plan (per direction from Board)
3. March 9, 2020 – All potential agency requested changes to be submitted to TCTA Director by 11:00 am
4. April 13, 2020 – City Manager/CAO meeting to discuss the potential changes that have been submitted
5. May 11, 2020 – Meeting with Citizens' Oversight Committee to discuss proposed amendment components
6. May 14, 2020 – TCAG TAC meeting/ further discussion as needed
7. May 18, 2020 – TCTA approval to submit the draft Expenditure Plan amendment to member agencies for Board/Council approvals
8. May 18, - June 30, 2020 All nine agencies present Amendment No. 5 (majority of population along with Board of Supervisors is required for the TCTA to adopt)
9. July 20, 2020 - TCTA Adopts Expenditure Plan Amendment
10. Amendment can be implemented 45 days from TCTA Approval (**September 3, 2020**)

TO: Member Agencies

FROM: Ted Smalley, TCAG Executive Director
Leslie Davis, TCAG Fiscal Director

DATE: May 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment Five (5) Summary of 2020 Measure R Amendment Requests

The Tulare County City Managers and CAO requested TCAG to initiate the process for a Fifth (5) amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan. TCTA Board approved a schedule for a potential amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan. The following is a discussion of amendment parameters by Measure R category.

Local Programs (35%)

There are no requested changes to the Local Programs category. The Local Program category of Measure R has a defined distribution formula with an annual update to reflect changes in population and mileage for each agency. There are no new incorporated cities in Tulare County that would result in a need to change the number of agencies shown in the Expenditure Plan. As a result, it is unlikely that the TCTA Board would support any changes to the Local Program category of Measure R.

Summary: No recommended changes

Administration and Planning (1%)

Similar to the Local Program, there are no expected changes to the Administration and Planning category. TCTA Board committed to the public that the administration percentage will not be increased. TCTA staff also combined other transportation planning efforts resulting in cost effective use of multiple funding sources. There are no new planning or reporting regulations that would result in additional work not originally projected. As a result, it is unlikely that the TCTA Board would support any changes to the Administration and Planning category of Measure R.

Summary: No recommended changes

Regional Projects Program (50%)

The Regional Projects Program represents the largest section of Measure R. The projects were also the featured items presented to the public during the Measure R public information effort prior to the approval of Measure R. As a result, there are proposed changes that will enhance or increase the ability to delivery critical projects for the region. There are three requests to amend regional projects. The amendments are revenue neutral and will not increase the funding amounts for regional projects.

Air Quality Program (Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects) (14%)

The Air Quality Program (or Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects Program) represents the most diverse section of Measure R. Implementation of bike, transit, and pedestrian projects continues to be a priority of the state. Technology is changing the opportunities for transit collaboration. As a result, there are four requests to amend the Air Quality Program.

Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment Five (5) requests

1. **Request:** Provide flexibility for funding regional bike/trail improvements from the city of Visalia to Exeter and include ability to fund the Rocky Hill corridor bike/trail project.

Requesting Agency: Cities of Visalia, Farmersville, Exeter and County of Tulare

Discussion: TCAG/TCTA funded a feasibility study of the K Road bike/trail potential project. As a result of the study, the Cities of Visalia, Farmersville, Exeter, and the County of Tulare did not support the K road alternative due to costs, maintenance and challenges related to railroad crossings. A more cost effective solution of placing the bike trail (where feasible) along the Caldwell corridor was determined to be more feasible and cost effective.

The following language is proposed as an amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan as Note 25:

“For the Regional K Road to Exeter project on Table 5, the project is defined to allow the funding to be used for parallel projects within one mile of the K road alignment. This includes but is not limited to the Avenue 280/Visalia Road/Caldwell Avenue corridor. The corridor limits are expanded to start at the west end at the Santa Fe Trail and on the east end Yokohl Drive. The limits include a second section, the Rocky Hill Corridor from Spruce Avenue to Yokohl Drive.”

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment.

City Manager Recommendation: Support

2. **Request:** Provide flexibility for trail and sidewalk maintenance and security

Requesting Agency: All

Discussion: Over the past fifteen years, significant bike and pedestrian trail funding has been provided through Measure R, federal programs, and Active Transportation Program at the state level. Maintenance is critical to preserve the investment of assets. However, the federal and state sources may not be used for maintenance. The Measure R Expenditure Plan does not provide clarification if maintenance and security is an allowable expense for Air Quality Program funding. Providing clarification and allowance will increase the useful life and the potential number of users of the bike and pedestrian system.

The following line/language is proposed to be added to pages 4 and 23 under the Transit/Bike/Environmental Mitigation (Air Quality) Program:

“Maintenance and Security”

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment with the condition that the amount allocated for “maintenance and security” on a per year basis be limited to \$100,000 for Visalia and Porterville, and up to \$25,000 for other member agencies. Allowance for maintenance funding would be required to satisfy the Maintenance of Effort requirement (Ordinance No. 2006-01 Section 11-C).

City Manager Recommendation: Support

3. **Request:** Provide funding for Sustainable Corridor projects

Requesting Agency: All

Discussion: The Regional Mitigation Banking Program was created to allow mitigation land purchases to occur ahead of schedule resulting in advancing project delivery. There were several challenges related to program establishment, funding amounts, and the ability to project needs for future projects given the delisting of species related to mitigation requirements. As a result, the mitigation banking program did not materialize. However, the program could be revised to allow for critical environmental projects on corridors in Tulare County. The proposal would change the program to allow funding of corridor environmental projects.

On page 10 and 23, change the Regional Mitigation Banking Program to the Sustainable Corridor Program

The note on page 23 (second to last paragraph) would be revised to state:

“The Environmental Mitigation funds would be applied to the Sustainable Corridor Program. The Sustainable Corridors Program is intended to fund partnership projects (Caltrans) on major regional state highways: SR 65, SR 99, SR 190, and SR 198 for projects that improve the aesthetic views of the corridor. Projects are intended to sustain and enhance the beauty and environmental quality (air quality) of the corridor through landscape treatments, both hardscape and vegetation, including but not limited to new plantings, landscape screenings, maintenance, and debris removal.”

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment with the condition that project recommendations come from the Corridor Committees for TCTA Board consideration. Project eligibility will be further defined in the policies and procedures.

City Manager Recommendation: Support

4. Request: Create a \$2 million **Transit Innovation and Technology Program**

Requesting Agencies: Indirectly all agencies. (The proposal is from TCAG staff to help address issues for matching funds for new technology)

Discussion: The TCAG board has established transit coordination as a top priority. In addition, there continues to be new technology development for transportation.

This new program would provide supplemental funding for regionally beneficial pilot projects and new technology investments.

On Page 11, add a new Tier II program “Transit Innovation and Technology Program” in the amount of \$2 million.

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment with the condition the additional funding is used to supplement costs if there is a demonstration additional costs occurred from conducting a transit pilot program. As a result of the recent Covid-19 fiscal impacts, staff recommends the program be established and guidelines prepared; but program be delayed until fiscally prudent to fund. Also, guidelines for the program will require TCTA Board approval prior to offering funding.

City Manager Recommendation: Support

5. **Request:** Project funding clarification for SR-190 and SR-65 funds

Requesting Agencies: City of Porterville

Discussion: The Amendment would provide the opportunity to provide critical projects as established by the city council.

On page 21/item 22, replace the second sentence with the following:

“Flexibility may include the determination of different interchanges, over-crossing priorities, and parallel facility improvements within two miles. Parallel facility improvements will be required to demonstrate benefit to either the SR-65 or SR-190 corridor.”

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment with the condition that Parallel facility improvements will be required to demonstrate benefit to either the SR-65 or SR-190 corridor.

City Manager Recommendation: Support

6. **Request:** Project funding clarification for SR-198 funds

Requesting Agencies: City of Visalia

Discussion: Funding through TCAG, The City of Visalia and Cal Trans performed the SR-198 Corridor Study. As a result of the study, numerous projects have been identified along the corridor that outnumbers the current project list within Measure R. The City of Visalia is seeking an amendment that will allow flexibility to select a specific project within the corridor. The Amendment would provide the opportunity to provide critical projects as established by the city council.

On page 21/item 21, replace the second sentence with the following:

“Flexibility may include the determination of different interchanges, over-crossing priorities, and parallel facility improvements within two miles. Parallel facility improvements will be required to demonstrate benefit the SR-198 corridor.”

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment with the condition that Parallel facility improvements will be required to demonstrate benefit to the SR-190 corridor.

City Manager Recommendation: Support

7. **Request:** Replace the funding for Avenue 416 (Euclid to Snyder) with City of Dinuba corridor improvements

Requesting Agencies: City of Dinuba

Discussion: The “last mile” of Avenue 416 is within a dense urban area. Widening of Avenue 416 for this section would require a significant number of residential home purchases and likely reduction of park land. The costs for this section is significant. The Amendment would provide the opportunity to provide other critical projects as established by the city council.

On Page 6, replace “Avenue 416/Euclid to Snyder” with “Dinuba Corridor Improvements” and move to Page 7.

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment with the condition that improvements would be required to be on the Avenue 416 or Avenue 400 corridor.

City Manager Recommendation: Support

8. **Request:** Technical Changes

Requesting Agencies: TCAG Staff

Discussion: As technology changes, the types of cleaner burning vehicles changes. The original Expenditure Plan listed “CNG”. However, transit fleets are required to convert to electric technology. The type of rail that may occur in the future may change as well. Currently, the Expenditure Plan shows “light rail.” Light rail may or may not be what is used in the future in Tulare County.

On page 10, remove the term “CNG” and remove the number after buses for the County and Porterville.

On page 10, change “regional Light Rail ROW preservation” to “Regional Transit Corridor ROW preservation”

TCAG Staff Recommendation: Support the amendment

City Manager Recommendation: Support

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

AGENDA ITEM IV-B

May 18, 2020

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Measure R Transit Funding Suspension for FY 2020/2021 to all eligible Member Agencies

BACKGROUND:

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DISCUSSION:

Over the past few months, sale tax has significantly declined. There are various estimates regarding the fiscal impact, but it is still unknown the full impact of the reduction in sales tax. The result is less Measure R funding and in particular, the potential to delay regional projects. Funding options and financing scenarios are being reviewed to determine alternatives.

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While some of the processes and details have yet to be worked out, the funding is available to offset capital costs, operations costs, and lost revenue as a result of COVID-19. It does not have a time limit in which to be spent. The funding received by the CARES Act exceeds the annual amount received from Measure R. (Or is projected to exceed in the County's case when all payments are distributed)

Adversely, it is expected that COVID-19 will reduce the amount of funding received by the Measure R sales tax. Staff is recommending that the Measure R transit funding payment to all eligible member agencies is suspended for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in light of the CARES Act funding made available.

ATTACHMENT:

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

In the matter of:

APPROVE MEASURE R TRANSIT FUNDING)
SUSPENSION FOR FY 2020/2021 TO ALL) Resolution No. []
ELIGIBLE MEMBER AGENCIES)

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Transportation Authority approves the Measure R transit funding payment to all eligible member agencies is suspended for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 due to the CARES Act funding made available.

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 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Kuyler Crocker
Chair, TCTA

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCTA

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

AGENDA ITEM IV-C

May 18, 2020

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Measure R Revenue for April 2020

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DISCUSSION:

Status of Measure R Revenues

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 - Measure R allocations have been received, payment request and distribution made through April 2020. The allocation for the month of April is \$2,303,672 compared to \$2,279,037 for the same period last year. The year to date amount is \$29,136,969 compared to \$28,355,589 for the same period last year, representing a 2.8% increase for the fiscal year.

See attached revenue chart covering fiscal years 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 year to date.

An update on sales tax projections will be provided at the Board meeting.

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1. Annual Revenue Comparison through April of Each Fiscal Year

Attachment 1

