

Tulare County Association of Governments	Date: Monday, October 17, 2022 Time: 1:00 PM Place: Porterville Fire Department Training Facility, 500 N. Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA 93257
Technical Advisory Committee	Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 Time: 1:30 PM Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

Convene as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR –INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Items V-A through V-C.

- A. Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings (Pages 01)
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize TCAG Executive Director to Amend T-Pass Agreement to Introduce Regional Day Passes and 7-Day Passes (Pages 03 - 06)
- C. Information: Implementation Status of Federal Projects (Pages 07 - 08)

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update (Pages 09 - 10)
- B. Information: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Competitive Programs Update (Pages 11 - 12)
- C. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report (No Page)

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

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

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by TCAG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the TCAG Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. Items pulled from the Calendar will be considered separately. The TCAG/Transportation Authority Board may provide guidance and/or direction to staff on any item listed as information.

VII. ASSOCIATION CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Minutes of September 19, 2022 TCAG Board Meeting (Pages 13 - 16)
- B. Action: Minutes of September 15, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Pages 17 - 19)
- C. Action: Cancel the November and Reschedule the December 2022 Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings (Pages 21)
- D. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-02: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified Elementary School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 1: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Units (Under Separate Cover)
- E. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-03: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified Elementary School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 2: Technological Equipment (Under Separate Cover)
- F. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-04: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified Elementary School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 3: School Buses (Under Separate Cover)
- G. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-05: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified Elementary School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 4: Site Improvements (Under Separate Cover)
- H. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-06: City of Lindsay United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 1: Public Safety Vehicles (Under Separate Cover)

- I. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-07: City of Lindsay United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 2: Public Works Vehicles **(Under Separate Cover)**
- J. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-08: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 1: Kitchen Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- K. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-09: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 2: Kitchen Equipment (Orosi) **(Under Separate Cover)**
- L. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-10: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 3: Cutler Safety Cameras **(Under Separate Cover)**
- M. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-11: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 4: Cutler Kitchen Improvements **(Under Separate Cover)**
- N. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-12: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 5: Cutler HVAC **(Under Separate Cover)**
- O. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-13: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 6: Cutler Teacher Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- P. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-14: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 7: Cutler School Buses **(Under Separate Cover)**
- Q. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-15: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 8: Cutler Soccer Field Improvements **(Under Separate Cover)**
- R. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-16: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 9: Cutler Wireless Network **(Under Separate Cover)**
- S. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-17: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 10: Orosi Teacher Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- T. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-18: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 11: Orosi HVAC **(Under Separate Cover)**
- U. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-19: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 12: Orosi Ice Machines **(Under Separate Cover)**
- V. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-20: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 13: Orosi Safety Cameras **(Under Separate Cover)**
- W. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-21: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 14: Orosi Soccer Field Improvements **(Under Separate Cover)**
- X. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-22: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 15: Orosi Wireless Network **(Under Separate Cover)**
- Y. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-23: Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 16: Cutler HVAC **(Under Separate Cover)**

- Z. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-24: Waukena Joint Union Elementary School
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community
Facilities Grant Application No. 1: School Bus **(Under Separate Cover)**

- AA. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-25: Waukena Joint Union Elementary School
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No. 6: Technology and Storage Seatrains **(Under Separate Cover)**
- BB. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-26: Waukena Joint Union Elementary School
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No. 2: School Bus 2 **(Under Separate Cover)**
- CC. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-27: Waukena Joint Union Elementary School
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No. 3: Vehicles **(Under Separate Cover)**
- DD. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-28: Waukena Joint Union Elementary School
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No. 4: Food Storage **(Under Separate Cover)**
- EE. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-29: Waukena Joint Union Elementary School
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No. 5: Classroom Furniture **(Under Separate Cover)**
- FF. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-30: Oak Valley Union Elementary School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application: Agricultural Program Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- GG. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-31: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No 1: Bus Purchase No 1 **(Under Separate Cover)**
- HH. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-32: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No 2: Bus Purchase No 2 **(Under Separate Cover)**
- II. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-33: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No 3: Bus Purchase No 3 **(Under Separate Cover)**
- JJ. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-34: Saucelito Elementary School District United
States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant
Application: Bus Purchase **(Under Separate Cover)**
- KK. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-35: City of Woodlake United States Department
of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No 1:
Public Works Vehicles and Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- LL. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-36: City of Woodlake United States Department
of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No 2:
Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- MM. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-37: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No 5: Maintenance Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- NN. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-38: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No 6: Communications Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- OO. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-39: Monson-Sultana Joint Unified School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application No 7: Performing Arts Improvement **(Under Separate Cover)**
- PP. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-40: Allensworth Elementary School District
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities
Grant Application: Site Improvements **(Under Separate Cover)**

- QQ. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-41: Woodlake Fire District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 1: Equipment **(Under Separate Cover)**
- RR. Local Clearinghouse Review (LCR) 2023-42: Woodlake Fire District United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Application No. 2: Fire Engine **(Under Separate Cover)**

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Legislative Update **(Pages 23)**
- B. Presentation: Report from Congresswoman Conway's 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 Grove's Office **(No Page)**
- F. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's Office **(No Page)**
- G. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Consultant Selection **(Pages 25 - 26)**
- H. Information: Save the Dates: Board Training and Board Retreat **(Pages 27 - 29)**

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Review of Adopted Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan (RHNP) **(Page 30)**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Items from Staff:
1. TCAG Director's Report
- 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
- C. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURN

(Pending approved cancellation of the November & reschedule of December 2022 meetings)

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, December 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tulare Ag Auditorium, 4437 S Laspina, Tulare, CA 93274.** The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet on Thursday, December 8, 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.

(If the cancellation of the November 2022 TCAG Board Meeting is not approved)

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, November 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** at a location to be determined. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, November 17, 2022 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
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS	AGENCY	ALTERNATE
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Pete Vander Poel,III	Tulare County-District 2	William Cushing
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Rudy Mendoza	City of Woodlake	Jose Martinez
Kellie Carrillo	Public Transit Provider*	<i>Vacant</i>
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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

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Jeff Kuhn, Chief Deputy County Counsel

SUBJECT:

Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings

BACKGROUND:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor suspended part of the Brown Act concerning the requirements for allowing Governing Board members to remotely participate in Board meetings. The suspended provisions require that (1) Governing Board meeting agendas allowing remote Board Member participation list each of the specific locations from which Board members will be remotely participating, (2) such agendas be posted at each such location, and (3) members of the general public must be allowed to remotely participate in the meeting from each of the listed locations. The suspension was done to promote social distancing and so to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

DISCUSSION:

The Governor's suspension of these Brown Act provisions expired as of September 30 and was replaced by new AB 361, an urgency statute that became effective as of September 30. Under AB 361, Governing Boards can continue to allow remote Board members participation in Brown Act public meetings if several conditions are met:

1. The meeting is held during a declared State of Emergency (Like the Governor's COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency that's still in effect in California);
2. The Governing Board adopts findings to the effect that allowing remote meeting participation by Governing Board members promotes social distancing, which in turn helps prevent the spread of COVID-19;
3. The Governing Board confirms these conditions continue to be met every 30 days.

The Tulare County Association of Governments Board of Governors passed a resolution adopting a policy of remote attendance pursuant to AB 361 on October 18, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

Reaffirm the decision to continue allowing the option to participate in its governing board meetings remotely through the use of the teleconferencing provisions of AB 361.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT:

None

Work Element 601.02 TCAG Administration

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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM IV-B

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Giancarlo Bruno, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize TCAG Executive Director to Amend T-Pass Agreement to Introduce Regional Day Passes and 7-Day Passes

BACKGROUND:

Tulare County transit providers have offered the T-Pass, a regionwide monthly pass for local and commuter fixed route transit services, since 2007. As part of the TDA-mandated unmet transit needs process for FY 2020/21, TCAG received multiple requests for the introduction of a regional day pass. These requests were included in the TCAG Board's approved list of unmet transit needs 'reasonable to meet' for that year.

Introduction of a regional day pass was delayed by technical constraints that have now been resolved with the adoption of new fare collection technology. Local transit agencies now have the capability to issue regional passes that are valid for a specific length of time after they are first validated. Accordingly, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) has developed a proposed fare structure that includes one-day, 7-day, and 31-day "monthly" passes that can be issued on a rolling basis.

DISCUSSION:

The TCAG Board is authorized to set the price of the T-Pass per existing agreements, which also stipulate that regional pass pricing should be reevaluated no less than once every three (3) years. TCRTA has proposed, and tentatively approved, a T-Pass fare structure that incorporates one-day and 7-day passes. No change is proposed to the price of a standard 31-day pass, though the proposal does introduce a new reduced cost 31-day pass for seniors, people with disabilities, Medicare card holders, and veterans/military personnel. Staff will coordinate with both transit providers, Visalia Transit and TCRTA, and evaluate the T-Pass fare structure over the next six months.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution authorizing TCAG Executive Director to amend T-Pass Agreement to incorporate reduced, daily, and weekly passes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing TCAG Director to Amend T-Pass Agreement
2. Schedule 'A': Proposed T-Pass Fare Structure

Work Element: 601.01 – Transit Administration

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

In the matter of:

AUTHORIZE TCAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)	
TO AMEND T-PASS AGREEMENT TO INTRODUCE)	Resolution No. 2022-XXX
REDUCED, DAILY, AND WEEKLY REGIONAL)	
TRANSIT PASSES)	

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

WHEREAS, the T-Pass was created via agreement among all transit providers in Tulare County and TCAG; and

WHEREAS, the TCAG Board has adopted unmet transit needs findings certifying that one-day regional transit passes are an unmet transit need reasonable to meet; and

WHEREAS, the recent adoption of new farebox technology by Tulare County transit agencies has made the introduction of such passes feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) has tentatively approved a proposed T-Pass fare schedule which includes 7-day and one-day passes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the TCAG Executive Director is authorized to amend existing T-Pass agreements to introduce one-day and 7-day regional transit passes and adopt the fare structure outlined in the attached Schedule A.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Amy Shuklian
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

Schedule 'A': Proposed T-Pass Fare Structure
October 17, 2022

General 31-Day	\$55.00
Reduced 31-Day (Senior, Disabled, Medicare, Military)	\$35.00
General 7-Day	\$16.00
Reduced 7-Day (Senior, Disabled, Medicare, Military)	\$8.00
General Day Pass	\$6.00
Reduced Day Pass (Senior, Disabled, Medicare, Military)	\$3.00

AGENDA ITEM IV-C

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Implementation Status of Federally Funded Projects

BACKGROUND:

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

The **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program** has been a longstanding source of funding for TCAG's member agencies. Tulare County agencies qualify for funding due to the region being in a non-attainment area for meeting federal air quality standards for Particulate Matter (PM) and Ozone. The program exists under federal law and is implemented via guidance issued by the Federal Highway Administration and carried out by Caltrans. TCAG received estimates for the receipt of approximately \$6.2 million per year for the next four-year cycle. Project examples include roundabouts, signal coordination, compressed natural gas and electric facilities and vehicles, transit route expansion and bus purchases, etc.

DISCUSSION:

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Tulare County region, TCAG is responsible for administering the competitive project selection process for STBGP and CMAQ projects, programming the selected projects in the FTIP, and ensuring that the programmed funds are being utilized appropriately and are obligated in a timely manner.

STBGP

In fiscal year 2021/22, agencies in the TCAG region were able to successfully obligate over \$4.2 million in STBGP funds. As we enter the new fiscal year, one project is scheduled for obligation. The City of Visalia's Tulare Avenue Rehabilitation (Demaree to Roeben) Project has already been submitted and is awaiting obligation (anticipated in late October or early November 2022).

CMAQ

In fiscal year 2021/22, agencies in the TCAG region were able to successfully obligate over \$6 million in CMAQ funds. As we enter the new federal fiscal year, six projects are scheduled for obligation. They are shown in the table below:

CMAQ		
Agency	Project	Amount Programmed*
Visalia	Visalia Signal Interconnects: Demaree Campus to Caldwell, Ben Maddox Goshen to St. John's, Houston Demaree to Giddings	\$1,097,000
Visalia	Visalia Traffic Signal: Burke Stret and St. John's Parkway	\$660,000
Caltrans	SR 190 and Plano Street Roundabout (Funds for PE and ROW)	\$1,636,000 (PE and ROW)
Caltrans	Porterville Plano and College Roundabout (Fun	\$1,636,000 (PE and ROW)
Visalia	Akers Street Traffic Signal Interconnect Plan	\$70,000
Dinuba	Alta and Kamm Avenue Roundabout	\$1,800,000
* Unless otherwise noted, all amounts shown are for construction phase only.		

ATTACHMENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM V-A

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Benjamin Giuliani, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

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

BACKGROUND:

The CTC is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC met in Santa Barbara on October 12th-13th. The next regular CTC meeting will be in Riverside on December 7th-8th. 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:

October CTC Meeting

Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection (SHOPP):

- Allocation of \$3.298m for design and \$1.759m for R/W support to rehabilitate drainage systems at various locations on SR-198 from the Kings County line to Sequoia National Park.

August CTC Meeting

Local Partnership Program (LPP) and STIP:

- Allocation of \$9 million of competitive LPP funding and \$7.4 million of STIP funding to the SR99/International Agri-Center Way (Commercial) interchange project.

Regional LPP Fund Estimate:

- Adopted the LPP local funding distribution. \$1.356m per year FY23/24 & 24/25 for TCAG. This compares to \$1.328m in 21/22 and \$1.258m in 22/23.

Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Fund Estimate

- Amended ATP fund estimate to account for the additional \$1b from the Governor's budget. For TCAG's share, \$8.847m total for FY23/24 thru FY26/27. The original share was \$3.373m.

2022 RTIP/STIP

The 2022 STIP was adopted by the CTC at the March 16th, 2022 meeting. There were no changes to TCAG's proposed RTIP. The 2022 STIP runs from FY 22/23 through FY 26/27.

2022 RTIP/STIP

Project	Agency	Phase	FY 21/22 (2020 STIP)	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
SR-65 Realignment and operational improvements	Caltrans	PS&E Con			\$2.5m			\$1.9m
SR-99/Caldwell Interchange	Caltrans	R/W Con		\$4.6m	\$7.0m			
SR-99/Commercial Interchange	Caltrans	R/W Con	\$7.4 m ¹					
SR-99 Widening (Tagus-Prosperity)	Caltrans	Con						
SR-99 Widening (City of Tulare)	Caltrans	E&P PS&E	\$6.37 m ²					

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

²\$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 V-B

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Gabriel Gutierrez, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

DISCUSSION:

Summary of SB1 Funding Programs

Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP)

The purpose of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program is to provide funding to achieve a balanced set of transportation, environmental, and community access improvements to reduce congestion throughout the state. This statewide, competitive program makes \$250 million available annually for projects that implement specific transportation performance improvements and are part of a comprehensive corridor plan by providing more transportation choices while preserving the character of local communities and creating opportunities for neighborhood enhancement.

Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)

The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program provides an ongoing source of state funding dedicated to freight-related projects by establishing the new Trade Corridor Enhancement Account (TCEA). The TCEA will provide approximately \$300 million per year in state funding for projects which more efficiently enhance the movement of goods along corridors that have a high freight volume. Subsequent legislation (SB 103) combined the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds with existing federal freight funding.

In partnership with TCAG, Caltrans is preparing a TCEP application requesting funds for the right-of-way phase for the Tulare City Widening project on State Route 99. Project nominations are due to the CTC on November 18, 2022 and CTC funding recommendations will be released on June 8, 2023.

Local Streets and Roads Program (LSRP)

The Local Streets and Roads Program dedicates approximately \$1.5 billion per year in new formula revenues apportioned by the State Controller to cities and counties for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system.

Local Partnership Program (LPP)

The Local Partnership Program provides local and regional transportation agencies that have passed sales tax measures, developer fees, or other imposed transportation fees with a continuous appropriation of \$200 million annually to fund road maintenance and rehabilitation, sound walls, and other transportation improvement projects.

In partnership with Caltrans, TCAG is preparing an LPP competitive grant to provide funding for the construction phase of the SR99/Caldwell Avenue Interchange Project. Project nominations are due to the CTC on November 29, 2022 and CTC funding recommendations will be released on June 8, 2023.

SB 1 Augmented Funding Programs

State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)

The additional SB 1 SHOPP investment, estimated at approximately \$1.5 billion annually to improve the condition of the State Highway System, and \$400 million annually for bridges and culverts will also have a positive impact on the State's economy. SB 1 requires the Commission to adopt and manage the SHOPP in a transparent and accountable manner.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The STIP is the biennial five-year plan adopted by the Commission for future allocations of certain state transportation funds for state highway improvements, intercity rail, and regional highway and transit improvements. State law requires the Commission to update the STIP biennially, in even-numbered years, with each new STIP adding two new years to prior programming commitments. Tulare County's 2022 STIP proposal was approved by the CTC on March 16, 2022.

Active Transportation Program (ATP)

The Legislature created the ATP in 2013 to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. SB 1 directs \$100 million annually the ATP, Applications for ATP Cycle 6 were due to the Commission on June 15, 2022. The scoring process has concluded. Staff recommendations for Statewide and Small Urban and Rural components of the program will be announced on October 21, 2022. In the TCAG region, projects not selected for funding in the Statewide component will be eligible for funding in the MPO component.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information item only. No action needed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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

Executive Minutes September 19, 2022

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

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

Counsel and TCAG Staff Present (X)

<u>X</u> Jeff Kuhn, Tulare County Deputy Counsel	_____ Giancarlo Bruno, Regional Planner
<u>X</u> Ted Smalley, Executive Director	_____ Sheela Bhongir, Regional Planner
_____ Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director	_____ Gail Miller, Associate Regional Planner/EH
<u>X</u> Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer-LAFCO	_____ Maria Garza, Associate Regional Planner/EH
_____ Leslie Davis, Finance Director	_____ Jennie Miller, Associate Regional Planner EH
_____ Roberto Brady, Principal Regional Planner	_____ Michele Boling, TCAG Accountant III
<u>X</u> Derek Winning, Senior Regional Planner	<u>X</u> _____ Brideget Moore, TCAG Analyst III
<u>X</u> Gabriel Gutierrez, Senior Regional Planner	_____ Amie Kane, Administrative Clerk II
_____ Kasia Thompson, Associate Regional Planner	<u>X</u> _____ Servando Quintanilla, Administrative Clerk II
<u>X</u> Steven Ingolsby, 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 Vice-Chair Flores at 1:01 p.m. on September 19, 2022, at the Lindsay Wellness Center, 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Convene as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Items IV-A through V-D.

- A. Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings**
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2022/2023 Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) State of Good Repair Project List**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 17 (Type 3-Formal Amendment)**
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Amendment No. 2 to Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Agreement No. 2022-019**

Upon a Motion by Member Vander Poel, and seconded by Member Valero, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Items IV-A through IV-D. Absent: Shuklian, Sayre, Poochigian, and Mendoza.

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

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Mr. Gutierrez provided an update on Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and Right of Way (ROW) project and provided details regarding the project due date. He discussed the Active Transportation Program (ATP), statewide component, and eligibility for the MPO component for projects.

- B. Information: Implementation Status of Federal Projects.**

Mr. Gutierrez discussed TCAG programming federal funds and the three projects in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds and those projects that had been obligated with CMAQ funds.

- C. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report**

Mr. Navarro discussed projects in progress and call for projects that was open. Mr. Navarro explained that the transportation planning grants had been delayed to December and that November workshops were being planned.

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 Valero, and seconded by Member Caudillo, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously reaffirmed all actions while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. Absent: Shuklian, Sayre, Poochigian, and Mendoza.

VII. ASSOCIATION CONSENT CALENDAR-ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Minutes of August 15, 2022 TCAG Board Meeting**
- B. Action: Minutes of August 11, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2022/2023 Overall Work Plan (OWP)**
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Position Amendment and Reclassification for TCAG Administrative Clerk I/II**
- E. Action: Reaffirm September as Rail Safety Month**

Upon a motion by Member Valero, and seconded by Member Micari, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar Items VII-A through VII-E. Absent: Shuklian, Sayre, Poochigian, and Mendoza.

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Legislative update

Mr. Smalley discussed the grant for trade corridor in the valley, sharing that the state had taken a tough position against widening projects. He discussed the two trips planned to Washington D.C. and the education efforts to explain the needs behind widening the 99.

B. Presentation: Report from Congresswoman Conway's office

No report given

C. Presentation: Report from Congressman Valadao's office

Mr. Clayton Smith, representative for Congressman Valadao's office, stated that the Congressman had several meetings during the recess. He discussed the agricultural Roundtable regarding supply chain, water, labor force and other issues. He further discussed assisting Vietnam veterans and recognition for them. He also stated that the Congressman was happy to provide letters of support for grants for agencies as well.

D. Presentation: Report from Assemblyman Mathis' office

No report given

E. Presentation: Report from Senator Grove's office

Mr. Kenneth Loehner, Field Representative with Senator Grove's office provided updates on SB1195; assessment of placing satellite clinics for veterans, SB1183 imagination library which supplies free age appropriate books for children each month, AB2146- which deals with pesticides prohibited from non-agricultural use to stop the spread of citrus viruses. He further discussed AB2201 regarding ground water wells which was a high concern for the ag industry and for local communities. Lastly, he shared that Senator Grove was honored at the Tulare County fair in the ceremony.

F. Presentation: Report from Senator Hurtado's office

No report given

G. Information: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Kids' Plates Grant Outreach Update

Ms. Moore provided an update regarding California Department of Public Health Kids Plates Grant, sharing that TCAG had surpassed the fifty event or activities mark and shared that there were several events coming in the next few weeks. She shared event highlights and welcomed board members to connect with TCAG regarding any bike, pedestrian and car seat safety needs in their respective communities.

H. Information: Notice of Updated Conflict of Interest Code Designations

Mr. Smalley shared that Form 700 designations were on the agenda as informational item for the Board to review and no suggested changes were recommended at this time. It would come back to the Board after the review period for approval.

I. Information: Save the Dates: Caltrans Training, Board Training, and Board Retreat

Mr. Smalley announced that TCAG would host a series of trainings, Board Training and a Retreat. He provided brief details regarding the benefits to these and welcomed all to make room in their schedules to attend, sharing that its open to alternates and city staff as well.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

1. TCAG Director's Report

Mr. Smalley shared that approval was received for the RHNA proposal and it would be moving into the next phase. He stated that it was hard to predict what will happen in the

future with cost increases, however the projects would continue to be scheduled and TCAG would work with the agencies to come up with solutions. Further he shared that there were plans to cancel the November meeting and move up the December Meeting.

B. Information: Items from Board Members

1. Tulare County Water Commission Update

Member Flores stated that the Water Commission meeting had been canceled.

2. San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Update

Mr. Smalley reported that the council was currently in Washington D.C. and an update would be forthcoming.

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

No report provided.

4. San Joaquin Valley Housing Task Force Update

No report provided.

5. TCAG Transit Report

Member Carrillo stated that the meeting had been rescheduled and had no update to provide at the time.

C. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

None

XI. ADJOURN

The TCAG Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:54 p.m.

**ADJOURN AS THE TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND CONVE
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
September 15, 2022 – Summary Meeting Minutes
ATTENDANCE LIST

City of Dinuba	<i>Absent</i>
City of Exeter	Eddie Wendt
City of Farmersville	<i>Absent</i>
City of Lindsay	<i>Absent</i>
County of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Porterville	Javier Sanchez
City of Tulare	<i>Absent</i>
City of Woodlake	<i>Absent</i>
City of Visalia	Dolores Verduzco
Tule River Indian Reservation	<i>Absent</i>
TCAG	Benjamin Kimball
Caltrans	Lorena Mendibles

Others Present:

TCAG Staff Present: Giancarlo Bruno, Derek Winning, Benjamin Giuliani, Michele Boling, Roberto Brady, Gail Miller, Sheela Bhongir, Holly Gallo, and Brideget Moore. 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 September 19, 2022.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments opened 1:33pm.

IV. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT CALENDAR –INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance at Public Meetings

Mr. Kimball stated that this item was to keep remote attendance at public meetings.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the 2022/23 Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) State of Good Repair Project List

Mr. Winning stated that this item was regarding the state of good repairs and an TCAG is required to approve a list for operators to draw down funds.

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 17 (Type 3-Formal Amendment)

Mr. Gutierrez stated that this item was a reaffirmation with an added three new projects

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Amendment No. 2 to Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Agreement No. 2022-019

Mr. Winning stated that this item was an Amendment No. 2 to Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Agreement No. 2022-019 to engage 4 Creeks to prepare the Tule River Tribe Active Transportation Plan with the use of SB1 funding and local contributions and an expiration date of June 30, 2022, also with this amendment would be detailed drawings and renderings required for the Tule River Active Transportation Plan and the drawings and renderings can be produced in a 3D high quality

format which can significantly help enhance the visual imagery and proposals showcasing transformative, safe, and reliable active transportation countermeasures.

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

Mr. Giuliani stated that the next CTC meeting would be in Santa Barbara on October 12-13 and the agenda has not come out yet.

V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Mr. Gutierrez gave an update on SB1 programs and noted that the partnership with TCAG and Caltrans had put two applications for funding for TCEP and LPP projects and applications are due on November 29, and the CTC is schedule to announce their recommendations for the state component in mid-October and whatever do not get funded at the state level would be considered by TCAG by the MPO component.

B. Information: Implementation Status of Federal Projects

Mr. Gutierrez discussed STBGP projects in Visalia Goshen Avenue Rehab and CMAQ had three projects obligated.

C. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Ms. Mendebles stated that the planning grant program was moved to October and TCAG did not apply last year but hopefully would apply this year for a transit study and would have an in person and virtual workshop.

VII. ASSOCIATION CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2022/2023 Overall Work Plan (OWP)

Mr. Winning discussed that this item was in response to the previous item to amendment no.2 to alight the budget to add 20,000 to the OWP.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Position Amendment and Reclassification for TCAG Administrative Clerk I/II

Ms. Moore stated that TCAG was requesting to reclassify an Office Assistant position to an Administrative Clerk I/II position to assist with the growing needs of TCAG and provide service in line with expectations, this adjustment is recommended.

E. Action: Reaffirm September as Rail Safety Month

Ms. Moore shared that September is Rail Safety Month and that TCAG was encouraging member agencies to reaffirm in solidarity at their respective council meetings. She further stated that updates were made to the staff report presented at the previous meeting.

VIII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Legislative Update

Mr. Kimball discussed valley legislative trip to Washington D.C.

G. Information: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Kids' Plates Grant Outreach Update

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I. Information: Save the Dates: Caltrans Training, Board Training, and Board Retreat

Mr. Kimball discussed the save the date Caltrans training event at the Tulare Agri Center and encouraged all agency staff to attend and explained Board training, Board retreat and covered current events and funding and stated that this is open to all city staff as well.

XI. ADJOURN

The TCAG Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

The next scheduled Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board meeting will be held on **Monday, October 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Porterville Fire Department Training Facility, 500 N. Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA 93257**. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Sequoia Conference Room, Visalia, CA 93291**.

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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM VII-C

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Amie Kane, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Cancel the November and Reschedule the December 2022 Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

BACKGROUND:

The 2022 Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting schedule was approved by the Governing Board on December 6, 2021. Generally, the TCAG Board meeting is held on the third Monday of each month, with a few 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 is requesting to cancel both the November 17, 2022, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and the November 21, 2022, Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Meeting.

TCAG staff is requesting to reschedule the December 15, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to December 8, 2022 and the December 19, 2022 Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Meeting to December 12, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve cancelation of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) November 2022 meetings.

Approve to reschedule the December 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM VIII-A

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Benjamin Kimball, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Information: Legislative Update

BACKGROUND:

Prior to Covid 19, TCAG conducted 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 participated 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:

STATE LEGISLATION

At the October 17, 2022 Board meeting, staff will provide an update regarding ongoing legislation and various issues.

FINISH 99 EFFORT

TCAG is working with Madera and Merced on a "Finish the 99" campaign. A significant number of agencies, local businesses or organizations, and statewide advocates have provided support. As presented in prior meetings, Senator Hurtado led an effort to get the valley assembly and senate representatives to all sign a letter of support to Finish 99.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

As a result of the recent infrastructure bill TCAG continues to work with our consultant to review and comment as Federal Highway Administration develops implementation plans (called rule making). TCAG staff will also work to identify funding opportunities for our member agencies.

TCAG staff with the help of federal government relations firms continues to monitor the conditions back in DC, including the next round of appropriations requests. A TCAG One Voice Trip to Washington, D.C. is tentatively being planned for Spring of 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None

Work Element: 601.08 Advocacy

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AGENDA ITEM VIII-G

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Benjamin A. Kimball, TCAG Staff

SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Consultant Selection

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the TCAG member agencies, TCAG Staff is managing the preparation of a multi-jurisdictional housing element for the cities of Tulare, Porterville, Dinuba, Lindsay, Exeter, Farmersville and Woodlake. A Request for Proposals was distributed to qualified consulting firms on August 22, 2022. Consultants were requested to submit their proposals on or by September 23, 2022.

There was difficulty getting consultants to submit proposals, which was consistent with the experience of other agencies throughout the State having difficulty finding private firms that are willing and available to provide this type of professional service. Much of this has to do with labor shortages and an excess of government planning work being requested around the state. TCAG received one proposal, from a qualified firm.

DISCUSSION:

TCAG staff conducted a thorough review of the proposal received and found the consulting firms to be qualified for the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the review, Rincon Consultants is recommended by TCAG staff to prepare the Tulare County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element in accordance with the scope of work provided in the project RFP at a cost of no more than \$999,683.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expected project costs are budgeted in TCAG's 2022/23 Overall Work Plan (OWP). The primary source is State housing planning funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution: Tulare County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element
2. Attachment A to Resolution (Consultant Proposal) (Under Separate Cover)

Work Element: 670-10-1000 Regional Housing Element

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

In the matter of:

SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM
TO PREPARE A REGIONAL HOUSING
ELEMENT FOR FISCAL
YEARS 2022/23 AND 2023/24

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) requested proposals for consultant services to prepare a Regional Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, one (1) qualified consulting firm submitted proposals to TCAG; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was evaluated and scored in accordance with approved TCAG scoring criteria as presented in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the firm of Rincon is selected to prepare the Regional Housing Element as outlined in the scope of work contained in the consultant proposal, attached to this resolution as Attachment A, at a cost of no more than \$999,683.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the TCAG Board of Governors be hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Association, a contract with Rincon to provide the required consultant services.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon the motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting on the 17th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Amy Shuklian
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG

AGENDA ITEM VIII-H

October 17, 2022

Prepared by Ted Smalley, TCAG Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Information: Save the Dates: Board Training and Board Retreat

BACKGROUND:

The Tulare County Association of Governments Board Retreats provide new board members and incumbent board members alike an opportunity to thoroughly review both substantive and procedural TCAG processes in the following areas:

- TCAG Administration
- Measure R
- State and National Legislative Advocacy
- Planning Applications
- Funding Applications

Additionally, Board Retreats allow comprehensive and intersectional discussion of department philosophies, goals, and visions; relationships between TCAG, Transit, and County departments; and roundtable conversations with elected officials. The last TCAG Board Retreat was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

TCAG also engages in broader training and networking endeavors, the most recent of which was the Tulare County Town Hall at the International Agri-Center on April 13, 2022. This event featured a panel of California Transportation Commission (CTC) members and presentations provided by TCAG partners in education, private enterprises, Caltrans, outreach efforts, regional agencies, and other Tulare County departments.

TCAG and Caltrans held an exclusive training event for member agencies on Tuesday, October 4, 2022. This training provided insight on effective project management from planning to construction, as well as skill-building tips on transportation project implementation, funding acquisition, and more.

DISCUSSION:

In the Spring of 2023, TCAG will be hosting two Board training days. The first training will be on Thursday, February 2, and the second will be on Thursday, March 2. Finally, a Board Retreat will be held on Thursday, March 23. Details regarding the Board Retreats will be forthcoming; however, staff intends to secure a meeting room at Saint Anthony Retreat in Three Rivers for the March 23 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TCAG Board Trainings Save the Date Flyer
2. TCAG Board Retreat Save the Date Flyer

Work Element 601.02 TCAG Administration

Tulare County Association of Governments

SAVE THE DATES!



**BOARD
MEMBER
TRAINING**

Learn more about (or review!) the roles and responsibilities of TCAG Board Members, agency organization, and board structure and operations.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
&
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023**

More information to follow

Tulare County Association of Governments

Board Retreat

Saint Anthony Retreat

Three Rivers

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Join TCAG staff and fellow board members in an opportunity for comprehensive discussion of agency philosophies, goals, and visions.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

More information to follow.

Questions? Call TCAG staff at 559.623.0450

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September 13, 2022

Theodore Smalley, Executive Director
 Tulare County Association of Governments
 210 N. Church Street, Suite B
 Visalia, CA 93291

Dear Executive Director Theodore Smalley:

RE: Review of Adopted 2023-2031 Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan

Thank you for submitting the adopted Tulare County Association of Government's (TCAG) Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

HCD has completed its review and is pleased to approve TCAG's adopted RHNA Plan, upon finding it consistent with HCD's October 27, 2021 regional housing need determination of 33,214 housing units. Please distribute the RHNA Plan to inform all local governments of their share of new housing need to be addressed in their sixth cycle Housing Element by December 31, 2023. In updating their Housing Elements, local governments may take RHNA credit for new units approved, permitted, and/or built beginning from the start date of the RHNA projection period, June 30, 2023.

HCD is committed to assisting TCAG's local governments in preparing and implementing updated Housing Elements to effectively address the region's housing need. Local governments are encouraged to develop local land use strategies to maximize land resources and encourage affordable housing and a variety of housing types, thus furthering the state's economic, fair housing, and environmental objectives.

We appreciate TCAG's efforts in completing the RHNA process. If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions please contact Tom Brinkhuis, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov or Annelise Osterberg, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at annelise.osterberg@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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