

Tulare County Association of Governments	Date: <b>Monday, September 20, 2021</b> Time: <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Place: Tulare County Board of Supervisors 2800 W. Burrel Avenue Visalia, CA 93291
Technical Advisory Committee	Date: <b>Thursday, September 16, 2021</b> Time: <b>1:30 PM</b> Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

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

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

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

##### **Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Items IV-A through IV-B.**

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4 (Type 3-Formal Amendment) (Pages 1-4)
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 5 (Type 5-Formal Amendment) (Pages 5-10)
- C. Information: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Competitive Programs Update (Pages 11-12)
- D. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update (Pages 13-14)

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

- A. Presentation & Information: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Kids' Plates Grant for Childhood Unintentional Injury and Illness Prevention (Pages 15-32)
- B. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects (Pages 33-34)
- C. Information: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update (Pages 35-36)
- D. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report (No Page)

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

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

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

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

- A. Action: Minutes of August 16, 2021 TCAG Board Meeting (Pages 37-40)
- B. Action: Minutes of August 12, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Pages 41-44)
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Creation of Additional Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Position, Increasing Membership to Eleven (11) Members (Pages 45-50)
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Trinity Consultants, Inc. for On-Call Air Quality Planning and Conformity Consulting Services (Pages 51-56)

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

- A. Information: Legislative Update (Pages 57-58)
- B. Presentation: Report from Congressman Nunes' Office (No Page)
- C. Presentation: Report from Congressman Valadao's Office (No Page)
- D. Presentation: Report from Assemblyman Mathis' Office (No Page)
- E. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office (No Page)
- F. Action: Reaffirm September as Railroad Safety Month (Pages 59-60)
- G. Information: Vacancy of Alternate Member at Large Positions No. 2 (Pages 61-62)
- H. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update (Pages 63-64)

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. California Department of Transportation Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2021-22

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## **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**

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** at the **Tulare County Human Resources & Development, 2500 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.** The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet on **Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Tulare County Human Resources & Development, 2500 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.**

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

<b>BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
Larry Micari	Tulare County-District 1	Paula Clark
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Tyrone Holscher	Member-at-Large*	Shea Gowin
Vicki Riddle	Member-at-Large*	Vacant
Pamela K. Whitmire	Member-at-Large*	Julie Allen
Diana Gomez	Caltrans*	Michael Navarro

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

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Ben Kimball, Deputy Executive Director  
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Leslie Davis, Finance Director  
Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner  
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## **AGENDA ITEM IV-A**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 4 (Type 3-Formal Amendment)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is the four-year capital improvement program that details project funding and allows the approval to expend the funds. From time to time, project details change (e.g., scope, cost, or schedule) or new projects need to be added. In these cases, the FTIP must be amended to reflect the project changes and additions. Different types of amendments depend on the type of change requested. The FTIP is subject to federal air quality conformity rules established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### **DISCUSSION:**

The project changes from this amendment have been determined to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed. The summary of changes (see Attachment 2) provides a detailed description of the project changes as a result of Amendment No. 4.

Per TCAG's adopted 2015 Public Participation Plan (PPP), a 14-day public review period was held and no comments were received during the public review period. The Executive Director has delegated authority to approve Type 3 formal amendments with reaffirmation by the TCAG Board. Amendment No. 4 was approved by the Executive Director on May 27, 2021. Caltrans approved the amendment on June 11, 2021, followed by approval by FHWA on July 2, 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG. Any fiscal changes to TCAG agencies are listed in the attached project summary.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Resolution Reaffirming Delegated Action by the Director
- 2) Summary of Changes for Amendment No. 4

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

In the matter of:

REAFFIRMING DELEGATED ACTION	)	
BY THE TCAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	)	
ON AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE 2021	)	Resolution No. 2021-xxx
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION	)	
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	)	

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require the MPO to prepare and adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require the MPO to prepare and adopt a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and their staff, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through the Tulare County Association of Governments forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP program listing is consistent with: 1) the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan; and 2) the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and 3) the Corresponding Conformity Analysis: and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP contains the MPO's certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP includes funding changes and additions and deletions of projects exempt from air quality conformity; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP must be financially constrained and the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP does not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by TCAG's advisory committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Tulare County consistent with the Public Participation Plan (PPP) adopted by TCAG; and

WHEREAS, a 14-day interagency consultation and public comment period was held between Wednesday, May 12, 2021 and Wednesday, May 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2009, TCAG approved the 2009 PPP, delegating authority to the TCAG Executive Director to approve Type 2 and 3 Amendments to the FTIP and on September 15, 2011, TCAG approved Amendment No. 1 to the PPP which delegated final approval authority for Type 1 administrative modifications to the FTIP to the TCAG Executive Director and TCAG Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tulare County Association of Governments reaffirms the Tulare County Association of Governments Executive Director's approval of Amendment No. 4 to the 2021 FTIP.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel III, Chair  
TCAG

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Ted Smalley, Executive Director  
TCAG

Summary of Changes TCAG 2021 FTIP Amendment No. 4 (Type 3 - Formal Amendment) (Dollars rounded to thousands)														
Existing / New	CTIPS ID	Implementing Agency	Project Title	Phase	Prior CTIPS Amt.	Current CTIPS Amt.	FFY	Financial Table Fund Source Category	Net Change	Prior Total Project Cost	Current Total Project Cost	Total Project Cost Change	% Change	Comments
New	N/A - Projects included in FTIP by reference	FHWA	Federal Lands Highways Program Projects											
The Transportation Improvement Program for the Western Federal Lands (WFL) and Central Federal Lands (CFL) are included in the 2021 FTIP by reference. The links to the project lists are as follows: • WFL TIP: <a href="https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-planning/tip/wfl">https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-planning/tip/wfl</a> • CFL TIP: <a href="https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-planning/tip/cfl-transportation-improvement-program">https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-planning/tip/cfl-transportation-improvement-program</a>														
New	215-0000-0780	Various	Grouped Projects for Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (using toll credits)	CON	\$0	\$3,460,000	20/21	FTA 5307	\$3,460,000	\$0	\$4,325,000	\$4,325,000	N/A (New Project)	New Group List for 2021 FTIP
					\$0	\$865,000	20/21	LIF	\$865,000					
New	215-0000-0779	Various	Grouped Projects for purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities (using toll credits)	CON	\$0	\$420,000	20/21	FTA 5307	\$420,000	\$0	\$525,000	\$525,000	N/A (New Project)	New Group List for 2021 FTIP
					\$0	\$105,000	20/21	LIF	\$105,000					
New	215-0000-0781	Various	Grouped Project for Intersection Signalization (using toll credits)	CON	\$0	\$460,000	21/22	CMAQ	\$460,000					
					\$0	\$65,000	21/22	Regional Measure	\$65,000					
					\$0	\$1,367,000	22/23	CMAQ	\$1,367,000	\$0	\$2,095,000	\$2,095,000	N/A (New Project)	New Group List for 2021 FTIP
					\$0	\$203,000	22/23	Regional Measure	\$203,000					
				PE	\$0	\$536,000	21/22	Regional Measure	\$536,000					
				R/W	\$0	\$183,000	21/22	Regional Measure	\$183,000					
New	215-0000-0782	Woodlake	State Route 245 and Cajon Avenue Roundabout Project	CON	\$0	\$3,000,000	23/24	CMAQ	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$4,551,000	\$4,551,000	N/A (New Project)	New Project for 2021 FTIP
					\$0	\$832,000	23/24	Local City Funds	\$832,000					
Total									\$11,496,000					

Summary of Net Programming Increases and Decreases (by FFY)				
Fund Type	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
CMAQ	\$0	\$460,000	\$1,367,000	\$3,000,000
FTA 5307	\$3,880,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local City Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$832,000
LTF	\$970,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regional Measure	\$0	\$784,000	\$203,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,850,000</b>	<b>\$1,244,000</b>	<b>\$1,570,000</b>	<b>\$3,832,000</b>

Revenue Only			
Fund Type	20/21	21/22	23/24
CRSAA (Non-STIP)	\$0	\$0	\$2,149,000
CRSAA (STIP)	\$0	\$0	\$2,972,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,121,000</b>

## **AGENDA ITEM IV-B**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 5 (Type 5-Formal Amendment)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is the four-year capital improvement program that details project funding and allows the approval to expend the funds. From time to time, project details change (e.g., scope, cost, or schedule) or new projects need to be added. In these cases, the FTIP must be amended to reflect the project changes and additions. Different types of amendments depend on the type of change requested. The FTIP is subject to federal air quality conformity rules established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### **DISCUSSION:**

Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP was required in order to make changes to the City of Visalia's Riggins Avenue Widening Project. The project consists of the widening of various sections of Riggins Avenue (between Road 80 and State Route 63) from 2 to 4 lanes. Prior to the approval of FTIP Amendment No. 5, the project was listed in the 2021 FTIP and 2018 RTP as one single project with an open to traffic year of 2024. The project was split into separate segments to allow for the timely use of available federal funds (STBGP and HIP<sub>1</sub>). Splitting the projects into separate segments will also result in certain segments being open to traffic earlier than shown in the FTIP and RTP, which requires the need for air quality conformity analysis. The summary of changes is included as Attachment 2 and provides a detailed description of the project changes.

As per TCAG's adopted 2015 Public Participation Plan (PPP), a 30-day public review period was held, which began on June 14, 2021, and ended on July 14, 2021. No comments were received during the public review period. As approved by the TCAG Board on August 19, 2019, the Executive Director now has delegated authority to approve Type 4 and 5 formal amendments with reaffirmation by the TCAG Board. Amendment No. 5 was approved by the Executive Director on July 14, 2021. Caltrans approval was received on July 27, 2021, followed by FHWA/FTA approval on August 14, 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG. Any fiscal changes to TCAG agencies are listed in the attached project summary.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Resolution Reaffirming Delegated Action by the Director
- 2) Amendment No. 5 Summary of Changes

Work Element: 604.01 Transportation Improvement Program

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

In the matter of:

REAFFIRMING DELEGATED ACTION	)	
BY THE TCAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	)	
ON AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE 2021	)	Resolution No. 2021-xxx
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION	)	
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	)	

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require the MPO to prepare and adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require the MPO to prepare and adopt a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and their staff, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through the Tulare County Association of Governments forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP program listing is consistent with: 1) the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan; and 2) the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and 3) the Corresponding Conformity Analysis: and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP contains the MPO's certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP must be financially constrained and the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP does not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by TCAG's advisory committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Tulare County consistent with the Public Participation Plan (PPP) adopted by TCAG; and

WHEREAS, a 30-day interagency consultation and public comment period was held between June 14, 2021 and July 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2019, the TCAG Board approved delegating authority to the TCAG Executive Director to approve Type 4 and 5 Amendments to the FTIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tulare County Association of Governments reaffirms the Tulare County Association of Governments Executive Director's approval of Amendment No. 5 to the 2021 FTIP.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

## TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel, III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

Summary of Changes														
TCAG 2021 FTP Amendment No. 5 (Type 5 - Formal Amendment)														
(Dollars rounded to thousands)														
Existing / New	CTIPS ID	Implementing Agency	Project Title	Phase	Prior CTIPS Amt.	Current CTIPS Amt.	FFY	Financial Table Fund Source Category	Net Change	Prior Total Project Cost	Current Total Project Cost	Total Project Cost Change	% Change	Comments
Existing	215-0000-0778	Visalia	Riggin Avenue Widening (Road 80 to State Route 63)	PE	\$1,910,000	0	21/22	Local City Funds	(\$1,910,000)	\$31,840,000	\$0	(\$31,840,000)	-100%	Project split into four new segments. Project limits and scopes of the segments remain the same as original project. Increase in cost and open to traffic dates requires Type 5 amendment.
				ROW	\$5,094,000	0	22/23	Local City Funds	(\$5,094,000)					
				CON	\$17,836,000	0	23/24	Local City Funds	(\$17,836,000)					
					\$7,000,000	0	23/24	Regional Measure	(\$7,000,000)					
New	215-0000-0xxx	Visalia	Riggin Avenue Widening (Akers Street to Demaree Street)	PE	\$0	\$300,000	20/21	Regional Measure	\$300,000	\$0	\$4,227,000	\$4,227,000	N/A New Project	Project split from 215-0000-0778
				CON	\$0	\$3,086,000	22/23	STBGP	\$3,086,000					
					\$0	\$841,000	22/23	Regional Measure	\$841,000					
New	215-000-0xxx	Visalia	Riggin Avenue Widening (Mooney Boulevard to Conyer Street)	PE	\$0	\$477,000	20/21	Regional Measure	\$477,000	0	\$8,038,000	\$8,038,000	N/A New Project	Project split from 215-0000-0778
				ROW	\$0	\$256,000	20/21	Local City Funds	\$256,000					
					CON	\$0	\$50,000	20/21	Regional Measure					
				\$0		\$2,485,000	21/22	Highway Improvement Program (HIP)	\$2,485,000					
				\$0		\$732,000	21/22	Regional Measure	\$732,000					
New	215-0000-0xxx	Visalia	Riggin Avenue Widening (Kelsey Avenue to Shirk Avenue)	PE	\$0	\$625,000	20/21	Regional Measure	\$625,000	0	\$11,250,000	\$11,250,000	N/A New Project	Project split from 215-0000-0778
				ROW	\$0	\$1,200,000	20/21	Regional Measure	\$1,200,000					
				CON	\$0	\$2,775,000	22/23	Regional Measure	\$2,775,000					
					\$0	\$6,650,000	22/23	Local City Funds	\$6,650,000					

New	215-0000-0xxx	Visalia	Riggin Avenue Widening (Shirk Avenue to Akers Avenue)	PE	\$0	\$1,076,000	21/22	Local City Funds	\$1,076,000	0	\$9,929,000	\$9,929,000	N/A New Project	Project split from 215-0000-0778
				ROW	\$0	\$480,000	22/23	Local City Funds	\$480,000					
				CON	\$0	\$8,373,000	23/24	Local City Funds	\$8,373,000					
								Total	\$1,604,000					

Summary of Net Increases and Decreases by FFY									
Fund Types	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Total				
Highway Improvement Program (HIP)	\$0	\$2,485,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,485,000				
Local City Funds	\$286,000	\$3,204,000	\$2,086,000	(\$9,463,000)	(\$3,967,000)				
Regional Measure	\$2,652,000	\$732,000	\$3,616,000	(\$7,000,000)	\$0				
STBCP	\$0	\$0	\$3,086,000	\$0	\$3,086,000				
Total	\$2,908,000	\$6,421,000	\$8,738,000	(\$16,463,000)	\$1,604,000				

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## AGENDA ITEM IV-C

September 20, 2021

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Information:** Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) 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), Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), Solution for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP), and the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

### DISCUSSION:

LPP, TCEP, and SCCP

On August 24, 2021 TCAG staff attended (via virtual meeting format) the 2022 All SB 1 Competitive Programs Kick-off Workshop. Introductory presentations of each of the SB1 programs were made by CTC staff. The kick off meeting was very general in nature. More in-depth discussions related to the guidelines, selection criteria, etc. will occur during the SB1 workshops planned later this fall and into 2022. The table below shows the upcoming workshop schedule beginning in September 2021.

September 2021	LPP	Tuesday, September 21, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	TCEP	Thursday, September 23, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	SCCP	Tuesday, September 28, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
October 2021	LPP	Tuesday, October 19, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	TCEP	Thursday, October 21, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	SCCP	Tuesday, October 26, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
November 2021	LPP	Monday, November 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	TCEP	Wednesday, November 10, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	SCCP	Tuesday, November 16, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
December 2021	TCEP	Monday, December 13, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	LPP	Tuesday, December 14, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
	SCCP	Thursday, December 16, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Guidelines Adoptions and Calls for Projects	Anticipated Summer 2022
Program Adoptions	Anticipated Summer 2023

#### ATP

The guidelines workshops for the Active Transportation Program are on a different track than the three SB1 programs discussed above. The kickoff workshop 2023 Active Transportation Program is scheduled for November 6, 2021. Additional workshops to discuss the guidelines, project study report requirements, applications, and scoring rubrics are planned in November, December and January.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Information item only. No action needed at this time.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

## **AGENDA ITEM IV-D**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Benjamin Giuliani, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

The CTC is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC met via webinar/teleconference on August 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The next CTC meeting via webinar/teleconference is on October 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The STIP is a biennial document, which covers five years of programming for transportation projects in California. The STIP is comprised of Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs) from each of the counties in California and the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) that is developed by Caltrans. The RTIPs account for 75% and the ITIP accounts for 25% of the total STIP funding.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### August CTC Meeting

State Highway Operation and Protection (SHOPP) allocations:

\$15.7 million for construction replacing the Yokohl Creek and Kaweah River bridges on SR-245 near Woodlake.

\$9.89 million for construction at the Raine rest area near Tipton to upgrade water, sewer and irrigation.

\$2.25 million PS&E and \$750k R/W support for the SR-216 rehabilitation/Lovers Ln IC operational improvements project.

#### June CTC Meeting

State Highway Operation and Protection (SHOPP) Minor Program allocations:

\$1.25 million for drainage improvements along SR-190 near Poplar.

\$1 million for operation improvements for SR-198 between Giddings and Watson in Visalia.

Local Partnership Program (LPP) allocation:

\$1.387 million for the right of way phase of the widening of Caldwell Ave between Santa Fe and Lovers Ln in Visalia.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) programming:

\$1.07 million for the Ivanhoe safe routes to school project (construction in FY24/25).

\$1.218 million for sidewalk improvements in Tipton (construction in FY 24/25).

## 2020 RTIP/STIP

The CTC adopted the 2020 STIP at the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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	\$7.4 m <sup>1</sup>			
SR-99 Widening (Tagus-Prosperity)	Caltrans	Con	\$69.491 m <sup>2</sup>				
SR-99 Widening (City of Tulare)	Caltrans	E&P PS&E	\$4.15m <sup>3</sup>		\$6.37 m <sup>4</sup>		

<sup>1</sup>Additionally, \$29.4 million from Measure R and \$16 million from BUILD

<sup>2</sup>\$62.327 million from Caltrans' Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), \$7.164m from RTIP

<sup>3</sup>\$2.0 million from ITIP, \$2.15 million from RTIP

<sup>4</sup>\$4.3 million from ITIP and \$2.07 million from Prop 1b savings

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

## 2022 RTIP/STIP

Listed below is the schedule for the adoption of the 2022 STIP:

6/23/21 Caltrans presents draft fund estimate

7/19/21 STIP Guidelines and fund estimate workshop

8/18/21 CTC adopts fund estimates and guidelines

10/4/21 Caltrans submits draft ITIP

10/14/21 CTC ITIP Hearing (south)

12/15/21 Regions submit RTIPs, Caltrans submits final ITIP

2/3/22 CTC STIP Hearing (south)

3/23/22 CTC adopts STIP

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

## **AGENDA ITEM V-A**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Holly Gallo & Brideget Moore, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Presentation & Information:** California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Kids' Plates Grant for Childhood Unintentional Injury and Illness Prevention

### **BACKGROUND:**

In July 2021, TCAG administrative staff applied for the CDPH grant after California Kid's Plates program released the Request for Application (RFA) No. 21-10210 on June 15, 2021. TCAG staff informed the Board of intent to apply for the grant at the June 28, 2021 Board meeting.

Additionally, TCAG administrative staff informed the Board of the Kids' Plates Equipment Grant applied for and awarded to TCAG. This grant supplied TCAG with 100 bike/multisport helmets and 30 convertible vehicle safety seats.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On August 12, 2021, CDPH announced that TCAG had been awarded \$150,000 for the Kids' Plates Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention grant. Ten total applications were received, of which seven were indicated as tentative award recipients. The grant will provide two reimbursements of \$75,000 per grant year over a total grant period of 21 months from October 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.

Per grant award guidelines, the TCAG workplan for the funding will focus on unintentional childhood injury prevention. Given TCAG's history of active participation in bike rodeos, active transportation awareness initiatives, and national safety campaign interventions such as Rail Safety Month and Safe Routes to School, implementation of grant projects will find effortless alignment with ongoing TCAG enterprises. Intended projects include child safety seat community installation, training, and dissemination events; bike rodeos and multisport safety equipment dissemination and targeted safety training; bilingual multimedia safety campaigns; and promotion of national active transportation events.

Based on public health data for Tulare County, young TCAG constituents stand to gain considerable benefit from unintentional injury prevention interventions. Local youth face significantly higher statistical likelihood of unintentional injury and death based on demographic factors like the number of children living in rural communities; the extent to which children live in poverty; the number of households living without a person over the age of 14 who is comfortably fluent in English; the lack of access to medical professionals who speak languages other than English; and the relative lack of community resources in Tulare County compared to the rest of the state of California. In general, Tulare County also showed higher rates of childhood hospitalizations, emergency room visits, and

deaths resulting from bike, pedestrian, and/or motor vehicle occupant-related injuries compared to the state.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This grant does not require a match and staff time is built into the cost of outreach efforts. There is no fiscal impact besides the staff time allocated for grant preparation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Kids' Plates Equipment Award Letter
2. Kids; Plates Grant Award Letter
3. Kids' Plates Grant Award Presentation

**Brideget M Moore**

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**From:** Bernacki, Kate@CDPH <Kate.Bernacki@cdph.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** Bernacki, Kate@CDPH  
**Cc:** Angel, Claudia@CDPH; Rosenhall, Jeffery@CDPH; Alamo, Stacy@CDPH  
**Subject:** Kids' Plates Equipment Award

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Congratulations! You have been awarded a Kids' Plates equipment allocation of approximately 100 bike/multisport helmets and approximately 30 convertible car seats.

This notice is being sent to the contact individual in your application, and the delivery information will be provided to the designated delivery email when timeframes have been determined. Also, details as to the exact number of each equipment will be provided to you prior to delivery.

Again, the California Department of Public Health Kids' Plates program is pleased to provide this much needed childhood unintentional injury prevention safety equipment to you for local dissemination.

If you have any questions please contact me or Claudia.

Kate Bernacki, MPH  
Coordinator, VOSP and Kids' Plates  
CDPH



TOMÁS J. ARAGÓN, MD, DrPH  
Director and State Public Health Officer

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor

August 12, 2021

Ted Smalley  
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)  
210 North Church Street, Suite B  
Visalia, California 93291

**RE: Kids' Plates Program Request For Application (RFA) #21-10210 for Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention**

Dear Mr. Smalley,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Injury and Violence Prevention Branch (IVPB) would like to thank you for submitting your application for the Kids' Plates Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention funding opportunity. We received a total of ten applications, of which seven will be funded. We are pleased to inform you that your agency has been selected as a tentative award recipient. Your anticipated funding amount will be \$150,000 for the 21-month period of October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Please keep in mind that all grant awards are contingent on the annual allocation of funding that CDPH receives from the Kids' Plates program, and work cannot commence until a fully executed grant is in place with CDPH.

In the coming weeks, CDPH/IVPB staff will be contacting your agency to schedule a grant negotiation call, in which we will discuss any needed changes to the Work Plan, Budget or other minor changes. Once these negotiations are completed, the grant will be submitted for final processing.

We are very excited about this opportunity to expand our partnership with you and build on current efforts that impact childhood unintentional injury prevention. Should you have questions, please contact Kate Bernacki at [kate.bernacki@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:kate.bernacki@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Stacy Alamo Mixson, MPH, Chief  
Injury and Violence Prevention Branch

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2021-2023

# TCAG Community Outreach

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Kids' Plates Grant  
Work Plan and Project Activities

# PURPOSE & FOCUS

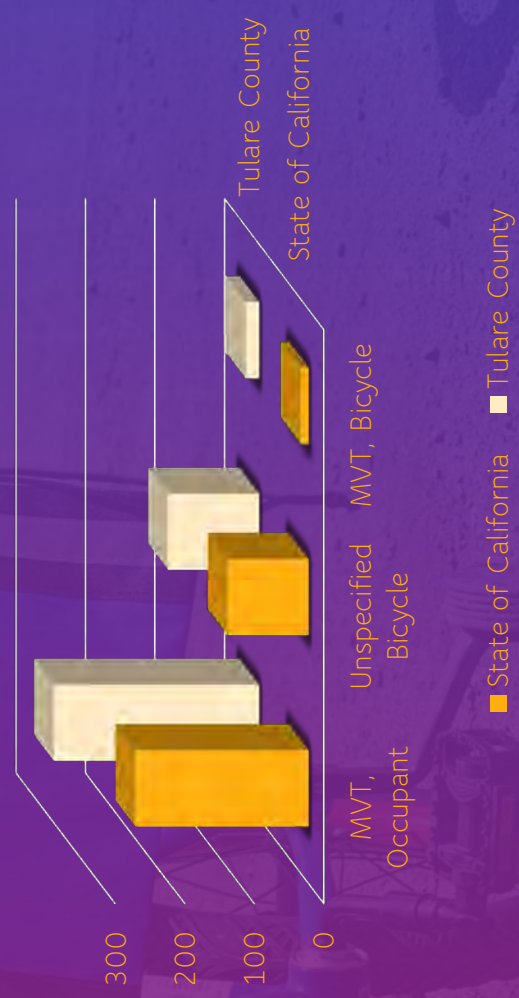
- Implement evidence-based and data-informed interventions
- Support local efforts to reduce unintentional childhood injury and death
- Conduct unintentional injury prevention trainings
- Provide unintentional injury prevention safety equipment and targeted education
- Promote California Department of Public Health Kids' Plates Program

# BACKGROUND

2021-2023

## Unintentional Childhood Injuries

Non-Fatal Emergency Department Visits  
Ages 0 - 12  
2015-2019



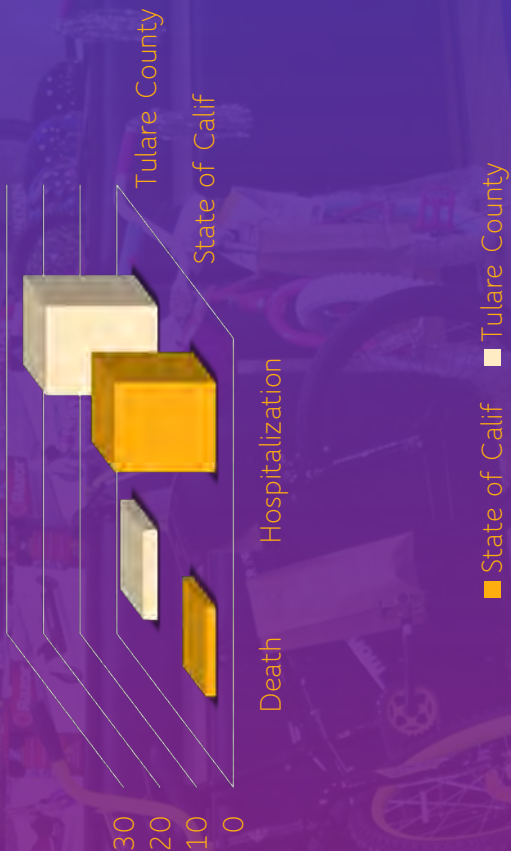
MVT - Motor Vehicle Traffic  
Data from California Department of Public Health

# BACKGROUND

2021-2023

## Unintentional Childhood Injuries

Aggregate Bike, Pedestrian, and MVT Injury Outcomes  
Ages 0 - 18



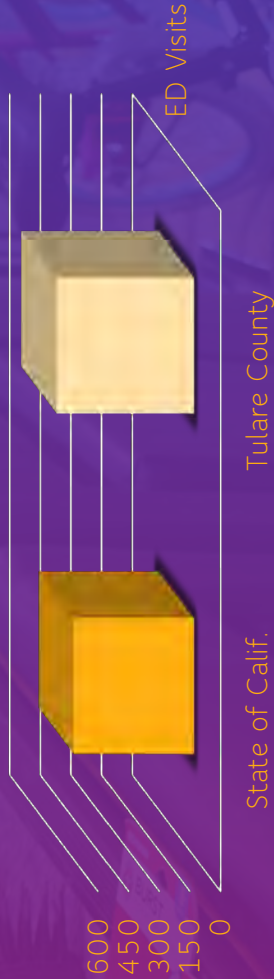
MVT - Motor Vehicle Traffic  
Data from California Department of Public Health 2015-2019

# BACKGROUND

2021-2023

## Unintentional Childhood Injuries

Aggregate Bike, Pedestrian, and MVT Injury  
Emergency Department Visits  
Ages 0 - 18



■ State of Calif. ■ Tulare County  
MVT - Motor Vehicle Traffic



# TCAG AWARD: \$150,000

Grant Period: October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023

# OBJECTIVE 1:

Implement unintentional injury prevention program interventions

## **OBJECTIVE 2:**

**Promote public education and awareness campaigns related to UCID**

### DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Increased awareness of active transportation safety campaigns
- Targeted community engagement in high-risk demographics
- Increased awareness and utilization of local Safe Routes to School projects

# OBJECTIVE 3:

**Provide unintentional childhood injury prevention safety equipment and targeted education**

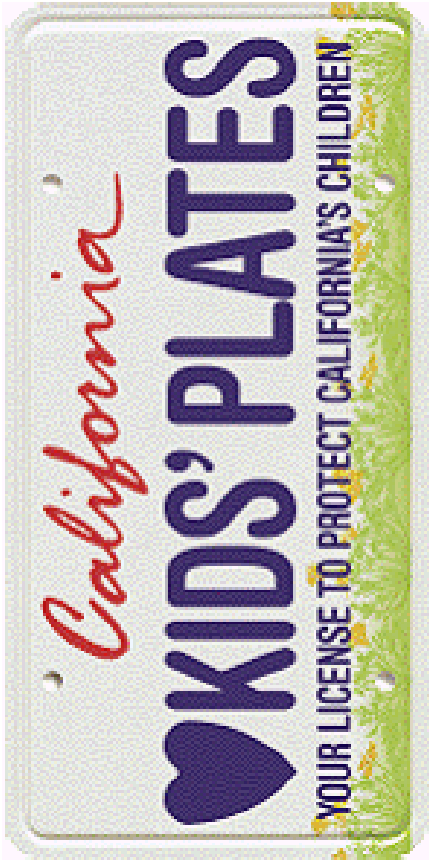
## Activities

- Helmet fitting and dissemination events
- Bike rodeos
- Walk & Roll art contest

## Desired Outcomes

# OBJECTIVE 4:

## Promote Kids’ Plates license plates program and program interventions



Include Kids’ Plates sponsorship notice in event announcements



Marketing Dissemination

Distribute marketing material to local car dealerships and DMV offices



Sponsor Display Presentation

Include visual displays of sponsorship at events



Multilingual Promotion

Partner with Univision to promote Kids’ Plates program and project activities

# CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION TRAINING



# CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION TRAINING



# INSTALLATION AND DISTRIBUTION EVENT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 27-28

- 20 + new convertible child safety seats distributed
- 10 + owner-installed car seats corrected
- 80 + new subscribers to upcoming TCAG outreach events notifications

2021-2023

# NEXT STEPS



## PROJECT FINALIZATION

Meet with CDPH to modify, clarify, and finalize project work plan



## BIKE RODEO EVENTS

Confer and schedule with local schools and community organizations



Child Safety Seat Technician Certification for select staff



## TARGETED ADVERTISING

Reach high-risk and underserved communities to encourage participation in national safety campaigns



## CAR SEAT EVENTS

Confer and schedule with local schools and community organizations



## ANALYZE DATA

Identify project improvement areas and adjust as necessary

## AGENDA ITEM V-B

September 20, 2021

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)**, formerly 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 route expansion and bus purchases, etc.

### DISCUSSION:

#### STBGP

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Tulare County region, TCAG is responsible for soliciting projects from eligible agencies for programming in the FTIP and ensuring that the funds are being utilized appropriately and are obligated in a timely manner. In FFY 20/21, \$3.6 million in STBGP funds were obligated on two roadway rehabilitation projects (in the City of Visalia and County of Tulare). Next FFY (21/22), there is \$4.3 million in STBGP programmed on the City of Visalia's Riggins Avenue Widening Project. Beginning in federal fiscal year (FFY) 22/23, TCAG will begin distributing federal STBGP funds on a competitive basis. The call for projects is scheduled for the fall 2021. Selected projects will be programmed in the current and future FTIPs.

#### CMAQ

Two roundabout projects were scheduled for obligation this year and both have been obligated:

City of Dinuba: **Roundabout at Alta and Nebraska**

- CMAQ: \$1,015,000

City of Woodlake: **Roundabout at Sierra and Castle Rock**

- CMAQ: \$1,970,000

Two transit project were able to be advanced this year. Three electric buses were approved for the City of Porterville. The CMAQ amount is \$2,055,000 and the match is \$693,000. Visalia Transit also received \$1,386,000 in CMAQ funds to support a new transit route to the Industrial Park. The route is scheduled to begin on October 3, 2021.

**ATTACHMENT:**

None

## **AGENDA ITEM V-C**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Benjamin A. Kimball, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a 20-year planning document that TCAG updates at least once every four years. The RTP is the highest level and most comprehensive planning document prepared by TCAG. The 2022 RTP will outline transportation improvements and other related planning elements through the year 2047. Planned transportation improvements must be financially constrained, based on funding estimates, and performance measures should be defined.

Progress so far on the development of the RTP/SCS has included:

- Formation of the RTP Roundtable
- Formation of the RTP Rural Communities Committee
- Formation of the RHNA Housing Subcommittee
- Development and Review of Draft Policies
- Nearing completion of the modeling work
- Development of SCS Scenarios
- Preparation of and Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Preparation of an Environmental Justice Study
- Preparation of a Health Impact Analysis
- Update of the Regional Active Transportation Plan
- Update of the Regional Transit Plan
- Preparation of additional County Complete Streets Plans
- Preparation of a 2022 RTP Public Outreach Plan
- Preparation of a 2022 RPT Tribal Public Outreach Plan
- Participation in a Valleywide Regional Early Action Planning Committee for housing
- Preparation of a Regional Housing Allocation Plan and new development factors
- Air Quality Conformity Document Preparation
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program Update

### **DISCUSSION:**

As part of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process, three growth scenarios are being developed to compare how different growth influences and policies can impact greenhouse gas emissions and the transportation system. This scenario becomes the foundation of the SCS analysis that complements the RTP.

A presentation of these scenarios will be made at the Board meeting and members of the public in attendance will be invited to participate in a survey that will include scenario preference that will then be used with the remainder of the public input to inform the Board's decision on a preferred scenario later in the year.

These scenarios will also be presented to the public during the public outreach process and the results of the public outreach are communicated back to the TCAG Board to inform their decision on the selection of a preferred scenario at the following locations:

- Tulare County Fair
- Tule River Tribal Council Meeting
- Visalia City Council Meeting
- Tulare City Council Meeting
- Tulare County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Porterville City Council Meeting
- Woodlake City Council Meeting
- Farmersville City Council Meeting
- Dinuba City Council Meeting
- Lindsay City Council Meeting
- Exeter City Council Meeting
- Various Food Link Locations Throughout the Region

Under federal regulations, the RTP and its supporting documents must be final by June of 2022. Any potential schedule delays or necessary development of responses to comments will most likely be due to state requirements: specifically, the Sustainable Communities Strategy and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenges. Federal funding sources are not likely to be affected.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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

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**Executive Minutes August 16, 2021**

Board Members	Alternates	Present (M)ember/(A)lternate	Agency
Larry Micari	Paula Clark	-	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel (Chair)	William Cushing	M	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Amy Shuklian	Bill Whitlatch	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	A	City of Dinuba
Frankie Alves	Dave Hails	M	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Ruben Macareno	M	City of Farmersville
Ramona Caudillo	Hipolito Cerros	-	City of Lindsay
Martha A. Flores (Vice-Chair)	Milt Stowe	M	City of Porterville
Terry Sayre	Jose Sigala	M	City of Tulare
Brian Poochigian	Vacant	M	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Florencio Guerra Jr.	-	City of Woodlake
Greg Gomez	Vacant	-	Rep. from Public Transit
Tyrone Holscher	Shea Gowin	M	Member-At-Large*
Vacant	Vacant	-	Member-At-Large*
Pamela Whitmire	Julie Allen	M/A	Member-At-Large*
Diana Gomez	Michael Navarro	A	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)**

X	Matt Pierce, Tulare County Deputy Counsel	X	Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner
X	Ted Smalley, Executive Director	X	Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
X	Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director	X	Sheela Bhongir, Regional Planner
X	Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer-LAFCO		Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH
X	Leslie Davis, Finance Director		Barbara Pilegard, Associate Regional Planner/EH
X	Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner		Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH
X	Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner	X	Michele Boling, TCAG Accountant III
	Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner	X	Brideget Moore, TCAG Analyst III
	Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner	X	Amie Kane, Administrative Clerk II
X	Kasia Thompson, Associate Regional Planner	X	Servando Quintanilla, Administrative Clerk II
		X	Holly Gallo, Office Assistant III

**I. WELCOME**

The Tulare County Association of Governments Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Vander Poel at 1:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021, at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrell Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Valero 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 Item IV-A**

### **A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2021/22 Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) State of Good Repair Project List**

Upon a Motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Flores, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV-

A. Absent: Micari, Shuklian, Caudillo, Mendoza, and Gomez

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

### **C. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach**

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

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

### **A. Presentation: Tulare County Bridge Program**

Mr. Smalley introduced Mr. Reed Shenke with Tulare County RMA. Mr. Shenke thanked TCAG for the opportunity to present on the Tulare County Bridge Program and introduced Mr. Jason Vivian to give the presentation. Mr. Vivian provided an overview of the current program and recent changes. Mr. Vivian discussed the challenges in funding a backlog of projects, the 11 completed bridges, and the 35 bridge projects that had been programmed. Mr. Vivian highlighted the historic Oak Grove bridge project and shared a virtual video that walked through the planned project.

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

Mr. Giuliani stated that the CTC had last met on June 23, 2021, and that the next scheduled meeting was scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Giuliani outlined the State Highway Operation and Protection (SHOPP) allocations.

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

Ms. Forte provided details regarding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) projects; 1 in Visalia, and 1 within the County of Tulare near the community of Tipton.

Ms. Forte explained that two roundabout projects had been scheduled for obligation with CMAQ funds in Dinuba and Woodlake.

### **D. Information: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Policy Element**

Mr. Kimball reported that staff had completed an internal review and update of the draft 2022 RTP Policy Element, these policies will be presented and discussed at a future meeting with the RTP Roundtable and the Rural Communities Committee in August after which input gathered from those meeting would be shared with the TCAG Board.

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

Mr. Navarro stated that a call for projects would be happening, and Caltrans would host a workshop to help those wishing to apply for the planning grants. Additionally, he discussed bridge, widening, and various projects throughout 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 Holscher, and seconded by Member Shuklian, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously reaffirmed all actions while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. Absent: Micari, Caudillo, Mendoza, and Gomez.

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

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

- A. Action: Minutes of June 28, 2021 TCAG Board Meeting
- B. Action: Minutes of June 24, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm Agreement with 4Creeks for City of Farmersville Complete Streets and Multimodal Access Study
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to Update the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Regional Architecture and to Provide Three Year On-Call Architecture Maintenance and ITS Consulting Services
- E. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2021-01: Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) FY 2021 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Application
- F. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2021-02: City of Woodlake United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application
- G. Action: Approve Agreement with the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Concerning Services and Office Space
- H. Action: Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Regarding Federal Transit Planning and Programming
- I. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

Upon a motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Shuklian, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar Items VII-A through VII-I.

Absent: Micari, Caudillo, Mendoza, and Gomez. Member Boyer abstained from Item VII-E.

- J. Information: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Update

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

### **A. Information: Legislative Update**

Mr. Smalley provided a State legislative update highlighting the potential fundings to assist with ATP projects this budget cycle.

Mr. Smalley discussed the Federal Transportation Bill, adding that although the Senate passed the Bill it was not approved in the House. Additionally, he noted that the transportation bill had no earmarks currently and that earmark requests for annual transportation could be requested. Lastly, Mr. Smalley highlighted the virtual and possible in person legislative trips planned for Summer 2021 and Spring 2022.

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

No representative present, report not given.

### **C. Presentation: Report from Congressman Valadao's Office**

Clayton Smith, representative for Congressman Valadao's office, provided an update on drought relief efforts for the valley and reducing regulatory burdens to improve water infrastructure.

### **D. Presentation: Report from Assemblyman Mathis' Office**

No representative present, report not given.

### **E. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office**

No representative present, report not given.

### **F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointment of Member-At-Large for Position No. 2**

Mr. Smalley outlined the current Member at Large vacancy for position number 2 and stated that two applications had been received to fill that position from Ms. Julie Allen and Viki Riddle.

Upon a motion by Member Townsend, and seconded by Member Poochigian, the Association unanimously approved to appoint Ms. Viki Riddle to serve the remainder of the term for the number 2 Member at Large position. Absent: Micari, Caudillo, Mendoza, and Gomez.

### **G. Information: Vacancy of Alternate Member at Large Position No. 2**

Ms. Moore reviewed the current vacancy of Member as Large and Alternate member for Position No. 2. Ms. Moore explained that the term would last until December 2022 and TCAG would continue to solicit interest on the TCAG website and social media, and any applications received would be brought to the Board for consideration.

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

Ms. Forte stated that several items had been underway that TCAG staff would be assisting with including the TCRTA Short Range Transit Plan, branding and marketing strategies, a zero-emission bus rollout plan, Title VI Program, and paratransit plans. Ms. Forte announced that TCRTA has also considered options for assisting the Tule River Tribe with their transit operations.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Brown Armstrong Audit**

Ms. Davis reported that the letter received from Brown Armstrong outlined the responsibility and timeline of the TCAG audit.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Information: Items from Staff**

**1. TCAG Director's Report**

Mr. Smalley announced that lots of great projects had been worked on, thanking the Board and Partners for assisting on litter cleanup efforts and funding to move forward.

**2. Other Items**

None

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

**1. Tulare County Water Commission Update**

Member Flores reported that the meeting had been canceled; therefore, she had nothing to report.

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

None

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

Member Valero, who had attended as the alternate for Member Shuklian reported that valley rail operations and expenses had been discussed as well as the Madera station relocation project.

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

None

**5. TCAG Transit Report**

None

**6. Other Items**

None

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

None

**XI. ADJOURN**

The TCAG Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:02 p.m.

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

**Item VII-B**  
**TCAG Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tulare County Association of Governments - 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291**  
**August 12, 2021 – Summary Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

City of Dinuba	<i>Absent</i>
City of Exeter	<i>Eddie Wendt</i>
Cities of Farmersville, Woodlake	Lisa Wallis-Dutra
City of Lindsay	Michael Camarena
County of Tulare	Karla Artega
City of Porterville	Rich Tree
City of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco
Tule River Indian Reservation	<i>Absent</i>
TCAG	Roberto Brady
Caltrans	<i>Absent</i>

**Others Present:**

**TCAG Staff Present:** Steven Ingoldsby, Ted Smalley, Elizabeth Forte, Ben Giuliani, Gail Miller, Giancarlo Bruno, Sheela Bhongir, Brideget Moore, Amie Kane, Holly Gallo, and Servando Quintanilla Jr Recording.

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

(Minutes reflect agenda items discussed only)

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brady 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 August 16, 2021.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Brady opened up public comment and closed with no public comment.

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

**A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2021/22 Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) State of Good Repair Project List**

Mr. Bruno gave an update on the state of good repair projects and reviewed the three projects including a new one for TCRTA.

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

Mr. Brady stated that there was an interagency consultation call that week and on July 22, a partial approval and disapproval on the non-attainment plan and if the decision became final, it would create a conformity freeze on amendments to the FTIP and RTP for a period of 1-3 months.

**C. Information: Final Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach**

Mr. Brady summarized activities for outreach and relayed the final budget information and expenditures. Also, he mentioned that there was a balance of \$29,000 due to Covid 19 issues and further highlighted the redistributing efforts and data releases.

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

Mr. Gutierrez stated that there would be a kickoff workshop that marked the beginning of the process and guidelines and would provide updates in September. Further he shared that the

ATP cycle 6 was anticipated to begin discussion late this year or early next year and discussed projects that were awarded.

**V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Giuliani stated that the CTC would meet soon and discussed two Caltrans SHOPP projects with one being the Phillip S. Raine rest area in Tipton at 9.9 million to upgrade water, sewer, and irrigation, and second would be the bridge replacement and construction projects at 15.7 million on the Yokohl Creek bridge and the Kaweah River bridge.

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

Mr. Gutierrez reported on the Tulare Avenue Rehabilitation project was obligated on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with almost 3 million in funds and Ave 152 rehab was obligated for 1.7 million. Ms. Forte reported that we were able to expend the 6.1 million CMAQ with success and thanked the cities for their efforts.

**D. Information: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Policy Element**

Mr. Brady reviewed the policy element highlights such as cross valley corridor plan, serving disadvantaged communities and setting up presentations. He also spoke about outreach efforts and partnership with Foodlink. Mr. Brady stated that TCAG would use at the Tulare County fair and social media to gather comments and feedback.

**E. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report**

None.

**VII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm Agreement with 4Creeks for City of Farmersville Complete Streets and Multimodal Access Study**

Ms. Forte stated that the item was a reaffirmation of agreement with 4Creeks.

**D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to Update the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Regional Architecture and to Provide Three Year On-Call Architecture Maintenance and ITS Consulting Services**

Mr. Brady shared that the item was regarding the recommendation of Kimley-Horn to update the ITS Architecture and to provide on-call ITS consulting and architecture maintenance service under a three-year agreement.

**E. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2021-01: Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) FY 2021 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Application**

Ms. Gallo gave an update on the SHE FY 2021 USDA Rural Development Section 533 HPG application grant funding for the amount of \$100,000 to benefit at least seven households in the FY 2021 HPG target areas.

**F. Action: Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2021-02: City of Woodlake United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application**

Ms. Gallo gave an update on the City of Woodlake USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant for the amount of \$70,000 to purchase four additional police patrol vehicles for the City of Woodlake.

**G. Action: Approve Agreement with the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Concerning Services and Office Space**

Ms. Forte gave an update on the TCRTA agreement with TCAG and the agreement about facility use.

**H. Action: Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Regarding Federal Transit Planning and Programming**

Ms. Forte gave an update on the MOU sharing that TCRTA was a public transit provider that received federal funds and TCAG, as the MPO, had some oversight on these funds and was required to ensure that appropriate planning occurred in order to make best use of federal funds and was also responsible for maintaining the FTIP which lists, in detail, projects and expenditures for all federal transportation funds.

**I. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Plan (OWP)**

Mr. Davis reported that the item was the No. 3 amendment to the FY 21/22 OWP with increases to Work Element No. 603.02, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Work Element No. 602.04, Transit Planning and Coordination, Work Element No. 602.04-1050, Cross Valley Corridor Transit Development Plan, Work Element No. 670.10, Regional Housing, and Work Element No. 601.04, Office Expenses/Fixed Assets, for an EV charging Station.

**J. Information: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Update**

Mr. Ingoldsby reported TCAG was now estimated to receive a total of 1,613,803 from HCD with \$523,145 and \$125,000 already received in Phases I and II and the remaining funds estimated to be received were subject to change by HCD.

**VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Information: Legislative Update**

Mr. Smalley reported that at the state level, the budget had not been resolved causing delays and at the federal level it was somewhat similar, the transportation bill passed and discussed details of earmarks.

**F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointment of Member-At-Large for Position No. 2**

Mr. Smalley reported that TCAG had received two applications for the vacant Member At Large position and that the TCAG Board would make the final selection for the position.

**G. Information: Vacancy of Alternate Member at Large Position No. 2**

Mr. Smalley stated that the item was for the vacant Member At Large Alternate position that was still open.

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

Ms. Forte reported as of July 1st, transit operations of Tulare Intermodal Express (TIME), Dinuba Transit, and Woodlake Dial-a-Ride were transferred to the TCRTA and that TCAG staff would be assisting as well, including the TCRTA Short Range Transit Plan, branding, marketing strategy, Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan, Title VI Program, Paratransit Plan, and TCRTA is also considering options for assisting the Tule River Tribe with their transit operations.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The TCAG Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, September 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Tulare County Board of Supervisors 2800 W. Burrell Ave, Visalia, CA 93291**. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, September 16, 2021 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**

September 20, 2021

Prepared by Giancarlo Bruno, TCAG Staff

### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Creation of Additional Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Position, Increasing Membership to Eleven (11) Members

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires each regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) to provide for the establishment of a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). The SSTAC is a volunteer body responsible for advising the RTPA on transit issues, particularly those related to human services transportation and priority populations, and for making recommendations on which comments received as part of the annual 'Unmet Transit Needs' process constitute unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. These recommendations provide the basis for the formal Unmet Transit Needs Finding adopted by the TCAG board for submittal to Caltrans.

Membership is comprised of 10 members representing local transit operators, social services providers, and potential transit users from certain transit reliant populations.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Presently there is a single vacancy on the Council, caused by the recent departure of its representative from local youth. To date no applications have been received for the vacant position, which is reserved for county residents aged 25 or younger. A notice advertising the vacant position has been posted to the TCAG website.

During the August meeting, the Council discussed the SSTAC composition. They believe it is skewed towards social service and transportation providers rather than transit riders in the community. People with a disability or disabilities ride transit at significantly higher rates than average for Tulare County and there are multiple community members interested in serving on the SSTAC in this capacity. Therefore, the creation of a second position on the Council for a 'Representative of Potential Transit Riders with a Disability' is recommended by staff to allow more direct participation by members of this transit-reliant population. This is particularly appropriate considering the SSTAC's role in the annual unmet transit needs process.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Create a second 'Representative of Potential Transit Riders with a Disability' position on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, increasing membership to eleven members.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG. The SSTAC is required under state law.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution: Amending Composition of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
2. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Member Categories

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

In the matter of:

ENLARGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL	)	
SERVICES TRANSPORTATION	)	Resolution No. [2021-XXX ]
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR	)	
TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	)	

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was established in accordance with Article 3, Section 99238 of the California Public Utilities Code (PUC) which outlines the composition, duties, responsibilities, and terms of service of the SSTAC; and

WHEREAS, Section 99238 further stipulates that members of the SSTAC shall be appointed by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), including filling vacancies on the council as they occur; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is the RTPA for the County of Tulare; and

WHEREAS, people with a disability or disabilities constitute a significant share of habitual transit riders within the County of Tulare; and

WHEREAS, the SSTAC is an advisory body that exists to address the particular needs of transit-reliant populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCAG Board hereby approves the creation of a second position on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for a 'Representative of Potential Transit Riders with a Disability'.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon the motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

#### TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel, III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

SOCIAL SERVICES  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY  
COUNCIL

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**Member Categories**  
*August 2021*

1. One representative of potential transit users who are 60 years of age or older.  
Dan Fox (term ends 6/22)
2. One representative of potential transit users that are disabled.  
Rebecca Donabed (term ends 6/23)
3. Two representatives of local social service transit providers for seniors/social service transportation providers.  
  
John Mauro, Tulare HHSA (term ends 6/22)  
Norma Verduzco, Family Health Care Network (term ends 6/24)
4. Two representatives of local social service transit providers for the disabled/social service transportation providers.  
Mark Michaelian, Able Industries (term ends 6/24)  
Michael Esquibel, Resources for Independence Central Valley (term ends 6/23)
5. One representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means.  
Albert Cendejas, Community Services Employment Training (CSET) (term ends 6/24)
6. Two representatives from local transit providers.  
Teresa Ortega, County of Tulare (term ends 06/23)  
Angelina Soper, City of Visalia (term ends 06/22)
7. One representative of potential transit users from local youth.  
*Vacant*

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## AGENDA ITEM VII-D

September 20, 2021

Prepared by Roberto Brady, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Approve Trinity Consultants, Inc. for On-Call Air Quality Planning and Conformity Consulting Services

### BACKGROUND:

Air quality requirements in the San Joaquin Valley are very unique and dynamic. Greenhouse gas requirements are relatively new and still evolving in their implementation. Tulare County may see new requirements or Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) in a future State Implementation Plan (SIP) or require assistance in emissions reductions calculations for projects or the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as examples.

TCAG, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Tulare County region, is the lead agency responsible for developing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This entails, among other tasks, demonstrating the RTP meets transportation conformity requirements under the Clean Air Act. As a component of the RTP, TCAG must also analyze greenhouse gas emissions in the SCS and show that it meets the requirements of the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375).

Trinity Consultants, by virtue of acquisition of Sierra Research, Inc. in 2014, has a long resume of work on air quality issues in the San Joaquin Valley, and in California generally. Trinity Consultants previously had an on-call air quality support agreement with TCAG and currently has one for working with the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs as a group on air quality issues.

### DISCUSSION:

Because of their extensive direct experience with the issues of immediate bearing to TCAG's current RTP/SCS update, it is most timely and efficient to engage Trinity Consultants for the support services requested under a sole source procurement rather than an RFP process. Other technically qualified firms would face a significant learning curve.

TCAG's Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22 already authorizes the tasks that is agreement would support.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends Trinity Consultants, Inc. to provide on- call air quality planning and conformity supports services under a three-year agreement.

Board selection will allow TCAG staff to negotiate and execute a contract with Trinity Consultants for said services for costs not to exceed the amount of \$16,000 for FYs 2021/2022, 2022/23 and 2023/24 under TCAG's sole source procurement policies and procedures.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approximate fiscal impact:

The cost under this contract will not exceed \$16,000 for FYs 2021/2022, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

This amount has been budgeted in the FY 2021/22 OWP under Work Element 610.01 Air Quality Planning and Analysis.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution: Approve selection of Trinity Consultants, Inc. to provide on- call air quality planning and conformity supports services
2. Tulare County Association of Governments Sole Source Policy, Procedures and Form.

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

In the matter of:

APPROVE TRINITY CONSULTANTS, INC	)	
ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE AIR	)	
QUALITY PLANNING AND CONFORMITY	)	Resolution No. 2021-xxx
SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER A SOLE	)	
SOURCE PROCUREMENT	)	

WHEREAS, TCAG, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Tulare County region, is the lead agency responsible for developing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, air quality requirements in the San Joaquin Valley are very unique and dynamic. Greenhouse gas requirements are relatively new and still evolving in their implementation.; and

WHEREAS, because of their extensive direct experience with the issues of immediate bearing to TCAG's current RTP/SCS update, it is most timely and efficient to engage Trinity Consultants for the support services requested under a sole source procurement rather than an RFP process. Other technically qualified firms would face a significant learning curve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Trinity Consultants, Inc. is approved to provide on- call air quality planning and conformity supports services under a three-year agreement under TCAG's sole source procurement policies and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TCAG staff is authorized to prepare and negotiate a contract with Trinity Consultants, Inc.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon a motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Pete Vander Poel III  
Chair, TCAG

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Ted Smalley  
Executive Director, TCAG

**A Sole Source Policy exists when research has determined that one of the criteria below exists.**

Tulare County Association of Governments intends to negotiate a sole source services contract for services of not more than \$50,000, for existing authorized tasks or projects adopted within the current fiscal year Overall Work Plan (OWP). Advanced written notice will be provided to the Tulare County Association of Governments Board and/or Tulare County Transportation Authority for any additional or new projects or tasks for approval. Consideration will be given to qualified local firms.

In addition, a completed sole source justification form for approval of a sole source contract must include authorized signature by the Chair of the TCAG Board, and the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director (sample of form attached).

**The Services could be considered a sole source procurement when one of the following circumstances exist (other than the financial requirement):**

1. Quick action is required (urgency situation)
2. Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider
3. It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract
4. It is in the best interest of the association, e.g., administrative cost savings, excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.

#### **Procedures**

- Sole Source Justification Form indicating the reason the service is declared a sole source procurement.
- If amount is \$25,000 or greater three (3) informal quotes must be solicited and attached with request
- If sole source request is for a new project or task such must have advanced written notice to TCAG and TCTA before the sole source request can be considered
- Send the completed Sole source justification form to the Chair of the TCAG Board and Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director for approval
- If approved, post sole source procurements on Web site five (5) business days prior to a contract being award

The Association Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director is required to report to the Tulare County Association of Governments and/or Tulare County Transportation Authority Board by the board meeting following the procurement. Annually the Fiscal Manager shall compile the sole source listing and submit it to the Tulare County Association of Governments/Tulare County Transportation Authority Boards in July of each year.

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-A**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Benjamin A. Kimball, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Legislative Update

### **BACKGROUND:**

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

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

Assisting TCAG staff in these efforts is our federal lobbyist, Pace Government Solutions, and our State Lobbyist the Politico Group.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The successful awarding of a federal grant for the Commercial Interchange on SR 99 was the capstone achievement of legislative efforts in 2020. TCAG is analyzing our legislative platform for opportunities and strategies to build our state and federal partnerships and find solutions to our needs. TCAG will be involved in any discussions regarding a federal transportation bill and continue to seek policies and funding that is favorable to our projects, especially those serving disadvantaged communities.

Tentative One Voice trips include:

Fall 2021 – San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Virtual trip to Washington D.C.

Spring 2022 – Tentative Plans for a TCAG trip to Washington D.C.

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

None

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## AGENDA ITEM VIII-F

September 20, 2021

Prepared by Brideget Moore, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Action:** Reaffirm September as Railroad Safety Month

### BACKGROUND:

California leads the nation in rail related fatalities, many of which could have been prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers associated with railroad crossings.

In 2016, several member agencies joined TCAG in drafting a proclamation to bring awareness to Railroad Safety. In August 2017, TCAG requested that the additional member agencies join the cities of Exeter, Lindsay, Farmersville and Dinuba in declaring September as Railroad Safety Month with a goal that all member agencies have proclamations in order to have a united effort in significantly reducing rail related death and injury.

#### 2020 Trespassing Casualties by State:

RANK	STATE	TOTAL CASUALTIES	DEATHS	INJURIES
1.	California	253	136	117
2.	Texas	91	31	60
3.	Illinois	51	24	27

<https://oli.org/track-statistics/trespassing-casualties-state>

### DISCUSSION:

TCAG partners with Operation Lifesaver, a nationwide railroad safety organization, to increase crossing danger awareness. One life lost is too many, and therefore TCAG would like all member agencies in solidarity to proclaim September as Railroad Safety Month and reaffirm each September thereafter. TCAG has been active on social media supporting safety concepts promoted by Union Pacific and Operation Lifesaver.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Reaffirm September as Railroad Safety Month.

### ATTACHMENTS:

None

Work Element: 602.03 Bike & Pedestrian

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# Tulare County Association of Governments

## AGENDA ITEM VIII-G

September 20, 2021

Prepared by Brideget Moore, TCAG Staff

### SUBJECT:

**Information:** Vacancy of Alternate Member at Large Position No. 2

### BACKGROUND:

The TCAG Board is made up of eight city representatives, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, one public transit provider and three At-Large members. At-Large Board members are not appointed based on geographic location in the County. At-Large Board Members' term expire after a three-year term or upon resignation, whichever comes first. The end of the three-year term for each of the At-Large Member falls on a different year for each member and on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and thus an At-Large Member must be reappointed annually.

Individuals are eligible to be Alternate-at-large members if they are residents of the County and over 18 years of age. Alternate-at-large Board Members are not appointed based on geographic location in the County. Alternate-at-large Board Members' terms expire after three-years or upon resignation, whichever comes first. If the position becomes vacant before the three-year term expires, the newly appointed Member will serve for the remainder of the term.

### DISCUSSION:

Alternate Member-At-Large Position No. 2 became vacant upon Pamela K. Whitmire's appointment to Member at Large Position No. 3 at the TCAG Board meeting held April 17, 2021.

Appointees would fill the remainder of the original three-year term set to expire December 31, 2022. The vacant positions notice was posted to the TCAG website on April 18, 2021, and June 15, 2021. TCAG will continue to solicit interest on the TCAG website and social media for the Alternate Member At Large No.2 position until it is filled.

<u>YEAR TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>POSITION NUMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>
December 31, 2022	#2	Alternate Member At Large

### RECOMMENDATION:

No action required at this time.

### ATTACHMENT:

None

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## **AGENDA ITEM VIII-H**

**September 20, 2021**

**Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff**

### **SUBJECT:**

**Information:** Regional Transit Coordination Update

### **BACKGROUND:**

TCAG led the effort to help improve regional transit service by facilitating the creation of a regional transit agency. The Joint Powers Agreement creating the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) was effective August 11, 2020. Eight member agencies have joined the TCRTA.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The TCRTA is continuing its Fare Free 4 All program. It began on July 1<sup>st</sup> for all riders on the TCRTA system and ridership has seen moderate but consistent gains to date. TCRTA will continue to monitor ridership. Free fares are expected to last through the end of the calendar year, but the program is dependent on how quickly grant funds are exhausted.

TCRTA submitted a federal grant application for the Areas of Persistent Poverty program. TCRTA worked with TCAG, Visalia Transit, and a number of representatives from major medical providers in the county to develop the scope of work. The grant is for planning only, and if awarded would provide funds for the development of a mobility management program that would primarily coordinate non-emergency medical trips, with a strong focus on reaching residents in rural communities.

Final technical and financial documents are being drafted for submittal to the Federal Transit Agency. It is expected that the TCRTA will be certified as a public transit provider eligible to receive federal funds very soon.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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**California Department of Transportation**

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July 20, 2021

TCAG/LAFCO  
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**AUG 23 2021**

Mr. Ted Smalley  
Executive Director  
Tulare County Association of Governments  
210 North Church Street, Suite B  
Visalia, CA 93291

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Dear Mr. Smalley:

Thank you for your agency's unmet transit needs documentation for Fiscal Year 2021-22. We have reviewed your documentation, as required under PUC Section 99401.6 of the Transportation Development Act and find the documentation to be complete and in accordance with current statutes.

Please continue to work with David Deel, telephone number (559) 981-1041, at the local California Department of Transportation District 6 office to help identify solutions in meeting your region's transit needs.

If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to call Henry McKay at (916) 296-3852.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joshua Pulverman'.

JOSHUA PULVERMAN, Branch Chief  
Integration and Network Planning

c: Henry McKay, Department of Transportation  
David Deel, Department of Transportation  
Giancarlo Bruno, Tulare County Association of Governments