

Tulare County Association of Governments	Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 Time: 12:30 p.m. (Workshop) 1:00 p.m. TCAG Board Meeting Place: Tulare County Board of Supervisors 2800 W. Burrel Avenue Visalia, CA 93291
Technical Advisory Committee	Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 Time: 1:30 PM Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291

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WORKSHOP (12:30 P.M.)

- A. San Joaquin Valley Rail Agency Planning Studies
- B. Legislative Update

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

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

Convene as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR –INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolutions: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake for Fiscal Year 2020/21
(Pages 01-10)
- B. Information: Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable Appointments
(Pages 11-12)
- C. Information: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Competitive Programs Update
(Pages 13-14)
- D. Information: Update on Timing and Funding Implications of the Federal SAFE Vehicles Regulation
(Pages 15-20)

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of 2021 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component Funding Recommendations
(Pages 21-27)
- B. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects
(Pages 29-30)
- C. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update
(Pages 31-32)
- 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 April 19, 2021 TCAG Board Meeting
(Pages 33-38)
- B. Action: Minutes of April 15, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
(Pages 39-42)
- C. Action: Cancel the July 2021 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board Meeting and Reschedule the June Meeting
(Pages 43)
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Overall Work Plan (OWP)
(Pages 45-46)

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Legislative Update
(Pages 47)
- 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: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Los Arroyos 1 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Application Between Self-help Enterprises (SHE); City of Farmersville, Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) **(Pages 49-56)**
- G. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Consultant Selection for City of Visalia Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) **(Pages 57-58)**
- H. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Consultant Selection **(Pages 59-62)**
- I. Information: Member Agency Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Year Ending June 30, 2020 **(Pages 63)**
- J. Information: Vacancy of Alternate Member at Large Position No. 2 **(Pages 65)**
- K. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update **(Pages 67)**

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

IX. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2020/2021 First and Second Quarter Reports **(Pages 69-71)**

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

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

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

XII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, June 21, 2021 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 17 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 ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
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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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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM IV-A

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolutions: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake for Fiscal Year 2020/21

BACKGROUND:

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

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

DISCUSSION:

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

City of Dinuba

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions:	\$48,182.24
Coordination & Implementation:	\$12,261.58
Transit:	\$119,237.00
Streets and Roads:	\$881,124.35
State Transit Assistance (STA)	\$186,488.04
State of Good Repair (SGR)	\$38,300.68

City of Tulare

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions:	\$125,736.49
Coordination & Implementation:	\$39,854.38
Streets and Roads:	\$2,756,131.10
State Transit Assistance (STA)	\$374,087.75

City of Visalia

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions:	\$256,998.52
Coordination & Implementation	\$65,401.85
Transit:	\$5,417,810.17
State Transit Assistance (STA)	\$880,356.94
State of Good Repair (SGR)	\$250,418.99

City of Woodlake

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

Planning Contributions:	\$14,407.96
Coordination & Implementation:	3,666.59
Streets and Roads:	\$319,471.67
State Transit Assistance (STA)	\$65,782.64
State of Good Repair (SGR)	\$11,637.11

RECOMMENDATION:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolutions of Approval of 2020/2021 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake.

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2020/21 TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR)
CITY OF DINUBA)

Resolution No. 2021-xxx

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

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

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

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

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

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$48,182.24
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$12,261.58
- c) Local Transportation Funds Transit: \$119,237.00
- d) Local Transportation Fund Streets and Roads: \$881,124.35
- e) State Transit Assistance: \$186,488.04
- f) State of Good Repair: \$38,300.68; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2020/2021; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Dinuba did not have any Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

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

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

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2020/21 TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR)
CITY OF TULARE)

Resolution No. 2021-xxx

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

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

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

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

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

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$125,736.49
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$39,854.38
- c) Local Transportation Fund Streets and Roads: \$2,756,131.10
- d) State Transit Assistance: \$374,087.75; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2020/2021; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Tulare did not have any Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

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

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

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2020/21 TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR)
CITY OF VISALIA)

Resolution No. 2021-xxx

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

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

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

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

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

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$256,998.52
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$65,401.85
- c) Local Transportation Fund Transit: \$5,417,810.17
- d) State Transit Assistance: \$880,356.94
- e) State of Good Repair: \$250,418.99; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2020/2021; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia had one Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

WHEREAS, the Unmet Transit Need was met; and

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

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

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF 2020/21 TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIMS FOR)
CITY OF WOODLAKE)

Resolution No. 2021-xxx

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Woodlake has submitted claims for the following:

- a) Local Transportation Fund Planning Contributions: \$14,407.96
- b) Local Transportation Fund Coordination & Implementation: \$3,666.59
- c) Local Transportation Fund Streets and Roads: \$319,471.67
- d) State Transit Assistance: \$65,782.64
- e) State of Good Repair: \$11,637.11; and

WHEREAS, claim amounts submitted do not exceed the estimated allocation amounts for 2020/2021; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Woodlake did not have any Unmet Transit Needs Reasonable to Meet; and

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

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

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

AGENDA ITEM IV-B

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Ben Kimball, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable Appointments

BACKGROUND:

Every 4 years TCAG updates their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as required by State and Federal regulations. The RTP is the highest level and most comprehensive planning document prepared by TCAG. The RTP update process has always represented a major work effort.

As part of TCAG’s strategy for stakeholder participation in development of the 2022 RTP, a Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the SCS was adopted at the January TCAG Board meeting. One of the provisions of the SCS PPP for stakeholder outreach is the establishment of an RTP Roundtable committee.

The purpose of the RTP Roundtable is to support TCAG in development and preparation of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. It is vital to the success of the process that the RTP Roundtable help to generate consensus about the RTP to be based on the input of an informed and active local constituency. While the RTP Roundtable will provide comments and input on issues related to development of the 2022 RTP/SCS, the final decisions on the RTP will be the responsibility of the TCAG Board of Governors.

TCAG developed guidelines for 2022 RTP Roundtable. These Guidelines will serve to the guide the development of the 2022 RTP update and adoption. They state that applications for positions on the RTP Roundtable are subject to approval by the Board. The Guidelines do not provide for a term of appointment since upon the adoption of the 2022 RTP Update the RTP Roundtable will dissolve in its current form, as it has done in the past.

DISCUSSION:

There are no new appointments for your consideration (as of the publishing of this agenda item). We still have several vacancies. Those future appointments will be placed on the consent agenda for consideration. Current members are listed in the table shown.

Positions	Name
County of Tulare	Aaron Bock
Dinuba	Crystal Flores
Exeter	Lisa Wallis-Dutra
Farmersville	Lisa Wallis-Dutra
Lindsay	Michael Camarena

Porterville	Jason Ridenour
Tulare	Mike Miller
Visalia	Nick Mascia
Woodlake	Rebecca Griswald
LAFCo	Julie Allen
Public Transportation	Richard Tree, Dan Fox
Agriculture	Vacant
Environmental Advocate	Adam Livingston (Sequoia Riverland Trust)
Bicycle/Pedestrian advocate	Mark Wall (Southern Sierra Cyclist)
Health Advocate	Vacant
Goods Movement	Vacant
Disabled Access/ADA	Vacant
SJV Air District	Vacant
Caltrans, District 6	David Deel
Tribal Governments	Gary Santos
Building/Development	Mike Lane
Environmental Justice Community	Bianca Escobedo
Banking, finance or real estate	Vacant
Affordable Housing Advocate	Betsy McGovern-Garcia
Broad-based business or economic development organizations	Vacant
At-Large 1	Vacant
At-Large 2	Vacant

RECOMMENDATION:

No action needed

ALTERNATIVES:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

Administration of the RTP Roundtable will be charged to the Regional Transportation Plan budget, Work Element 602.01 for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. These types of costs were anticipated and should not, in themselves, necessitate a budget adjustment.

ATTACHMENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM IV-C

May 17, 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), and Active Transportation Program (ATP).

DISCUSSION:

TCAG staff participated in the discussions leading up to the adoption of the 2020 Local Partnership Program, 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and 2021 Active Transportation Program Guidelines. Draft guidelines for each of the programs were presented to the California Transportation Program (CTC) on January 29, 2020. The final guidelines were adopted by the CTC on March 25, 2020. Information regarding funding caps, programming cycles, grant submittal deadlines, and other pertinent issues are shown in the table below:

Funding Program	Minimum and Maximum Funding Request	Programming Cycle	Other Information
Local Partnership Program	Minimum: \$2,000,000 Maximum: \$25,000,000	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23	<i>Competitive Program:</i> On November 12, 2020, TCAG was awarded \$9 million in LPP Competitive Program funds for the Commercial Avenue Interchange Project. <i>Formulaic Program:</i> At the March 2021 CTC meeting, \$5.1 million (\$1.387M for ROW and \$3.774M for Construction) in LPP formula funds were approved for programming on the Avenue 280 Widening (Santa Fe to Lovers Lane) project.
2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program	Minimum and maximum funding request amounts for the 2022 TCEP program have not yet been determined.		The CTC is currently hosting workshops to review and discuss various TCEP programming targeting methodologies proposed for the 2022 TCEP program. More workshops are planned to discuss

			the proposed guidelines. Staff will continue to monitor future developments and report back as more information becomes available.
2021 Active Transportation Program	There are no minimum or maximum funding limitations for the Active Transportation Program. The program is divided into three funding components – the Statewide, Small Urban and Rural, and MPO Components. TCAG agencies are eligible to compete for ATP funding under the Statewide and MPO Components.	2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 2024/25	Agencies from the Tulare County region submitted a total of 18 projects for funding consideration. The total ATP funding request was \$66.3 million for projects totaling \$75.7 million. The Statewide ATP funding recommendations were approved by the CTC at their March 2021 meeting. One project from the TCAG region was approved for funding. The project is the Butterfield Stage Corridor (W. North Grand Ave. to College Ave.) awarded \$7.1 million. Two projects were recommended for funding under the MPO component. They are the Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School Project and the Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project.

Federal BUILD Grant

As announced in September 2020, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded TCAG \$16 million in BUILD grant funds for the State Route 99 and Commercial Avenue Interchange Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information item only. No action needed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

AGENDA ITEM IV-D

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Roberto Brady, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

Because California’s current mobile source emissions model, EMFAC, did not account for the greater emissions possible under the SAFE Vehicles Rule, it could not be used to demonstrate regional or project-level conformity with the Clean Air Act until updated.

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

<https://calcog.org/how-the-safe-rule-will-affect-transportation-infrastructure-in-california/>

On November 20, 2019, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) published off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC output intended to replicate the effects of implementation of the SAFE Vehicles Rule. This was proposed to make conformity determinations for non-exempt plans and projects possible until the emissions model itself could be updated. The EPA indicated their concurrence with the off-model adjustment factors in a letter dated March 12, 2020. More recently, they indicated verbally, concurrence that the off-model adjustments also address the effects of Part 2. As long as this concurrence holds, federal agencies can approve conformity determinations in California and implications to transportation funding can be avoided. The federal concurrence applies to adjustment factors for both EMFAC 2014 and EMFAC 2017. California MPOs, including TCAG, are transitioning to EMFAC 2017 as the model required for developing conformity demonstrations.

The more central issue becomes the characteristics of EMFAC 2017 itself. Five of the eight Valley MPOs have been unable to meet regional conformity with EMFAC 2017. While TCAG does appear to still meet conformity using the newer model, it can still be affected if other regions in the same air basin do not meet conformity. Valley MPO staff and our consultants are working with ARB to develop possible solutions. A new version of EMFAC (2021 v1.0.0) was released on January 15, 2021. It may be possible to shift

straight to that model and bypass EMFAC 2017 if the new model shows better results. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the largest MPO in the nation, is also having issues with EMFAC 2017. This means the matter should continue to receive high priority from ARB and other state agencies.

DISCUSSION:

An executive order issued in the first days of the new administration set a target of review by applicable federal agencies of SAFE Rule Part One, by April, 2021, and Part Two, by May, 2021. In late April, EPA published in the Federal Register a notice of reconsideration of the withdrawal of California's preemption waiver. This is essentially considering the withdrawal of the SAFE Vehicle Rule, Part 1. An EPA Regulatory Announcement, summarizing the reconsideration, is attached (Attachment No. 1)

With regard to emissions modeling, at a recent meeting between valley MPO staff and consultants, ARB and US EPA, there was consensus that MPOs could continue to use the current version of EMFAC (2014) for upcoming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) updates if actual modeling for the RTPs begin by the sunset date of that model in August of 2021. This appears to be a viable option for TCAG. It fits within our current RTP update schedule. The discussions have also included questions about the ability of valley regions to process subsequent plan amendments. Valley representatives reported that ARB and EPA staff thought minor amendments involving non-exempt projects, that can use existing conformity determinations, should be able to proceed.

There has also been progress on review of the model itself. ARB recently adopted adjustments to NOx emissions factors that could help valley regions meet conformity. There is also discussion with EPA about database adjustments within the model. As a longer-term solution, preparations are being made for valley MPOs to begin testing conformity results using EMFAC 2021 starting in May.

Staff will continue to carefully monitor and report on developments that affect transportation planning and infrastructure funding. These will include known issues such as the SAFE Vehicles Regulation and emissions modeling discussed above as well as potential new issues arising from shifting legislative and regulatory priorities at various governmental levels.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. EPA Regulatory Announcement

California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Car Program; Reconsideration of a Previous Withdrawal of a Waiver of Preemption; Opportunity for Public Hearing and Public Comment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting public input on the reconsideration of EPA's actions under the joint EPA/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) action titled: *The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule Part One: One National Program* (SAFE-1). EPA is taking this action as directed in President Biden's Executive Order 13990 on *Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis*, and in response to requests by states and other stakeholders.

In SAFE-1, EPA withdrew the 2013 Clean Air Act (CAA) waiver that had allowed California to enforce its greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for cars and light trucks and zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) sales mandate adopted as a part of the state's Advanced Clean Car (ACC) program. SAFE-1 also interpreted the CAA as not allowing other States to adopt California's GHG standards. EPA is now reconsidering SAFE-1 for the purpose of determining whether the waiver withdrawal was a valid and appropriate exercise of the Agency's authority consistent with judicial precedent, and whether SAFE-1 should now be rescinded.

Clean Air Act Legal Framework Regarding State Emissions Standards for New Motor Vehicles

- CAA section 209(a) generally preempts states from regulating emissions from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines.

- CAA section 209(b) allows California to enforce emission standards for motor vehicles and engines if EPA grants a waiver from the general preemption contained in CAA section 209(a).
- CAA Section 209(b) states that EPA shall grant a waiver unless it finds that California:
 - was arbitrary and capricious in its finding that its standards are, in the aggregate, at least as protective of public health and welfare as applicable federal standards;
 - does not need such standards to meet compelling and extraordinary conditions; or
 - has standards that are not consistent with Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act.
- Once California files a waiver request, EPA publishes a notice for public hearing and written comment in the Federal Register.
- Section 177 allows other States to adopt California’s motor vehicle emission standards for which EPA has granted a waiver if other specified criteria are met.

Summary of SAFE-1

- SAFE-1 included EPA’s determination that the Agency had the authority to reconsider the 2013 waiver issued to California for the GHG emission standards and ZEV mandate portions of California’s ACC program.
- NHTSA took a separate action within SAFE-1 that interpreted fuel economy preemption under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) to include state GHG emission standards and ZEV mandates.
- EPA withdrew California’s waiver based on NHTSA’S EPCA preemption action as well as a new interpretation of a waiver criterion within the CAA.
- EPA asserted that California’s waiver should be withdrawn under a waiver criterion that EPA believed required a demonstration that California must “need” its GHG emission standards “to meet compelling and extraordinary conditions,” as required by the CAA. Historically, EPA has interpreted this waiver provision as only requiring a demonstration that California needs its own motor vehicle emission program to meet serious air quality conditions in California. However, in SAFE-1 EPA also asserted that, even if California does have compelling and extraordinary conditions, California does not “need” the GHG standards under section 209(b)(1)(B) because they will not meaningfully address global air pollution problems of the sort associated with GHG emissions.
- Finally, SAFE-1 included EPA’s non-regulatory interpretation of CAA section 177. This section allows states to opt-into California motor vehicle emission standards if certain criteria are met. SAFE-1 interpreted section 177 as precluding states from adopting California’s GHG emissions standards.

Summary of the Notice to Reconsider SAFE-1

- EPA's Notice of Reconsideration of SAFE-1 seeks public comment on whether the decision to withdraw portions of California's 2013 ACC program waiver was a valid and appropriate exercise of the Agency's authority. This Notice of Reconsideration seeks comment on several issues in SAFE-1 including:
- Whether it was proper for EPA to reconsider a previously issued CAA waiver;
- Whether EPA's action to withdraw California's waiver in consideration of EPCA preemption was appropriate;
- Whether the interpretation of CAA section 209(b)(1)(B) presented in SAFE-1 as another reason for withdrawing California's waiver was appropriate; and
- Whether EPA's interpretation in SAFE-1 of section 177 of the CAA that allows States to adopt California motor vehicle emission standards, but not California's GHG standards, was appropriate.
- If EPA determines that SAFE-1 was inappropriate and rescinds that action in a final determination, then the ZEV mandate and GHG emission standards within the ACC program would become effective.

Key Milestones

- In **2012**, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) finalized the ACC program. The program combined control of smog and soot-causing pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions into a single coordinated package of requirements for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles, and set requirements for sales of ZEVs in the state.
- In **2013**, EPA granted a waiver of CAA section 209 preemption for California's ACC regulations.
- In **2018**, EPA and NHTSA issued a joint proposal titled *The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks*. In this action, EPA proposed to relax Federal greenhouse gas emissions standards for light duty vehicles for model years 2021-2026 and withdraw the waiver for the ACC program GHG emission standards and ZEV mandate.
- In **September 2019**, NHTSA and EPA issued the SAFE-1 final action. In SAFE-1, EPA withdrew the ACC waiver issued in 2013 as it relates to GHG emission standards and the ZEV mandate.
- In **October 2019** California submitted a petition for clarification/reconsideration asking EPA to clarify the scope of SAFE-1.

- In **November 2019**, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin, the People of the State of Michigan, the Commonwealths of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the Cities of Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and San Jose filed a petition for EPA to reconsider SAFE-1.
- In **November 2019**, a petition for reconsideration was filed with EPA by several environmental groups, including the Center for Biological Diversity, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Environment America, Environmental Defense Fund, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Natural Resources Defense Council, Public Citizen, Inc., Sierra Club, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.
- On **January 20, 2021**, President Biden issued Executive Order 13990 on *Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis*. The President directed the Federal Agencies to “immediately review” SAFE-1, among other actions, and to consider “suspending, revising, or rescinding” the action by April 2021.

Public Participation Opportunities

EPA welcomes your comments on this Notice. The written comment period closes July 6, 2021. All comments should be identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0257 and submitted at www.regulations.gov. For additional submission methods, please visit www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets. A virtual, public hearing will be held on June 2, 2021. You may register for the public hearing by emailing; SAFE1Hearing@epa.gov. Additional information about the hearing can be found at www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/public-hearing-information-epas-notice-reconsideration and in the *Federal Register* notice announcing EPA’s reconsideration of SAFE-1.

For More Information

You can access the Notice and related documents on EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) website at:

www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/notice-reconsideration-previous-withdrawal-waiver.

AGENDA ITEM V-A

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of 2021 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component Funding Recommendations

BACKGROUND:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 in 2013 to fund projects and programs that will increase walking and biking. The ATP is a highly competitive program jointly managed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) like TCAG distribute a portion of these funds through a competitive process, with all final regional recommendations subject to approval from the CTC. TCAG must submit its final funding recommendations to the CTC in May to be adopted by the June CTC meeting. The 2021 ATP funds are available across four years: state fiscal years 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25.

Funding for the ATP program is distributed in three funding components – the Statewide, Small Urban and Rural, and MPO components. All projects are eligible for funding through the Statewide component. For agencies located in small urban and rural areas of the state, are also eligible compete in the Small Urban and Rural component. For agencies in located in the larger urban areas in the State, like Tulare County, the MPO component offers a second opportunity for ATP funding.

Agencies from the TCAG region submitted 18 applications for funding consideration in the Statewide component. In total, \$66.3 million in ATP funds were requested for projects totaling \$75.2 million.

DISCUSSION:

Statewide Component Results:

Project sponsors throughout the state submitted 454 project applications requesting \$2.3 billion of Active Transportation Program funds. At their March 24, meeting, the CTC adopted a funding recommendation identifying 40 projects to receive \$238 million of competitive statewide ATP funding. The City of Porterville’s Butterfield Stage Corridor (North Grand Avenue to College Avenue) was selected and approved for funding by the CTC. While both the Henderson to Date and Grand to College segments scored a 94, only the Grand to College segment was funded since the limits of the of the Henderson to Date segment is fully within the Grand to College segment. See table below for the list of projects submitted, costs, and score received in the Statewide component:

2021 Active Transportation Program - Statewide Component Tulare County Project Scores				
Agency	Project Name	Cost	ATP Funds Requested	Score Received
Porterville	Butterfield Stage Corridor (Henderson Ave to Date Ave)	\$4,560,000	\$4,000,000	94
Porterville	Butterfield Stage Corridor (North Grand Ave to College Ave)	\$7,750,000	\$7,100,000	94
Visalia	Goshen-Visalia Corridor Improvement Project	\$14,270,000	\$11,273,000	90
Porterville	Putnam and Elderwood Area Pedestrian Project	\$1,104,000	\$494,000	89
Porterville	Butterfield Stage Corridor (Teapot Dome to Avenue 196)	\$14,150,000	\$13,500,000	88
Dinuba	El Monte Way Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	\$3,214,000	\$2,837,000	87
Dinuba	Kamm Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	\$1,139,000	\$839,000	86
Dinuba	Euclid Avenue - Phase 2 Improvements	\$1,571,000	\$1,501,000	85
Dinuba	Connecting Dinuba N-S for Bike/Pedestrian Safety - Alta Avenue	\$3,081,000	\$2,631,000	83
Woodlake	Sequoia Ave Pedestrian Improvement Project	\$1,481,000	\$1,247,000	83
Dinuba	Complete Streets in Downtown Dinuba - Tulare Street	\$1,946,000	\$1,946,000	77
Dinuba	Making Crawford Avenue Safe - Phase 1	\$4,414,000	\$4,033,000	75
Tulare County	Poplar Avenue 145 Sidewalk Improvements	\$2,200,000	\$2,178,000	73
Tulare County	Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$4,800,000	\$4,752,000	73
Tulare County	Strathmore Complete Streets Improvements Project	\$2,600,000	\$2,574,000	70
Caltrans	Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School	\$1,788,000	\$1,070,000	69
Tulare County	Cutler George Road and 2nd Drive Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$3,000,000	\$2,278,000	62
Tulare County	East Porterville Crabtree Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$2,100,000	\$2,079,000	53
Total		\$75,168,000	\$66,332,000	

MPO Component Results:

Projects not recommended for funding in the Statewide Component were eligible to compete for funding in the MPO Component. Fourteen projects from the Tulare County region requesting \$34.4 million in active transportation funds competed in the MPO Component. The amount requested is approximately 15 times the \$2.288 million of available MPO Component funds.

As required by the State ATP Guidelines, the projects were evaluated and scored by the Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (MAG) consisting of the following members:

Multidisciplinary Advisory Group		
Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Mike Camarena	City of Lindsay, Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Chair)	Bike Advocacy
Lisa Wallis-Dutra	QK, Inc.	Civil Engineering and Planning
Ben Giuliani	Tulare County Association of Governments	Transportation Programming and Planning

The MAG evaluated the projects in accordance with State and TCAG's 2021 ATP MPO Component Guidelines. Based on the scores provided by the MAG, staff developed a list of recommended projects beginning with the highest scoring project and continuing down the list until the available \$2.288 million of available MPO component ATP funds were exhausted. The scores received by each of the projects evaluated are shown on the following table:

2021 Active Transportation Program - MPO Component		
Project Scores		
Agency	Project Name	Score Received
Caltrans	Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School	96.00
Tulare County	Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project	94.33
Dinuba	El Monte Way Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	91.67
Tulare County	Strathmore Complete Streets Improvements Project	91.67
Dinuba	Making Crawford Avenue Safe - Phase I	91.33
Tulare County	Poplar Avenue 145 Sidewalk Improvements Project	91.33
Dinuba	Connecting Dinuba N-S for Bike/Pedestrian Safety - Alta Avenue	90.67
Porterville	Putnam and Elderwood Area Pedestrian Project	89.67
Woodlake	Sequoia Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project	86.50
Tulare County	East Porterville Crabtree Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project	85.67
Tulare County	Cutler George Road and 2nd Drive Sidewalk Improvements Project	83.00
Dinuba	Kamm Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	82.67
Dinuba	Complete Streets in Downtown Dinuba - Tulare Street	79.33
Dinuba	Euclid Avenue - Phase II Improvements	61.00

The two highest scoring projects recommended for funding are:

Agency	Project	ATP Funding Recommended
Caltrans	Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School	\$1,070,000
Tulare County	Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$1,218,000
Total MPO Component ATP Funding		\$2,288,000

The Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School Project was able to be fully funded. The remaining amount of funds (\$1.218 million) was offered to Tulare County for their Tipton Sidewalk Improvement Project, which was the second highest scoring project. The County has committed to funding the difference between the total project cost (\$3.340 million) and the ATP award (\$1.218 million) in the amount of \$2.212 million.

2021 ATP Augmentation Proposal

The CTC is requesting a one-time augmentation of \$2 billion from the General Fund for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). If approved, the augmented funding would allow the CTC to fund the highest quality unsuccessful project applications submitted to the severely oversubscribed 2021 ATP, down to an evaluation score of 60. For the TCAG region, that would mean that apart from one project that scored 53 in the Statewide Component, all the remaining projects would be fully funded. Staff will continue to monitor this proposal and provide updates to the Board as they become available.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the TCAG 2021 ATP MPO Component Recommended Funding and Contingency Project List as set forth on Attachment 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Administration of the TCAG 2021 ATP MPO Component project selection will be charged to Work Element 604.01 (Transportation Improvement Program) for fiscal year 20/21 as described in the TCAG 20/21 Overall Work Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TCAG 2021 ATP MPO Component Recommended Funding and Contingency Project List
2. Resolution adopting the TCAG 2021 ATP MPO Component Funding Recommendations

**TCAG 2021 ATP MPO Component
Recommended Funding and Contingency Project List**

Projects Recommended for MPO Component Funding

Project Sponsor	Project Title	MPO Component Funding Recommendation	Project Score
Caltrans	Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School	\$1,070,000	96.00
Tulare County	Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$1,218,000	94.33

Recommended Contingency List

Project Sponsor	Project Title	MPO Component Funding Request	Project Score
Dinuba	El Monte Way Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	\$2,837,000	91.67
Tulare County	Strathmore Complete Streets Improvements Project	\$2,574,000	91.67
Dinuba	Making Crawford Avenue Safe - Phase I	\$4,033,000	91.33
Tulare County	Poplar Avenue 145 Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$2,178,000	91.33
Dinuba	Connecting Dinuba N-S for Bike/Pedestrian Safety - Alta Avenue	\$1,067,000	90.67
Porterville	Putnam and Elderwood Area Pedestrian Project	\$494,000	89.67
Woodlake	Sequoia Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project	\$481,000	86.50
Tulare County	East Porterville Crabtree Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$2,079,000	85.67
Tulare County	Cutler George Road and 2nd Drive Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$2,278,000	83.00
Dinuba	Kamm Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	\$839,000	82.67
Dinuba	Complete Streets in Downtown Dinuba - Tulare Street	\$1,946,000	79.33
Dinuba	Euclid Avenue - Phase II Improvements	\$1,501,000	61.00

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

In the matter of:

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 TULARE COUNTY)	
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (TCAG))	
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM)	Resolution No. 2021-xxx
(ATP) METROPOLITAN PLANNING)	
ORGANIZATION (MPO) COMPONENT)	
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS)	

WHEREAS, Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with an urbanized population greater than 200,000; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Section 2381 requires that forty percent of the funds appropriated for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) be distributed to metropolitan planning organizations in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000, in proportion to their relative share of population; and

WHEREAS, ATP grant applications from large MPO regions in California not selected for funding under the ATP Statewide Component are eligible to compete for funding under the ATP MPO component; and

WHEREAS, TCAG's portion of ATP funds to be awarded through the 2021 ATP MPO component is \$2,288,000 for programming years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2021 the ATP Multidisciplinary Advisory Group began scoring and ranking the projects based on criteria adopted by the TCAG Board on June 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the two projects recommended for MPO component funding are the: Ivanhoe Safe Routes to School Project (\$1,070,000 in ATP Funds) and the Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project (\$1,218,000 in ATP funds); and

WHEREAS, given the limited amount of MPO component funds, only partial funding could be offered to the County of Tulare's Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project and the County of Tulare has committed to funding the difference between the total project cost (\$3,340,000) and the ATP award (\$1,218,000) in the amount of \$2,122,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tulare County Association of Governments hereby adopts the TCAG 2021 ATP MPO Component Recommended Funding and Contingency Project List, as shown on Attachment 1.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____ at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel, III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

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AGENDA ITEM V-B

May 17, 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 \$6.1 million per year for the next four-year cycle. Project examples include roundabouts, signal coordination, compressed natural gas and electric facilities and vehicles, transit route expansion and bus purchases, etc.

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. Beginning in federal fiscal year (FFY) 22/23, TCAG will begin distributing federal STBGP funds on a competitive basis. The first call for projects is scheduled for 2021. Selected projects will be programmed in the 2021 FTIP. STBGP funds in FFY 20/21 remain committed to the two projects described in the table below. Funds from FFY 21/22 in the amount of \$3.1 million will be programmed on the City of Visalia's Riggins Avenue Widening Project.

FFY	Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amount of STBGP Funds
20/21	Visalia	Tulare Avenue Rehabilitation	In City of Visalia, on Tulare Avenue from Demaree Avenue to Cotta Street; rehabilitate roadway	\$1,834,000 Construction (RFA submitted on 4/30/2021, waiting for R/W certification)
	County of Tulare	Avenue 152 Rehabilitation Project	Near community of Tipton, on Avenue 152 between the road alignment of Road 136 and Road 168; rehabilitate roadway	\$1,775,000 Construction (E-76 approved on 4/16/2021)

CMAQ

Two roundabout projects have been scheduled for obligation this year. One is currently on schedule for submittal in April:

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

- CMAQ: \$1,015,000 Match: \$635,000

The following project has been delayed but is on schedule for obligation by this summer:

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

- CMAQ: \$1,970,000 Match: \$518,000

To help ensure that our region's CMAQ funds are expended timely and before statewide funding runs out, a Porterville project for three electric buses has been advanced to this fiscal year and is in process. The funding for this project is: CMAQ: \$2,055,000; Match: \$693,000.

ATTACHMENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM V-C

May 17, 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 May 12th-13th. The next CTC meeting is currently scheduled in Sacramento on June 23rd-24th. The STIP is a biennial document, which covers five years of programming for transportation projects in California. The STIP is comprised of Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs) from each of the counties in California and the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) that is developed by Caltrans. The RTIPs account for 75% and the ITIP accounts for 25% of the total STIP funding.

DISCUSSION:

May CTC Meeting

State Highway Operation and Protection (SHOPP) allocations:

\$800 thousand for the environmental phase to install centerline rumble strips, replace Transportation Management System (TMS) elements, pavement markings and signs on SR-201 from post mile 0.0 to 4.9, east of Madsen to Road 56 near Kingsburg.

\$2.59 million for design and 1.18 million for right of way support for pavement rehabilitation, upgrade TMS elements, replace signs and upgrade ADA facilities on SR-63 from Caldwell Ave to SR-198 in Visalia.

March CTC Meeting

State Highway Operation and Protection (SHOPP) allocations:

\$3.948 million to upgrade bridge railings and install approach railings on the Ave 48 overcrossing of SR-99 in Pixley

\$5.594 million to repair Transportation Management System elements at various locations in Madera, Fresno, Kings, Kern and Tulare Counties

2020 RTIP/STIP

The CTC adopted the 2020 STIP at the March 25th, 2020 meeting. TCAG's RTIP was included as proposed. A timeline for the 2022 RTIP/STIP will be listed in this agenda item for the May TCAG meeting.

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 ¹			
SR-99 Widening (Tagus-Prosperity)	Caltrans	Con	\$69.491 m ²				
SR-99 Widening (City of Tulare)	Caltrans	E&P PS&E	\$4.15m ³		\$6.37 m ⁴		

¹Additionally, \$29.4 million from Measure R and \$16 million from BUILD

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

³\$2.0 million from ITIP, \$2.15 million from RTIP

⁴\$4.3 million from ITIP and \$2.07 million from Prop 1b savings

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

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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

Executive Minutes April 19, 2021

Board Members	Alternates	Present Member/Alternate	Agency
Larry Micari	Paula Clark	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel (Chair)	William Cushing	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Amy Shuklian	Bill Whitlatch	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Eddie Valero	Derek Williams	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Dennis Townsend	Terren Brown	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Maribel Reynosa	Linda Launer	<u>A</u>	City of Dinuba
Frankie Alves	Dave Hails	<u>M</u>	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Ruben Macareno	<u>M</u>	City of Farmersville
Ramona Caudillo	Hipolito Cerros		City of Lindsay
Martha A. Flores (Vice-Chair)	Milt Stowe	<u>M</u>	City of Porterville
Terry Sayre	Jose Sigala	<u>M</u>	City of Tulare
Phil Cox	Brian Poochigian	<u>A</u>	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Florencio Guerra Jr.	<u>M</u>	City of Woodlake
Greg Gomez	<i>Vacant</i>	<u>M</u>	Rep. from Public Transit
Tyrone Holscher	Shea Gowin	<u>M</u>	Member-At-Large*
Walter Stammer Jr.	Pamela Whitmire	<u>A</u>	Member-At-Large*
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		Member-At-Large*
Diana Gomez	Michael Navarro	<u>A</u>	Caltrans*

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

Counsel and TCAG Staff Present (X)	
<u>X</u> Steven Ingoldsby, Associate Regional Planner	<u>X</u> Jeff Kuhn, Tulare County Deputy Counsel
<u>X</u> Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner	<u>X</u> Ted Smalley, Executive Director
<u>X</u> Sheela Bhongir, Regional Planner	<u>X</u> Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director
<u>X</u> Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH	<u>X</u> Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer-LAFCO
<u>X</u> Barbara Pilegard, Associate Regional Planner/EH	<u>X</u> Leslie Davis, Finance Director
<u>X</u> Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH	<u>X</u> Elizabeth Forte, Principal Regional Planner
<u>X</u> Michele Boling, TCAG Accountant III	<u>X</u> Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner
<u>X</u> Brideget Moore, TCAG Analyst III	<u>X</u> Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner
<u>X</u> Amie Kane, Administrative Clerk II	<u>X</u> Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner
<u>X</u> Servando Quintanilla, Administrative Clerk II	<u>X</u> Kasia Thompson, Associate Regional Planner
<u>X</u> 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 April 19, 2021 at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Micari led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments opened/closed at 1:02 p.m. No public comments received.

Convene as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Items IV-A through IV-C and IV-E

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, and County of Tulare for Fiscal Year 2020/21**
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange Authorization for Fiscal Year 2020/21**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange and Federal Programming Distribution for Fiscal Year 2020/21**
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointment of Two (2) Members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)**

Upon a Motion by Member Shuklian, and seconded by Member Valero, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV-A through IV-C and IV-E. Absent: Caudillo.

D. Information: Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable Appointments

Member Flores requested that Item D be pulled for clarification and questioned the members listed. Mr. Kimball stated that not including Mr. Gary Santos was an oversight and the member listing would be updated to include him.

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

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

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation: State Government Relations Firm Politico Group

Mr. Smalley introduced Ms. Kiana Valentine who gave the presentation.

Ms. Valentine stated that much work had been underway since the last presentation given, and that she continued to meet with TCAG Staff often to ensure goals were in alignment. Ms. Valentine discussed meeting with CTC staff to work on methodology and funding targets for the trade corridor and enhancement programs along highway 99. Widening highway 99 to three lanes would also be the focus of the "Finish what we started" campaign. Ms. Valentine discussed meeting with Mr. David Kim, with CalSTA and Caltrans to review the cross-valley rail corridor plans. Ms. Valentine provided a very informative and detailed outline of the priorities which included but were not limited to cap and trade, and additional support for grant applications.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Formula for Sub-allocation of Large Urbanized Area (UZA) Federal Transit Funds

Ms. Forte stated the item had been presented previously but was carried forward from last month's meeting by request of the Board and to allow the City of Visalia additional time to review the proposal. Ms. Forte outlined the current formula used that split the large UZA apportionment into two: an apportionment for the City of Visalia and one for the City of Tulare. Ms. Forte outlined the recommended changes to how the apportionment would be distributed.

Upon a Motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Boyer, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the recommended formula for the sub-allocations of the UZA Federal transit funds as presented. Absent: Caudillo.

C. Action: Approve Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 Funding Apportionments

Ms. Forte discussed the FTA funds which included new sources through the CARES Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and the American Rescue Plan Act. Ms. Forte presented the recommended apportionments of these funds.

Upon a Motion by Member Mendoza, and seconded by Member Poochigian, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the recommended apportionments as presented. Absent: Caudillo.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Program COVID-19 Relief Funding to SR-99 (Delano) and SR-99/Caldwell Ave Interchange and Program Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Funding to Riggins Ave.

Mr. Giuliani discussed that as part of a SHOPP project that would rehabilitate SR-99 from Kern County to just north of Court Avenue in Pixley temporary traffic lanes would be needed, however, Caltrans now planned to build permanent lanes which would result in approximately 13 miles of lane widening at a significantly lower cost. To fund these permanent lanes, Mr. Giuliani explained that by approving to program various projects an estimated 86 million would be saved.

Upon a Motion by Member Shuklian, and seconded by Member Townsend, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the programming recommendations as presented. Absent: Caudillo.

E. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects

Ms. Forte provided details regarding two Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) projects in Visalia and County of Tulare. Ms. Forte highlighted the 4 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects that had been selected in Porterville and County of Tulare. Ms. Forte explained that two roundabout projects had been scheduled for obligation with CMAQ funds in Dinuba and Woodlake.

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

Mr. Giuliani discussed the SHOPP allocations, highlighting the upgrade bridge railings and install approach railings on the Ave. 48 overcrossing of SR-99 in Pixley; and provided an overview of CTC projects.

G. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Mr. Navarro announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE grant applications would be due July 12, 2021. Mr. Navarro outlined the various Caltrans projects being conducted within Tulare County.

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

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

Upon a Motion by Member Boyer, and seconded by Member Valero, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously reaffirmed all actions while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. Absent: Caudillo.

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 March 15, 2021 TCAG Board Meeting

B. Action: Minutes of March 11, 2021 TCAG Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Renewal of Census Regional Data Center Joint Statistical Agreement

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 10 to the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

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

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Legislative Update

Mr. Kimball provided an update on the Governor's executive order, Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) which would limit road widening as a last option if allowed at all. Mr. Kimball discussed issues with Highway 99, legislation being proposed with existing programs such as SB1 to redirect how funds are spent and stated that staff will continue to monitor and report on CAPTI and SB1.

Mr. Smalley discussed the efforts towards getting more ATP funding and earmarks for regional projects, however the earmark concepts would need to be finalized in Washington D.C. Mr. Smalley stated that earmarks could possibly focus on the Valley Children's Hospital Interchange, Riggan Avenue, and farm to market projects. Mr. Smalley also noted that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) timeline extension to every 8 years from the current 4 years is also a topic on the legislative agenda.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Amendment to Contract with Politico Group for State Lobbying Services

Mr. Smalley discussed regional efforts and potential partnerships among neighboring counties. Mr. Smalley stated that TCAG, Madera CTC, and Merced COG have initiated an effort to bring attention to State Route 99 and encourage widening project and would be known as the "Finish what we Started" campaign. Work to bring the campaign to fruition would be considered a special project and need to be added to the scope of work to the existing agreement with Politico Group.

Upon a motion by Member Shuklian, and seconded by Member Townsend, the Association unanimously approved the amendment to the contract with Politico Group to include this special project. Absent: Caudillo.

C. Presentation: Report from Congressman Nunes' Office

Jake Mizner, field representative for Congressman Nunes' office, provided an update on the congressman's current activities highlighting his involvement in the proposed infrastructure package.

D. Presentation: Report from Assemblyman Mathis' Office

Rachel Ray, field representative for Assemblyman Mathis' office, provided an update on recent legislation that had been worked on such as, but not limited to, AB-159 for wounded heroes fee reduction act, and AB-542 which would waive state park fees for 4th grade students.

E. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office

Eric Coyne, district representative for Senator Hurtado's office, provided an update on recent legislation and discussed SB 559 Resources and Federal Funding for the Friant-Kern Canal.

F. Presentation: Report from Congressman Valadao's Office

No representative present, report not given.

G. Action: Appoint Member to San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee (SJVRC)

Ms. Forte stated that currently, TCAG Board member Tyrone Holscher is an appointed member to the SJVRC, and Walter Stammer, Jr. is the alternate. Ms. Forte explained that currently there is one opening for an additional member. After some discussion Member Shuklian nominated Pamela K. Whitmire to serve on the SJVRC.

Upon a motion by Member Shuklian, and seconded by Member Valero, the Association unanimously approved Member Whitmire to serve on the SJVRC. Absent: Caudillo.

H. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving the Distribution of Funds from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program

Mr. Ingoldsby outlined the proposed distribution of funds from the REAP grant program and stated that REAP funds could be used to complete a variety of planning related housing items. The preparation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and the remainder of the funds would be distributed directly to member agencies Mr. Ingoldsby explained.

Upon a motion by Member Townsend, and seconded by Member Valero, the Association unanimously approved the distribution of REAP funds as presented. Absent: Caudillo.

I. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Plan (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Ms. Davis explained that feedback from the CTC and Caltrans had been incorporated into the proposed budget and outlined the estimated expenditures.

Upon a motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Micari, the Association unanimously approved the FY 21/22 OWP as presented. Absent: Caudillo.

J. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointments of Member and Alternate Member at Large for Position No. 3

Mr. Smalley presented the applications received and stated that 1 application was received from Pamela Whitmire for the Member-at-Large and 1 application was received from Julie Allen for the Alternate position.

Upon a motion by Member Micari, and seconded by Member Townsend, the Association unanimously approved the appointments as presented. Absent: Caudillo.

K. Information: Preview of Upcoming Los Arroyos 1 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Application Between Self-help Enterprises (SHE); City of Farmersville, Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Ms. Bhongir stated that SHE had partnered with TCAG on previous affordable housing projects. SHE is currently developing the 54-unit affordable rental community known as Los Arroyos 1. Ms. Bhongir explained that although the previously submitted Los Arroyos project had not been selected for AHSC funding, however, with substantial revisions, the project would be resubmitted for funding. Ms. Bhongir noted that the item would come back to the Board for action and would further outline the MOU for consideration.

L. Information: Update on Sustainable Corridors Committees (SCCs) Enhancement Strategies

Ms. Poleszczuk provided an update on the ongoing work with the SCC's group and explained that it was made up of four groups each focusing on cleaning up a different state route: SR-65, SR-99, SR-190, and SR-198. Ms. Poleszczuk explained that a partnership with Caltrans had been great to strategize first steps and litter abatement. Some discussion was had, and Ms. Poleszczuk stated that she would continue to provide updates on the work being done in the region.

M. Information: Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Audit Year Ending June 30, 2020

Ms. Davis stated that the audit was completed for all cities with no findings and that County of Tulare had not yet been completed but should be done before the end of April.

N. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update

Ms. Forte highlighted plans to takeover operations of some of the agencies, transfer of funds, director recruitment, free fare programs, and micro transit projects.

O. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach

Ms. Pilegard discussed outreach from the 2020 Census cycle and shared images from various outreach events. Ms. Pilegard stated that outreach had been very successful despite the challenges of Covid-19.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

1. TCAG Director's Report

Mr. Smalley stated that all information he would have highlighted was presented earlier during the legislative update.

2. Other Items

None

B. Information: Items from Board Members

1. Tulare County Water Commission Update

Member Flores reported that a quorum had not been met therefore all action items would be carried over to the next scheduled meeting. Member Flores stated that the meeting had been informative with staff reports presented covering the Tulare-Kern DACII Program, SGMA implementation, and the State Water Resources Control Boards water rights and climate change report.

2. San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Update

Member Mendoza stated that there was no report.

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

Member Valero reported that the SJJPA business plan, capital projects, and current revenues had been reviewed. Member Valero explained the decrease in ridership due to Covid-19 and highlighted the Station Love program.

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

Member Valero stated that no meeting was held, and he had nothing to report.

5. TCAG Transit Report

Member Gomez announced that the period to comment on unmet transit needs had concluded, that the TCRTA had continued to meet routinely and would be expected to select an Executive Director sometime in May.

6. Other Items

None

C. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

None

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Smalley requested that the TCTA convene before adjournment for the closed session. Chair Vander Poel agreed.

XII. ADJOURN

The TCAG Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:54 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
April 15, 2021 – Summary Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE LIST

City of Dinuba	<i>Absent</i>
City of Exeter	Eddie Wendt
Cities of Farmersville, Woodlake	<i>Absent</i>
City of Lindsay	Neyba Amezcua
County of Tulare	Hernan Beltran
City of Porterville	<i>Absent</i>
City of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco
Tule River Indian Reservation	<i>Absent</i>
TCAG	Ben Kimball
Caltrans	Lorena Mendibles

Others Present:

TCAG Staff Present: Steven Ingoldsby, Ted Smalley, Elizabeth Forte, Roberto Brady, Giancarlo Bruno, Kasia Poleszczuk, Brideget Moore, Holly Gallo, and Servando Quintanilla Jr Recording.

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

(Minutes reflect agenda items discussed only)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kimball at 1:33 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 April 19, 2021.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kimball opened up public comment and closed with no public comments heard.

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Action: Adoption of Resolutions: Approve Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims for the Cities of Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, and County of Tulare for Fiscal Year 2020/21

Ms. Forte summarized that the agencies from the Cities of Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, and County of Tulare submitted their TDA claims and still waiting on four more agencies to submit their claims.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange Authorization for Fiscal Year 2020/21

Ms. Davis stated that the item was the annual Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange Authorization for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and the funds being distributed were \$3,263,662.

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) State Exchange and Federal Programming Distribution for Fiscal Year 2020/21

Mr. Davis explained details regarding the distribution of the funds in the amount of 2,375,878.

D. Information: Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable Appointments

Mr. Kimball stated that there were no additional recruitments for the Roundtable.

E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointment of Two (2) Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Members

Mr. Bruno stated that the item was to address the appointments of two SSTAC members, one was Norma Verduzco of Family HealthCare Network and second was Albert Cendejas of CSET. Both were current seated members.

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

Mr. Smalley reported that TCAG lobbyist along with others were looking to get some surplus funds to help with the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

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

Mr. Brady gave an update on the SAFE Vehicle Regulation and noted that the new administration was attempting to replace the SAFE Rule and TCAG would monitor EMFAC 2017 along with other valley MPO's.

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation: State Government Relations Firm Politico Group

Mr. Kimball stated that there would be a presentation from Politico Group.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Formula for Sub-allocation of Large Urbanized Area (UZA) Federal Transit Funds

Ms. Forte reported that the Board members wanted to know more information on the sub allocations for the UZA.

C. Action: Approve Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 Funding Apportionments

Ms. Forte gave an update on the 5311 funds for rural agencies. Some changes came after the report was done with CRRSAA and it can only be used for operations and equipment. The County will act on behalf of the 5311 funds with county cities transitioning into the JPA.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Program COVID-19 Relief Funding to SR-99 (Delano) and SR-99/Caldwell Ave Interchange and Program STBGP Funding to Riggins Ave.

Mr. Smalley stated that on the Federal side, there was Covid-19 relief funding for transportation that would come from the STIP in the amount of \$2.9 million and STBGP in the amount of \$2.1 and will program projects on the SR99, SR99/Caldwell, and Riggins project.

E. Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects

Ms. Forte stated that there were two STBGP projects going in this year and that there would be a call for projects coming soon for next year. There were also 4 HSIP projects that were funded within Tulare County and three CMAQ projects.

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

Mr. Smalley gave an update on CTC items that were approved in March. One was a bridge project on Ave 48 overcrossing of SR-99 in Pixley and the second was to repair Transportation Management System elements at various locations in Madera, Fresno, Kings, Kern and Tulare Counties.

G. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Ms. Mendibles stated that any amendments to the OWP would be due by May 1st, 2021.

VII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Renewal of Census Regional Data Center Joint Statistical Agreement

Mr. Brady stated that the item would recommend the TCAG Board to renew the Census Regional Data Center Joint Statistical Agreement.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 10 to the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

Ms. Davis gave an update an Amendment No. 10 to the OWP 2021 with an increase to some work elements, redistributions of funds, EV charging station, REAP funding, and a change to the PL funding.

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Legislative Update

Mr. Kimball stated that TCAG was working with the new California Action Plan Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) to reduce greenhouse gasses. Mr. Smalley gave an update on the widening the 99, and TCAG lobbyist were working to get surplus funding for transportation and discussed ear mark projects with valley representatives.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Amendment to Contract with Politico Group for State Lobbying Services

Mr. Kimball reported that the item was an amendment to the contract with Politico Group for State lobbying services.

G. Action: Appoint Member to San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee (SJVRC)

Ms. Forte gave an update on vacancies for the SJVRC.

H. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving the Distribution of Funds from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program

Mr. Ingoldsby explained that the item was an action item to distribute REAP funds and that TCAG would keep a portion and the rest would be distributed by population.

I. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Plan (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Ms. Davis stated that the item was for the approval for FY 2021/2022 OWP. Some increases for the year were due to additional REAP funding, added TCRTA budget, and added additional cost from TCICT.

J. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Appointments of Member and Alternate Member-At-Large for Position No. 3

Mr. Smalley gave an update to the Member-At-Large and Alternate position with applications from Pamela Whitmire for Member-At-Large and Julie Allen for Alternate.

K. Information: Preview of Upcoming Los Arroyos 1 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Application Between Self-help Enterprises (SHE); City of Farmersville, Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Ms. Bhongir stated that the item was an informational item to let the Board know that the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Application between Self-help Enterprises (SHE), Farmersville, TCAG and TCRTA and next month would be the action item to consider for approval.

L. Information: Update on Sustainable Corridors Committees (SCCs) Enhancement Strategies

Ms. Poleszczuk explained that the item was to show the Board the progress of SCC's Enhancement Strategies and to highlight partnerships with many agencies and elected officials on the screening unsightly views and litter abatement strategies.

M. Information: Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Audit Year Ending June 30, 2020

Ms. Davis gave an update on the Audit Year Ending June 30, 2020 with all cities turning in their audits with no findings or material weaknesses and County of Tulare would turn their audit in soon. She noted that the City of Lindsay had been stabilized and bringing in additional funding and added cost containing measures.

N. Information: Regional Transit Coordination Update

Ms. Forte gave an update on the TCRTA budget, operations, executive director search, and evaluating TCRTA programs for free fares and free fares for people to get Covid-19 vaccinations.

O. Information: Update on 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach

Mr. Brady commented that the item was an update to the 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach with many activities and materials given out at the outreach events. Other outreach types included social media, radio ads, and school lunch give outs. Mr. Brady also stated that it would be the last update, as the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee had expired.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XI. ADJOURN

The TCAG Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, June 21, 2021, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Tulare County Board of Supervisors 2800 W. Burrel Ave, Visalia, CA 93291**. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, June 17, 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**.

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM VII-C

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Amie Kane, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Cancel the July 2021 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board Meeting and Reschedule the June Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The 2021 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 14, 2020. 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 17, 2021 to June 24, 2021; and the TCAG Board Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2021 to June 28, 2021.

TCAG staff in consultation with the TCAG Chair is requesting to cancel the TAC meeting scheduled for July 16, 2021 and the TCAG Meeting scheduled for July 20, 2021.

The August meetings would be held as originally scheduled. The TAC meeting on August 15, 2021 and TCAG and TCTA meetings on August 19, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the cancellation of the July 2021 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board Meeting and rescheduling of the June 2021 meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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AGENDA ITEM VII-D

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

BACKGROUND:

On April 19, 2021, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Plan (OWP) was adopted through Resolution No. 2021-123. Amendments throughout the year are necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies.

DISCUSSION:

Amendment No.1 to the FY 2021/2022 OWP is necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies.

1. Increase Work Element No. 602.07, Special Transportation Project Studies (non-Federal), in the amount of \$25,000 for a Pedestrian corridor study in the city of Woodlake.
2. Increase Work Element No. 700.01, Measure R Administration and Planning, in the amount of \$25,000 for Financial Advisor Consultant for FY 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the approval of Amendment No. 1 to the OWP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase to budget is offset TCAG reserves and Measure R.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution approving FY 2021/2022 OWP Amendment No. 1
2. OWP summary documents as affected by approval. (Under Separate Cover)

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

In the matter of:

APPROVING FY 2021/2022 OVERALL WORK)
PLAN (OWP) AMENDMENT NO. 1)

Resolution No. 2021-XXX

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Planning Agency Board of Governors adopted the FY 2021/2022 Overall Work Program (OWP) on April 19, 2021, with approval of Resolution 2021-123; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2021/2022 OWP is necessary to allow TCAG to deliver services as requested by its member agencies; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020/2021 OWP is necessary to Increase Work Element No. 602.07, Special Transportation Project Studies (non-Federal), in the amount of \$25,000 for a Pedestrian corridor study in the city of Woodlake; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No 1. to the FY 2021/2022 OWP is necessary to increase Work Element No. 700.01, Measure R Administration and Planning, in the amount of \$25,000 for Financial Advisor Consultant for FY 2021/2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCAG 2021/2022 Overall Work Program (OWP) is amended as shown in Attachment "2" and is herein referenced as Amendment No. 1.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May ,2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

AGENDA ITEM VIII-A

May 17, 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:

Summer 2021 – Online Meetings in Washington D.C. and Sacramento as needed

Fall 2021 – San Joaquin Valley Policy Council 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

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Sheela Bhongir, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Los Arroyos 1 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant application between Self Help Enterprises (SHE), City of Farmersville (City), Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

BACKGROUND:

TCAG has partnered with SHE on three successful Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) applications known as the Sequoia Commons 1, Palm Terrace 1 and Sierra Village 1. However, last year SHE was not successful during Round 5 due to a low score on the Green House Gas Efficiency portion of the application.

DISCUSSION:

On June 8 SHE will be submitting a revised proposal. New scope and details of the project are defined in the MOU (attachment 1).

FISCAL IMPACT:

This MOU involves no commitment of funding by any Partners. Rather, the MOU memorializes the intentions and responsibilities of the Partners to work collectively in order to support various infrastructure improvements that will benefit the Farmersville community.

Staff time for technical assistance in support of SHE's AHSC grant application. In addition, REAP funding is available for TCAG staff to provide technical assistance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding
2. Resolution

Memorandum of Understanding

Between Self-Help Enterprises, Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

and

City of Farmersville and Tulare County Association of Governments

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets the terms and understanding between Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), the City of Farmersville (City), the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (“TCRTA”) and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) collectively referred to as the “Partners”, for the implementation of various transportation improvements (the “improvements”). TCRTA is a joint powers agency formed by the County of Tulare and the Cities of Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, and Woodlake to provide transit services in Tulare County.

The improvements are being implemented in conjunction with the development of the Los Arroyos affordable rental community in Farmersville, which will be owned and operated by SHE. The partnership will be implemented in Farmersville (Tulare County) to reduce transportation costs for low-income working families, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and the associated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and leverage the respective skills of each organization to better meet the transportation and housing needs of low-income families in Tulare County.

Background: Self-Help Enterprises is a nationally recognized community development organization whose mission is to work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities. In the last 50 years, Self-Help Enterprises’ efforts have touched the lives of over 55,000 families. Self-Help Enterprises’ service area is comprised of eight counties – Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare – in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, the world’s most productive agricultural area. Self-Help Enterprises develops quality, affordable rental apartments to serve the housing needs of low-income Valley residents and underserved farmworker communities. Residents in these underserved communities face over-crowding and overpaying with most farmworkers struggling to obtain decent, affordable housing for their families. Affordable rental apartments are important to the sustainability of communities and developing an overall vibrant community. All of Self-Help Enterprises’ 40 rental communities are professionally managed and are located near schools, bus lines and other community services. The rental housing communities are developed with ample interior and exterior space with plenty of green areas for children to play. They also feature multi-use community centers complete with computer labs and kitchen facilities. SHE works with many community partners to provide free resident services such as job training, health and medical services, financial training and homebuyer education. The combination of housing and resident services is a way Self-Help Enterprises helps people help themselves.

Project Goals: SHE is currently developing the 54-unit affordable rental community known as Los Arroyos. The project also includes a second phase of rental housing which includes an additional 54-units of housing for low-income families and farmworkers. SHE has a desire to expand access to enhanced transportation options for those households. The planned improvements include approximately .50 linear miles of bike lanes along Farmersville Boulevard, two crosswalks on Farmersville Boulevard, and at minimum 3,000 linear feet in new or replaced sidewalks along Freedom Drive, Farmersville Boulevard, Petunia Street, and North Shasta Avenue, paving and lighting a portion of

the neighboring park trail, Multi-Modal Hub that will include solar and be located off Front Street, Purchasing of 30 CalVans, an Electric Bus, and 10 Micro-Enterprise vehicles, SHE will also coordinate reduced cost transit passes and provide vanpool opportunities in partnership with the California Vanpool Authority.

Roles of the Partners:

This MOU details the responsibilities of the Partners in working collectively to implement transportation infrastructure improvements in conjunction with the development of the Los Arroyos affordable rental community. Self-Help Enterprises shall be responsible for the following:

- Be the submitting organization for AHSC and be contact throughout submittal and review process;
- Secure the remaining funding required for the construction of the Los Arroyos affordable rental community through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program;
- Include a request for AHSC funding for sidewalks and bike lanes located along Farmersville Boulevard, Freedom Drive, and Ventura Avenue to accommodate those improvements;
- Include a request for AHSC funding for construction of a new Transit Center in Farmersville;
- Provide general coordination and management for the project;
- Serve as a liaison between the AHSC funding program, the City, TCRTA and TCAG as applicable;
- Manage implementation of the project.

The City shall be responsible for the following:

- Provide general oversight and support to SHE in seeking funding, including feedback on the location of proposed bike lane and sidewalk improvements;
- Provide feedback to SHE and the project engineer on the development of the improvement plans for the sidewalks and bike lanes;
- Facilitate construction of the new transit center in Farmersville, should AHSC funds be awarded.
- Provide general oversight and expertise pertaining to the City permitting process;
- Coordinate with the TCAG and the TCRTA on evaluating the potential to expand fixed-route service in Farmersville.
- Provide feedback and guidance on transit subsidy program development and implementation; share City expertise and knowledge with SHE through implementation of AHSC-funded programs.

TCAG shall be responsible for the following:

- Provide general oversight and support to SHE in seeking funding, such as GIS mapping, population and ridership projections, work alongside GHG Consultant, gather information regarding the Sustainable Communities Strategy and other regional transportation plans;

- Assist SHE and the City in evaluating alternatives for fixed-route service and the expansion of vanpool in Farmersville;
- Assist the City and SHE in seeking other financing for the project as applicable;
- Provide general expertise pertaining to transportation, the regional Blueprint, and how to effectively provide transportation solutions to low-income working families in Farmersville.
- Provide feedback and guidance on the transit subsidy program development and implementation; share TCAG expertise and knowledge with SHE through implementation of AHSC-funded programs.
- Serve as a liaison between SHE, the City and the TCRTA.

TCRTA shall be responsible for the following:

- Operate the micro-transit program with vehicles purchased by SHE through AHSC.
- Implement the route adjustments identified to increase ridership in Farmersville, on the route identified for operation with an all-electric bus purchased with funds from the AHSC program.
- Coordinate with SHE on the administration of transit passes and other marketing/outreach to low-income residents and the surrounding community.

All of the parties agree to:

- Support the other Partner's efforts to secure project funding, including, but not limited to, providing data, reports, resolutions and other application materials, etc.

Reporting: SHE will be responsible for reporting to all funding entities, including the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities reporting requirements.

Funding: This MOU is not a commitment of funds. Rather, the MOU codifies the responsibilities of the Partners to work collectively to implement various infrastructure improvements that will benefit the unincorporated community of Farmersville and Tulare County.

Duration: This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from SHE, the County and TCAG and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the Partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from SHE, the City and TCAG, this MOU shall end on December 31, 2025.

This MOU may be modified by mutual written consent of authorized officials from SHE, the City and TCAG. This MOU may be terminated by either Partner for any reason at any point in time by written notice to the other Partner(s). The MOU will be deemed terminated within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such written notice of termination.

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City of Farmersville

TCAG

Signature _____ *Date*

Signature _____ *Date*

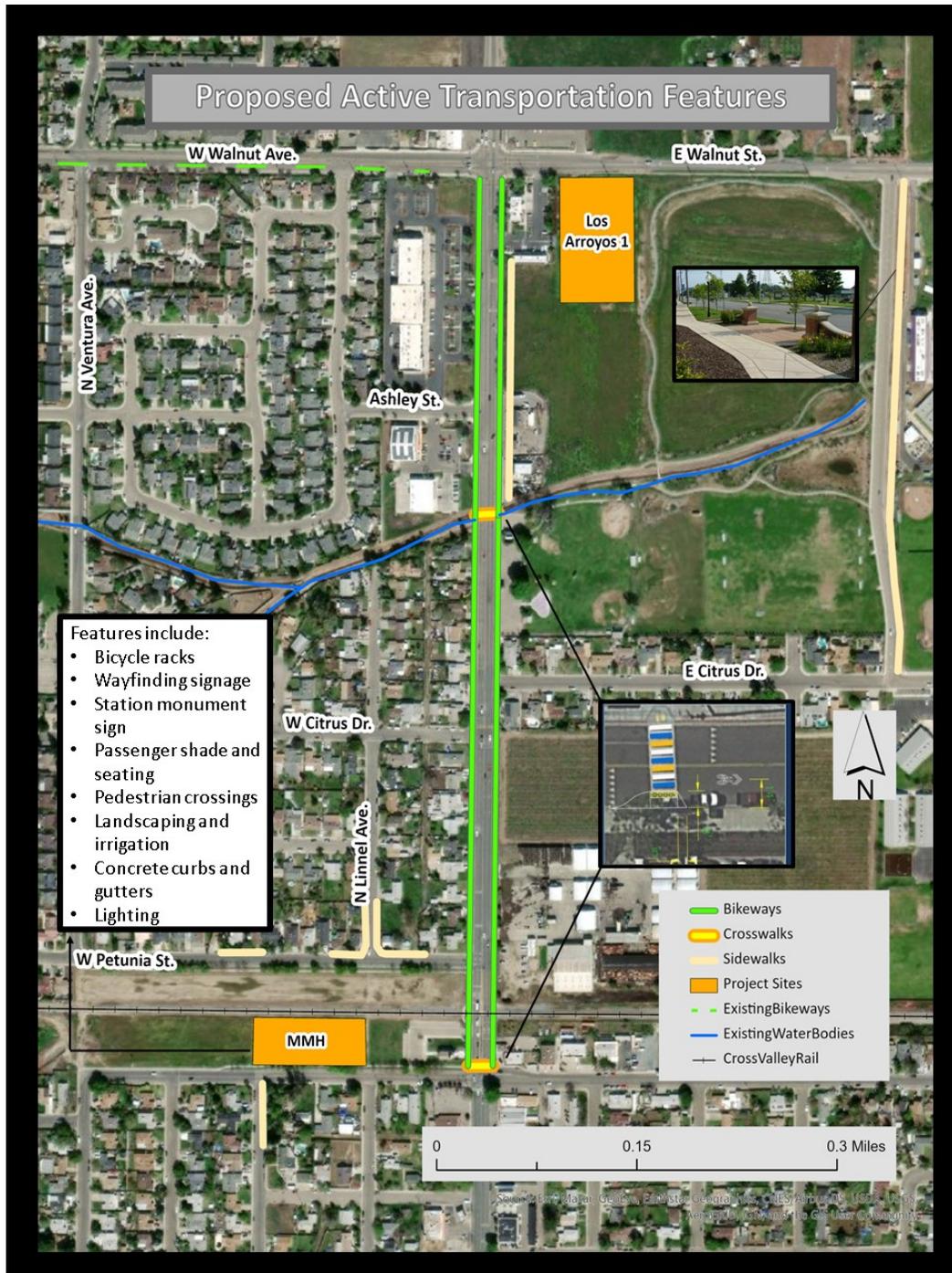
Self-Help Enterprises

TCRТА

Signature _____ *Date*

Signature _____ *Date*

Exhibit A: Approximate Location of Planned Improvements
 (For illustrative purposes and subject to revision)



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

In the matter of:

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM)	
OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE)	
LOS ARROYOS 1 GRANT)	Resolution No. 2021-XXX
APPLICATION)	

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has been a partner with Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) during previous Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant cycles; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, TCAG shall be responsible in working collectively with SHE, the City of Farmersville (City) and the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) to implement transportation infrastructure improvements in conjunction with the development of the Los Arroyos affordable rental community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Association of Governments hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding for the Los Arroyos 1 Grant Application.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

AGENDA ITEM VIII-G

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Elizabeth Forte, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Consultant Selection for City of Visalia Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

BACKGROUND:

TCAG is currently managing the administration of an awarded Caltrans Planning Grant for the preparation of the 2022 Visalia Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). TCAG, in partnership with the City of Visalia, prepared a Request for Proposals to solicit consultant proposals for the preparation of the SRTP.

DISCUSSION:

In March, TCAG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2022 Visalia Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). The budget for the project is \$110,000. Two proposals were received, neither from local firms. Both met the proposal requirements and came in under budget. Proposals were received from Moore & Associates and LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. and scored by a panel composed of Visalia transit staff and TCAG staff. Total score possible was 105 points.

	Moore & Associates	LSC Transportation Consultants
Average Score	99.33	83.00
Cost	\$104,863	\$106,413

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on adopted evaluation criteria and scoring, TCAG staff recommends selection of Moore & Associates for preparation of the 2022 Visalia Short Range Transit Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This study is primarily funded with an SB1 Caltrans Planning Grant, with an 11.47% match from local planning contributions.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution approving consultant selection.

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

In the matter of:

SELECTION OF MOORE & ASSOCIATES)
FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2022 VISALIA) Resolution No. 2021-xxx
SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN)

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2021, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) requested proposals for consultant services to prepare 2022 Visalia Short Range Transit Plan for a budget not to exceed \$110,000; and

WHEREAS, two qualified consulting firms submitted proposals to TCAG; and

WHEREAS, proposals were evaluated and scored in accordance with the adopted scoring criteria as presented in the Request for Proposals (RFP); and

WHEREAS, Moore & Associates submitted the highest scoring proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that TCAG staff is authorized to prepare and negotiate a contact with Moore & Associates to prepare the 2022 Visalia Short Range Transit Plan for an amount not to exceed \$104,863.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM VIII-H

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Fiscal Audit and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Consultant Selection

BACKGROUND:

On March 18, 2021, TCAG staff sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to 50 firms for the preparation of the TCAG Fiscal Audits. The RFP identified \$86,000 as budgeted for the fiscal audit and \$15,000 for additional services as approved. Two (2) proposals were received. The proposals were from: Brown Armstrong CPAs of Bakersfield, and Price, Paige & Company, of Clovis.

DISCUSSION:

TCAG staff evaluated and scored the proposals based on the adopted scoring criteria including understanding of the work to be done, experience with similar kinds of work, quality of staff, capability of developing innovative or advanced techniques, local preference, and demonstration of DBE intent.

The audits will be performed for FY 2020/21, FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 and include, TCRTA and TDA audits for nine (9) member agencies as applicable. The 2 firms showed understanding of the work to be done and have sufficient experience with similar audits. The firms had good references, qualified staff and were under budget. The firm that scored the highest based on the TCAG adopted procurement procedures is Brown Armstrong CPA's. This firm has the best understanding of how TCAG functions and has prior experiences with other Council of Governments (COG's) and Transportation Agencies. The results, based on the proposal scoring, along with the recommended budget is provided below:

		Brown Armstrong	Price Paige & Co
The Proposal	Max Score		
- Comprehension of the Project	10	10	8
- Thoroughness of Proposal	10	9.5	8.5
- Meeting the RFP Objectives	25	24.5	23
- Project Delivery Time	5	5	5
Consultant Qualifications			
- Qualifications and Experience	25	24.5	22.5
- References	15	15	15
- DBE Participation Level	5	0	0
Cost	5	5	4.5
Local Firm	5	0	0
Totals	105	94	87
Proposal Budget	TCAG	\$68,070.00	\$85,950.00
	TCTA	\$31,780.00	\$44,970.00
Total Budget		\$99,850.00	\$130,920.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the average scoring, Brown Armstrong CPA's is recommended by TCAG staff to conduct the fiscal audits for FY 2020/21, FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 at a cost not to exceed \$68,070 a year. Contract extension will be permitted on an annual basis for up to three years following, upon agreement by the TCAG Executive Director and Consultant. If needed, TCAG may also request additional services that fall within the scope of the contract that are not outlined within the Request for Proposal (RFP). Any additional services requested by TCAG will be paid up to an additional amount of \$15,000 per year with prior written approval of TCAG.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The TDA and TCAG audit budget was approved with the FY 21/22 Overall Work Program (OWP). The TCRTA audit will be funded by Measure R administration.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution approving a TCAG fiscal audit consultant.

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

In the matter of:

SELECTION OF BROWN ARMSTRONG FOR)
PREPARATION OF THE TULARE COUNTY)
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (TCAG)
FISCAL AUDIT FOR FY 20/21,21/22,22/23)

Resolution No. 2021-xxx

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) requested proposals for consultant services to prepare fiscal audits of the agency and selected funds under its jurisdiction for fiscal years 2020/21, FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23; and

WHEREAS, two (2) qualified consulting firms submitted proposals to TCAG; and

WHEREAS, proposals were evaluated and scored in accordance with the adopted scoring criteria as presented in the Request for Proposals (RFP); and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to the TCAG Board of Governors by staff that Brown Armstrong CPA's, be awarded a contract to provide three years of auditing services for Tulare County Association of Governments for the amount not to exceed \$68,070 a year. Contract extension will be permitted on an annual basis for up to three years following, upon agreement by the TCAG Executive Director and Consultant. If needed, TCAG may also request additional services that fall within the scope of the contract that are not outlined within the Request for Proposal (RFP). Any additional services requested by TCAG will be paid up to an additional amount of \$15,000 per year with prior written approval of TCAG; and

WHEREAS, TCAG staff is authorized to prepare and negotiate a contract with Brown Armstrong CPA's for preparation of the TCAG Fiscal Audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TCAG staff is authorized to prepare and negotiate a contact with Brown Armstrong CPA's.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Pete Vander Poel III
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM VIII-I

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Leslie Davis, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Member Agency Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audit Year Ending June 30, 2020

BACKGROUND:

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) audit was completed for the year ending June 30, 2020 and issued February 26, 2021. The audited financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) can be found at <https://tularecog.org/tcag/finance/budgets/> The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States.

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

DISCUSSION:

Member Agencies: The City of Tulare, City of Lindsay, City of Exeter, City of Farmersville, City of Woodlake, City of Visalia, City of Porterville, City of Dinuba and the County of Tulare TDA audits are completed and did not have any material weaknesses or findings.

ATTACHMENT:

None

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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM VIII-J

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Brideget Moore, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Vacancy of Alternate Member-At-Large for 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 31st, 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. The appointee would fill the remainder of the original three-year term set to expire December 31, 2022. The vacant position notice was posted to the TCAG website on April 18, 2021. TCAG will continue to solicit interest on the TCAG website and social media for the Alternate Member At Large No.2 position.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

No action required at this time.

ATTACHMENT:

None

Work Element: 601.02 TCAG Administration

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AGENDA ITEM VIII-K

May 17, 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:

At the May 17th meeting of the TCRTA, the Board will be hearing a presentation on the results of a free fare analysis. It will outline the potential revenues that would be needed to support a fully fare free system and provide other data and options. Barring unforeseen circumstances after this agenda was published, the TCRTA Board will be holding final interviews for their new Executive Director also at the meeting in May.

Staff has also been working with Caltrans and the Federal Transit Administration on obtaining waivers that would allow operations contracts to transfer from member agencies to the TCRTA. This is a major step in the transfer of services to the TCRTA, since the majority of member agency operators have existing third-party contracts in place.

ATTACHMENT:

None

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

AGENDA ITEM IX-A

May 17, 2021

Prepared by Michele Boling, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2020/2021 First and Second Quarter Reports

BACKGROUND:

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program First Quarter Report for FY 2020/2021 represents the period from July 1 to September 30, 2020. The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program Second Quarter Report for FY 2020/2021 represents the period from October 1 to December 31, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

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

- 1) Allocates 1% to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) for support of TCAG's role as Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority; and
- 2) Distributes 50% of the remaining quarterly allocation to the eight cities and county in direct proportion to their population as determined by State Department of Finance January 1, 2021 estimates; and
- 3) Distributes 50% of the remaining quarterly allocation to the eight cities and county in direct proportion to their share of the total number of abatements made during that quarter.
- 4) The amount received for 2020/2021 First Quarter distribution is \$104,080.19. The distributed amount is based on the above criteria as represented on Attachment A. The amount received for 2020/2021 Second Quarter distribution is \$93,107.20. The distributed amount is based on the above criteria as represented on Attachment B.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Tulare County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement First Quarter 2020/2021 FY Report
2. Tulare County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Second Quarter 2020/2021 FY Report

Report on Allocations, 1st Quarter, July 1-September 30					2020-21			
\$ 104,080.19 Authority's allocation of Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Funds from State								
\$ 1,040.80 1% administration fee levied by the Tulare County Association of Governments								
\$ 103,039.39 Funds distributed to Local Jurisdictions by the Authority this quarter								
Local Population	Population as of Percentage	Percentage of Population	Funding Allocation Based on Population	Total Number of Abatements	Percentage of Abatements	Funding Allocation Based on Abatements	Total Funding Allocation for Quarter	Total Number of Voluntary Abatements
Dinuba	25,994	5.42%	2,790.14	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,790.14	0
Exeter	11,030	2.30%	1,183.94	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,183.94	0
Farmersville	11,399	2.37%	1,223.54	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,223.54	0
Lindsay	13,154	2.74%	1,411.92	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,411.92	0
Porterville	59,655	12.43%	6,403.24	13	30.23%	\$ 15,575.72	\$ 21,978.96	86
Tulare	67,834	14.13%	7,281.15	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 7,281.15	0
Visalia	138,649	28.89%	14,882.28	3	6.98%	\$ 3,594.40	\$ 18,476.68	98
Woodlake	7,773	1.62%	834.34	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 834.34	0
Unincorporated	144,489	30.10%	15,509.14	27	62.79%	\$ 32,349.58	\$ 47,858.72	32
TOTALS	479,977	100.00%	51,519.69	43	100.00%	\$ 51,519.70	\$ 103,039.39	216

Tulare County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority

Report on Allocations, 2nd Quarter, October 1-December 31		2020-2021						
\$ 93,107.20		Authority's allocation of Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Funds from State						
\$ 931.07		1% administration fee levied by the Tulare County Association of Governments						
\$ 92,176.13		Funds distributed to Local Jurisdictions by the Authority this quarter						
Local Population	Population as of Percentage	Percentage of Population	Funding Allocation Based on Population	Total Number of Abatements	Percentage of Abatements	Funding Allocation Based on Abatements	Total Funding Allocation for Quarter	Total Number of Voluntary Abatements
Dinuba	25,994	5.42%	2,495.98	1	3.45%	\$ 1,589.24	\$ 4,085.22	40
Exeter	11,030	2.30%	1,059.12	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,059.12	0
Farmersville	11,399	2.37%	1,094.55	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,094.55	0
Lindsay	13,154	2.74%	1,263.07	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,263.07	0
Porterville	59,655	12.43%	5,728.16	13	44.83%	\$ 20,660.17	\$ 26,388.33	95
Tulare	67,834	14.13%	6,513.51	0	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 6,513.51	0
Visalia	138,649	28.89%	13,313.27	1	3.45%	\$ 1,589.24	\$ 14,902.51	163
Woodlake	7,773	1.62%	746.37	5	17.24%	\$ 7,946.22	\$ 8,692.59	27
Unincorporated	144,489	30.10%	13,874.04	9	31.03%	\$ 14,303.19	\$ 28,177.23	13
TOTALS	479,977	100.00%	46,088.07	29	100.00%	\$46,088.06	\$ 92,176.13	338