Regular Meeting of the
Citizens Advisory Committee

LOCATION
MCAG Front Conference Room
369 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 723-3153

DATE
Friday, February 7, 2020

TIME
8:30 A.M.

Citizens Advisory Committee Members

Robert Morse, Chair
Jose Delgadillo, Vice Chair
Michael Beltran
Harlan Dake
Roscoe (Jack) Jackson
Bryan Kroeger
Jack Lemen
Jean Okuye
Brian Pena
Patricia Ramos-Anderson
Jaswinder Singh
Ursula Stock
Yamilet Valladolid
Paul Villarreal Jr.
Paul Ward
Vacant
Vacant

Citizen at Large
Citizen at Large
Engineering
Education
Citizen at Large
Construction
Citizen at Large
Agriculture
Small Business
Economic Development
Real Estate
Citizen at Large
Healthcare
Goods Movement
Commerce/Finance
Student
Water/Irrigation
AGENDA

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Merced County Association of Governments        (209)723-3153        www.mcagov.org
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Merced County Regional Waste Authority             (209)723-4481     www.mcrwma.org
Merced Data Special Services                        (209)723-3153     www.mcaggis.com
Measure V                                           (209)723-3153     www.mcagov.org/measurev
1. **Roll Call**

2. **Public Comment**

+ 3. **Minutes of the December 6, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting**
   
   Action

4. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update**
   
   Info

5. **Transportation Planning/Measure V Update**
   
   Info

+ 6. **Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019**
   
   For information only.

7. **Work Program Priorities for 2020-21**
   
   Info

  For information only

+ 8. **Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 11**
   
   Info

  For information only.

+ 9. **Federal “SAFE” Rule Update**
   
   Info

  For information only.

10. **Information/Discussion Only**

   + a. CAC Highlights of the December 6, 2019 meeting
   
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   + b. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings - 2020
   
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   + h. MCAG Updates
   
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   i. Paul Van Konynenburg’s Reappointment Letter to the California Transportation Commission
   
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11. **Announcements**

**Next Meeting:**
The next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **March 6, 2020** at 8:30 a.m. at MCAG Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California
ITEM 3
Citizens Advisory Committee

MINUTES

DATE
Friday, December 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Vice Chair Jose Delgadillo at 8:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair
Harlan Dake, Education
Roscoe (Jack) Jackson, Citizen at Large
Jack Lemen, Citizen at Large
Bryan Kroeger, Construction,
Jean Okuye, Agriculture
Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate
Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, arrived at 8:36 a.m.
Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

STAFF PRESENT
Natalia Austin, GIS Analyst
Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Blake Dunford, Assistant Planner
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant
Matt Fell, Transportation Planning Manager
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

MEMBERS ABSENT
Michael Beltran, Engineering
Robert Morse, Citizen at Large, Chair
Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development
Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare
Paul Villarreal, Goods Movement
Vacant, Small Business
Vacant, Student
Vacant, Water/Irrigation

OTHERS PRESENT
None
1. **Roll Call**

   At this time, Vice Chair Jose Delgadillo called the meeting to order and instructed that the roll call for attendance be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. **Public Comment**

   None.

3. **Minutes of the November 1, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting**

   Jean Okuye moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. Seconded by Jack Lemen. 
   
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Transportation Planning/Measure V Update**

   At this time, Matt Fell introduced Stephanie Jackson our new Executive Assistant to Executive Director Stacie Guzman.

   Matt Fell gave an update on transportation planning issues and discussed the following:
   - Measure V Regional Funding Agreements have been coming in for approval

5. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update**

   Nav Bagri gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update and discussed the following topics:
   - Introduced our new Transit Manager Christine Chavez
   - Merced College Bus4Us
   - Stuff the Bus Event
   - October Ridership from Measure V funds 25,000
     - Over 85,000 riders overall

   Mary-Michal Rawling invited the CAC members to the Holiday Open House on December 19, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

6. **Regional Rail Planning Update**

   Blake Dunford presented the Regional Rail Planning update and discussed the following topics:
   - Amtrak Thruway System
   - Bus Pilot Program/Conceptual Pilot Schedule
   - Valley Rail and Northern California Network Integration
   - Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1
   - California High Speed Rail

7. **Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies Modernization**

   Blake Dunford presented on the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies and discussed options for surplus funding.
8. **Approve the Unmet Transit Needs Finding of Fact FY 2020-2021**

Natalia Austin presented the Unmet Transit Needs 2020-2021 and discussed the following topics:

- **Sources of Funding**
  - Local Transportation Fund
  - State Transit Assistance Fund
- **Public Hearings to receive comments**
  - Phone, mail, email, online survey
- **Potential Unmet Transit Need**
- **Reasonable to Meet Needs**
- **SSTAC’s Recommendations**

Harlan Dake moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board:

a. Adopt Resolution No. 2019/12-19-01 with a finding of fact that there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet for fiscal year 2020-2021; and


Seconded by Ursula Stock.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. **Information/Discussion Only**

a. CAC Highlights of the November 1, 2019 meeting
b. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings - 2019
c. CAC Calendar - 2020
d. CAC Attendance Roster - 2019
e. MCAG Governing Board minutes – November 21, 2019
f. MCAG Newsletter – November 2019
g. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events

So noted.

10. **Announcements**

None.

At this time, Jean Okuye moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Jack Jackson.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:30 a.m.**
ITEM 6
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee

FROM: Nav Bagri, Finance Director

RE: Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019

SUMMARY

The Governing Board accepted the Measure V Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2019 at the January 16, 2020 Governing Board meeting. The audit concluded with no findings.

BACKGROUND

Per the Measure V Expenditure Plan, MCAG procured a firm to conduct the Measure V Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2019. This audit includes activity of the Measure V books and records in accordance with generally accepted audit standards. Audit reports on compliance of Measure V accounts which include seven local jurisdictions, Administration, Transit, the East Side Regional and West Side Regional accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Transportation Expenditure Program.

The Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee reviewed and approved the draft audit report on January 13, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Nav Bagri at 723.3153 x 154 or nav.bagri@mcagov.org.

PAST ACTION TAKEN

Governing Board accepted the Measure V Audited Financial for the year ending June 30, 2018, in January 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ATTACHMENT

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MEASURE V FUNDING ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL SCHEDULE
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2019
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Citizens Oversight Committee
Merced County Association of Governments

Report on the Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures
We have audited the accompanying schedule of revenues and expenditures of the Measure V Funding Accounts (Financial Schedule) of the Merced County Association of Governments (the Association), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the Financial Schedule.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Schedule
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Schedule in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Financial Schedule based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Schedule. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Schedule, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association’s preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Schedule in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association’s internal control as it relates to the Measure V Fund Funding Accounts. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Schedule.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the Financial Schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues and expenditures of the Measure V Funding Accounts, for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Financial Schedule. The supplementary information as presented in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Financial Schedule. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Financial Schedule and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Financial Schedule and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the Financial Schedule as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December XX, 2019, on our consideration of the Association's internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the Measure V Fund and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Association's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

HUDSON HENDERSON & COMPANY, INC.

Hudson Henderson & Company, Inc.

Fresno, California
December XX, 2019
## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
### MEASURE V FUNDING ACCOUNTS
#### SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
##### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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| **EXPENDITURES**     |                |                  |                |                  |                  |                |                |         |                  |                 |              |                                |
| Local projects       | 20,653         | 12,778           | 104,972        | 44,262           | 312,698          | 2,519,974      |                | -       | -                | -               | -            | 3,515,799                    |
| Local projects-alternative modes* | 77,427         | 93,649           | 84,324         | 11,359           | 41,138           | 379,053        | 3,440          | -       | -                | -               | -            | 650,290                      |
| Regional Eastside    | -               | -                | -              | -                | -                | -              | -              | -       | -                | 38,525          | -            | -                             |
| Regional Westside    | -               | -                | -              | -                | -                | -              | -              | -       | -                | 1,559,125       | -            | -                             |
| Transit              | -               | -                | -              | -                | -                | -              | -              | -       | -                | 132,494         | -            | -                             |
| Administration       | -               | -                | -              | -                | -                | -              | -              | -       | -                | -               | 195,322      | 195,322                      |
| **Total expenditures** | 98,080         | 107,427          | 119,631        | 85,400           | 310,750          | 2,552,616      | 132,494        | 38,525  | 1,559,125        | 195,322         | 6,165,495   |                                |

| Excess of revenues over expenditures before other income (expenses) | 701,439 | 175,984 | 253,837 | 330,731 | 943,683 | 899,704 | 2,471,427 | 860,514 | 5,233,718 | 1,783,102 | 3,380 | 13,748,421 |

| OTHER INCOME (EXPENDITURES) |            |                  |                |                |                |                |                |         |                |                 |              |                                |
| Investment earnings      | 6,075       | -                | -              | 2,691           | 28,017          | 52,194         | -              | 75,880  | 47,776          | -               | 213,653     |                                |
| **Total other income (expenses) | 6,075 | - | - | 2,691 | 28,017 | 52,194 | - | 75,880 | 47,776 | - | 213,653 |

| Excess of revenues over expenditures before other income (expenses) | $ 708,514 | $ 175,984 | $ 253,837 | $ 333,424 | $ 971,728 | $ 951,898 | $ 3,271,427 | $ 860,514 | $ 5,295,998 | $ 1,830,878 | $ 3,380 | $ 13,961,074 |

*Alternative Modes Projects

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule of revenues and expenditures.
NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

Financial Reporting Entity

Formed through a Joint Powers Agreement signed by member jurisdictions in 1967, the Merced County Association of Governments (the Association) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Regional Transportation Planning Agency and Local Transportation Authority for Merced County. The Association is comprised of seven-member agencies including six cities (Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, and Merced) and the County of Merced. The Association's Governing Board includes a supervisor from each of the five county districts and an elected official from each of the cities. In addition to transportation planning, the Association also administers the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County, Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, and Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System. For more information, visit the Association's website at http://mcagov.org/.

The association is also responsible for the administration of Measure V, a 30-year life, ½ cent transportation sales tax passed by Merced County voters in November 2016. The measure went into effect April 1, 2017. Per the voter approved Measure V Expenditure Plan, 50% of the new revenue has been allocated directly to the local jurisdictions within Merced County, 44% to regional projects on the east and west sides of the county, and 5% to transit uses. The Association receives 1% of the revenue for administration and implementation activities. Additional information about Measure V can be found at https://www.measurev-mcag.com/.

The Association’s governing board is comprised of a 14-member Citizen's Oversight Committee appointed by the Association’s Board to review expenditures and payments through Measure V. The Committee consists of one member from each Agency receiving Measure V Funding and representatives from the following areas; Agriculture Industry, Audit, Finance or Budget Professional, Bike/Pedestrian or Transit Representative, Building Industry, Environment Advocacy Group, Ethnic Community Group, and a Major Private Sector Employer.

Measure V Information

In November 2016, the County voters approved a ballot measure authorizing the Association. The ½ cent sales tax will expire on October 31, 2046.

Funding Recipients

City of Atwater  
City of Dos Palos  
City of Gustine  
City of Livingston  
City of Los Banos  
City of Merced  
County of Merced  
Transit (Transit Joint Powers Authority of Merced County)  
Regional Westside (part of the Association)  
Regional Eastside (part of the Association)  
Admin (part of the Association)

The sales tax revenues received by the Association under Measure V, after deducting certain administrative costs, are to be spent for programs set forth in the Measure V Expenditure Plan and approved by the Association. All revenues, including interest and other revenues, not designated by Measure V for a specific purpose are to be spent on capital projects for other government agencies. The Expenditure Plan will be updated every two years to adjust the projection of sales tax receipts.
NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING INFORMATION (continued):

Measure V Information (continued):

The primary elements of the 2016 Measure V Programs consist of the following:

- **Regional Projects**
  - 44% of the Transportation Measure funds are allocated to Regional Projects which are established in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) approved by the MCAG Governing Board. 27% must be spent on projects east of the San Joaquin River, and 17% must be spent on projects west of the San Joaquin River. The projects within the RTP were selected through a process that evaluated safety, performance measures and cost effectiveness.
  - The RTP is updated every four years with 25 years of transportation projects. Regional Projects provide for the movement of goods, services, and people throughout Merced County and benefit multiple jurisdictions.
  - Examples of Regional Projects include but are not limited to:
    1. Improving highway and freeways
    2. Adding lanes to projects on the Regional Road System
    3. Improvements on the Regional Transportation System
    4. Passenger Rail
    5. Bus Rapid Transit
    6. Regional bikeways and trails
    7. Improvements to Regional Airports
    8. Transportation Demand Management benefitting more than one jurisdiction, such as vanpools and ridesharing
  - Funds can be used for all phases of project development and implementation. In some cases, other sources of funding will also be used for these projects, for example State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds.

- **Local Projects**
  - 30% of the Transportation Measure funds are allocated to Local Projects to address the diverse needs of the cities and the County. The Local Projects funding category provides each of the member agencies with the flexibility to develop a priority list of local projects.
  - This category will allow funding for projects ranging from pot-hole repair and road rehabilitation to sidewalks and safe routes to schools to freeway interchange improvements.
  - Potential uses include but are not limited to:
    1. Pothole repair
    2. Repaving streets
    3. Bridge repair or replacement
    4. Traffic signals
    5. Add additional lanes to existing streets and roads
    6. Improve sidewalks
    7. Bicycle or pedestrian facilities
    8. Separate street traffic from rail traffic

- **Alternative Modes Projects**
  - At least 20 percent (20%) of the Local Projects funds each jurisdiction receives must be used for Alternative Modes projects. This sub-category is intended to fund projects that provide transportation alternatives including bicycle, pedestrian, passenger rail, or other modes of transportation that reduce single-occupant vehicle use.
NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING INFORMATION (continued):

Measure V Information (continued):

- This sub-category may be used for projects and programs that provide alternatives to single-occupant vehicle use, including but not limited to:
  1. Sidewalks, crosswalks, safe routes to schools, ADA curb ramps, and other pedestrian projects
  2. Bicycle projects
  3. Passenger Rail
  4. Railroad crossing safety improvements
  5. Vanpools, carpools or other ridesharing programs or incentives
  6. Roundabouts or other air quality improvements
  7. Other alternative modes

- This sub-category may be used for new projects or programs, for safety improvements, or for maintenance or operation of existing projects or programs. Funds can be used for all phases of project development and implementation.
  - Transit
    - 5% of the Transportation Measure funds are directed to support increased transit service.
    - To accomplish this important goal, funding is provided to the transit agency within the County to expand transit services. Potential uses include but are not limited to:
      1. New routes to enhance existing transit service
      2. Low emission buses
      3. Night and weekend service
      4. Bus shelters and other capital improvements
      5. Safer access to public transit services
      6. Fare reduction or subsidies
  - Administration
    - The remaining 1% of the total Transportation Measure funding is directed to program implementation activities. Details regarding the administration of the funds are provided in Appendix A of the Expenditure Plan.
    - One percent (1%) of the funds will be allocated to MCAG to:
      1. Prepare Implementation Plan updates
      2. Develop funding allocation requirements
      3. Administer and conduct specified activities identified in the categories described above
      4. Prepare Annual Transportation Measure Report
      5. Contract for annual independent audits
      6. Staff the regional committees and provide technical assistance

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures present detail of the following information:

Revenues - these are the 3½ cent Merced County Transportation Sales Tax allocations passed through the Association and provided to each Agency. They are broken out by Funding Category as detailed in the Measure V Expenditure Plan.

Expenditures - these are the related expenditures incurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 broken out by Funding Category as detailed in the Measure V Expenditure Plan. Each Agency is required to submit an Expenditure Report to the Association detailing the expenditures incurred and ensuring they are in compliance with the Measure V Expenditure Plan.
NOTE 3 - REGIONAL EAST AND REGIONAL WEST PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The following is a list of projects for the Eastside Regional and Westside Regional jurisdictions based on the 2018 Measure V Implementation Plan. This is to show what is planned for future periods as these projects were not completed during fiscal year 2019.

PROJECT ESTIMATES

**Eastside Regional Project Estimated Cost - $6,480,000**

Winton Way Reconstruction Project Phase 1

$1,000,000 towards the reconstruction of Winton Way in Atwater beginning at Broadway Avenue to include ADA sidewalks and relocated crosswalks. The total cost of the project is estimated at $1,500,000. The City of Atwater has committed local funding to complete this project.

Highway 99 Winton Parkway On-Ramp Widening Project

$840,000 for the environmental, design and construction phases to widen Winton Parkway in Livingston to include a dedicated turn lane for the State Highway 99 southbound on-ramp. The total cost of the project is estimated at $1,240,000. The City of Livingston has committed Local Transportation Funds, SB 1 funds and Measure V Local Project funds to complete this project.

Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge Project

$460,000 for the project study, environmental and design phases to widen Black Rascal Bridge on State Highway 59 in Merced to a four-lane structure. The total project cost is estimated at $4,090,000. The City of Merced will pursue additional funding through the Federal Highway Bridge program to complete this project.

Highway 59 Phase 1

$764,580 for the project development phases to widen State Highway 59 from 16th Street to Olive Avenue/Santa Fe Drive in Merced and construct new sidewalks. The total project cost is estimated at $5,944,300. The City of Merced will pursue additional funding to complete this project.

Bradbury Road Project

$950,000 for the design and construction phases of the Bradbury Road rehabilitation project from just east of State Highway 165 to just west of State Highway 99 in Merced County. The total project cost is estimated at $950,000.

Sandy Mush Road Phase 1

$2,465,420 towards the design and construction phases of the Sandy Mush Road rehabilitation project from State Highway 59 to Nickel Road in Merced County. The total project cost is estimated at $2,465,420.

**Westside Regional Project Estimated Cost - $4,080,000**

Center Avenue North Project

$200,000 towards the environmental, design and construction phases of the rehabilitation of Center Avenue and Loraine Street in Dos Palos and Center Avenue in Merced County. The project includes complete street rehabilitation including a bike path, ADA ramps and new transit stop. The total project cost is estimated at $936,000. The City of Dos Palos has committed local funding and will be pursuing grant opportunities to complete this project.
NOTE 3 - REGIONAL EAST AND REGIONAL WEST PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS (continued):

Blossom Street East Project

$400,000 towards the environmental, design and construction/rehabilitation of East Blossom Street and portions of Lucerne Avenue, Leonard Avenue and Harris Avenue including ADA compliant sidewalks. The total project cost is estimated at $2,488,310. The City of Dos Palos has committed local funding and will be pursuing other public and private funding opportunities to complete this project.

Highway 33/Highway 140 Roundabout Project

$310,000 towards the construction of a new roundabout on State Highway 33/140 at the intersection of 4th Street and 6th Avenue in Gustine. The total project cost is estimated at $2,800,000. Other funding sources being used to complete this project include a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant.

Eastside Storm Drainage Project

$68,888 towards the construction of a renovated storm drainage system at Gustine Municipal Airport. The total project cost is estimated at $763,388. Other funding sources being used to complete this project include the Federal Aviation Administration and Turlock Airport.

Airport Security Project

$75,000 towards the installation of new safety perimeter fencing and security gates at Gustine Municipal Airport. The total project cost is estimated at $115,000. Other funding sources being used to complete this project include the Local Partnership Program.

Pacheco Boulevard (SR 152) Regional Path

$600,000 towards the project development and construction phases for a class 1 bike path along the northside of State Highway 152 between the City of Los Banos and Merced College Los Banos Campus (from Merced College easterly to Badger Flat Road). The total project cost is estimated at $2,221,000. The City of Los Banos is pursuing a state Active Transportation Program grant to complete this project.

Henry Miller Avenue Project

$2,426,112 towards the design and construction phases of the rehabilitation of Henry Miller Avenue from State Highway 165 to Turner Island Road in Merced County. The total project cost is estimated at $2,426,112.
MERced COUNTY Association of governments
MeasurE v funding accounts

Supplementary information
The table below shows the expenditures by funding category as they relate to total revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. As the Measure V funding plan will continue through the year 2047 and expenditures for the related projects have not yet been fully executed, the percentages listed below will not meet the required compliance requirements per the Measure V Expenditure Plan. As expenditures are below the revenue allocations as of June 30, 2019, the Measure V Funding Accounts Expenditures by Funding Category as a Percentage of Total Revenues are deemed to be in compliance until further expenditures are incurred to obtain more complete percentages. As a notion regarding compliance requirements per the Measure V Expenditure Plan, regional projects may not exceed 44%, local projects may not exceed 50%, alt-modes projects may be at least 20% of local projects, transit expenditures may not exceed 5%, and administrative expenditures may not exceed 1% of total sales tax revenue.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL SCHEDULE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MEASURE V ENABLING LEGISLATION

To the Citizens Oversight Committee
Merced County Association of Governments

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Comptroller General of the United States, the Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures of the Measure V Funding Accounts (Financial Schedule) of the Merced County Association of Governments (the Association), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the Financial Schedule, and have issued our report thereon dated December XX, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Financial Schedule, we considered the Association's internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the Measure V Fund Funding Accounts, to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Financial Schedule, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Association’s Financial Schedule will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Association’s Financial Schedule is free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of Financial Schedule amounts. Our audit was further made to determine that allocations made and expended by the Association were made in accordance with the Measure V Enabling Legislation. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

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Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control or on compliance as it relates to the Measure V Fund Funding Accounts. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Association's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

HUDSON HENDERSON & COMPANY, INC

Fresno, California
December XX, 2019
MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
MEASURE V FUNDING ACCOUNTS  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Schedule

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:
  Material weakness identified? yes x no

  Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness?
       yes x none reported

  Noncompliance material to financial schedule noted?
       yes x no

SECTION II - FINANCIAL SCHEDULE FINDINGS

There are no reportable financial schedule findings to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
ITEM 7
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee

FROM: Matt Fell, Deputy Director of Planning

RE: Work Program Priorities for 2020-21

SUMMARY

The MCAG Governing Board approved these work program priorities at their January 2020 meeting.

Transportation planning work program priorities serve two main purposes:

1. As a foundation for work to be included in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP).
2. As a board-approved framework from which staff can reference throughout the year as requests to support programs, projects and policies arise.

BACKGROUND

Each year, MCAG is required to develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) to outline the transportation planning work elements and related budget for the fiscal year. The OWP is developed in compliance with federal and state requirements and once adopted, serves as the workplan for all transportation planning activities for MCAG. There is value in establishing transportation planning priorities that will direct the development of the workplan and provide staff with a framework to support policies and projects that will help achieve those goals as opportunities arise throughout the year.

In January 2019, the MCAG Governing Board adopted five of the below priorities for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. Staff proposes adopting the same priorities with the addition of numbers 2 through 4 concerning Measure V, the Pioneer Road Widening project, and Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PRIORITIES

The following eight transportation planning priorities are proposed for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year:

1. Use local funding sources to leverage greater state and federal investments.
2. Support the implementation of Measure V and measure-funded projects, including in particular Eastside and Westside Regional projects and Transit projects and programs.
3. Support the development and funding of the Pioneer Road Widening Project by implementing the Funding Priority Policy adopted in November 2019.
4. Support the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B as it proceeds through project development towards construction.
5. Support the development of passenger rail in Merced County and the San Joaquin Valley, including connections to Sacramento and the Bay Area. This includes the Amtrak San Joaquins, the Altamont Corridor Express, and High-Speed Rail.

6. Support improvements to goods movement corridors in Merced County – Highways 33, 59, 140, 152, 165 and Interstate 5 – and throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

7. Support improvements to Highway 99 in Merced County and throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

8. Support the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint smart growth principles, including projects and programs that promote implementation of the principles:
   a. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices;
   b. Create walkable neighborhoods;
   c. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration;
   d. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with strong sense of place;
   e. Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost-effective;
   f. Mix land uses;
   g. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas;
   h. Provide a variety of transportation choices;
   i. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities;
   j. Take advantage of compact building design;
   k. Enhance the economic vitality of the region; and
   l. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management.

Should you have any questions about the content of this staff report, please contact Matt Fell at matt.fell@mcagov.org or (209)723-3153 x 128.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee

FROM: Ty Phimmasone, Associate Planner

RE: Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 11

SUMMARY

The MCAG Governing Board adopted Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 11 in January. It programs Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 (b) funds for the purchase of electric buses and changes to Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

PAST ACTIONS TAKEN

On June 20, 2019, the TJPA Board authorized the agency’s FTA 5339(b) application requesting $2,000,000 and committing supplemental funds for the purchase of five electric buses and associated charging equipment.

On July 22, 2019, the YARTS Board authorized the agency’s FTA 5339(b) application requesting $4,335,000 and committing supplemental funds for the purchase of six electric buses.

BACKGROUND

2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

The MCAG Governing Board adopted the Final 2019 FTIP on August 16, 2018. The 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), which incorporated MCAG’s 2019 FTIP, was officially approved by the Federal agencies on December 17, 2018.

Projects and programs, which are federally funded, must be programmed in the FTIP in order to have access to these funds. Any updates or changes to these federally-funded projects/programs for 2019 FTIP Federal Fiscal Years (FFY’s: 2018/19 – 2021/22) must be “amended” into the FTIP.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities Program, Section 5339 (b)

The FTA 5339(b) is a competitive, grant program that provides federal funding to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations.
On November 25, 2019, FTA announced the award of $423 million nationwide to 94 projects in 42 states. Among the projects selected to receive this grant funding includes:

- The TJPA will receive $2,000,000 for the purchase of five electric buses and associated charging equipment.
- YARTS was awarded $4,335,000 for the purchase of six (6) electric buses.

California Heavy Duty Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) and CALSTART provide the California Heavy Duty Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP), which provides funding for point-of-sale discounts to vehicle purchasers by working directly with vehicle dealers to apply the voucher incentive at the time of purchase.

State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)

Caltrans is responsible for the State Highway System (SHS). The State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) is the State’s program that funds the SHS’ repair and preservation, safety improvements, and some highway operational improvements. The SHOPP revenues are from federal and state sources. The State’s most current 2018 SHOPP identifies $18 billion of programmed projects statewide for Fiscal Years 2018/19 – 2021/22. Caltrans manages all SHOPP projects.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approves amendments, which are changes to existing projects and adding new projects, to the 2018 SHOPP. Once approved, regions are responsible for programming these changes in their respective FTIP’s.

FISCAL IMPACT

FTIP Amendment 11 programmed the following funds:

- For the TJPA’s $5,562,973 purchase of five electric buses and associated charging equipment: $2,000,000 FTA 5339(b); $975,000 California Heavy Duty Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP); $500,000 State Transit Assistance (STA); $795,513 State of Good Repair (SGR); $500,000 Measure V Regional for Transit; and $792,000 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Reserve.
- For YARTS’ $5,100,000 purchase of six electric buses: $4,335,000 FTA 5339(b); $540,000 California Heavy Duty Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP); and $225,000 Reserve Funds.
- Amongst the six SHOPP subprograms, there is a net addition of $8,687,000.

If you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Ty Phimmasone at 723.3153 x 123 or ty.phimmasone@mcagov.org.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ATTACHMENTS

FTA 5339(b) Fiscal Year 2019 Selected Projects
SHOPP projects listings – Prior and Current
Resolution No. 2020/01-16-01
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<td>Transportation on behalf of Redwood Coast Transit Authority (RCTA)</td>
<td>purchase new buses that will replace buses that have exceeded their useful life. The new buses will improve safety, reliability and state of good repair for the system, which provides transit service for residents in rural Del Norte County in northern California.</td>
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<td>California Department of Transportation on behalf of Tehama County Transit Agency Board</td>
<td>Tehama County Transit Agency Board will receive funding to renovate existing buildings at the Tehama Rural Area Express (TRAX) transit facility in Red Bluff, California. The renovations will help improve transit service and reliability for rural residents of Tehama County in northern California.</td>
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<td>California Department of Transportation on behalf of Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)</td>
<td>Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) will receive funding to purchase battery-electric over-the-road coach buses equipped with ADA lifts and restrooms. The new vehicles will improve access and transit service for residents and visitors to Yosemite National Park and the surrounding communities.</td>
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<td>Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)</td>
<td>Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will receive funding to purchase new buses and replace aging vehicles that have exceeded their useful life. The new buses will improve transit service and reliability for the Jump Around Carson (JAC) transit system, the largest transit provider in Carson City, Nevada.</td>
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<td>Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District</td>
<td>The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District will receive funding to renovate and expand the Illinois Terminal, a transportation hub with local and intercity buses and passenger rail. The project will improve safety and accommodate rising demand at the terminal, which is part of a joint development project that includes plans for a hotel and conference center as well as residential and commercial development.</td>
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<td>Transit Authority of the City of Omaha</td>
<td>The Transit Authority of the City of Omaha will receive funding to replace buses that have exceeded their useful life. The buses will help improve reliability and help maintain the 98-vehicle fleet in a state of good repair.</td>
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<td>Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County &quot;The Bus&quot;</td>
<td>The Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County &quot;The Bus&quot; will receive funding to purchase zero-emission electric buses and associated charging equipment to replace the agency's gasoline-fueled buses that have exceeded their useful life. The new buses will improve safety and reliability for residents who use the service to travel in Merced County, which is located in the San Joaquin Valley of California.</td>
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<td>Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority</td>
<td>The Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority will receive funding to replace buses that are at the end of their useful life. This project will improve safety, support state of good repair, and accommodate ridership.</td>
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<td>University of Georgia</td>
<td>The University of Georgia, which serves the residents of Athens, Georgia and the University of Georgia campus, will receive funding to purchase new electric buses to replace older buses that have exceeded their useful life. The new vehicles will improve safety, state of good repair and service reliability.</td>
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<td>Utah Department of Transportation (Park City Transit)</td>
<td>The Utah Department of Transportation will receive funding on behalf of Park City Transit to upgrade bus communications technology. The software and hardware upgrades will replace outdated systems, including on-board driver communications, dispatch, scheduling, data storage, reporting and web servers that provide real-time bus location information.</td>
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<td>Utah Transit Authority (UTA)</td>
<td>The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) will receive funding to improve more than 100 bus stops that serve riders in Salt</td>
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<td>At NB &amp; SB John “Chuck” Erreca Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA), and in San Joaquin County on Route 99 at Lodi Park-and-Ride Lot. Transportation infrastructure improvement for zero-emission vehicle charging.</td>
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**Notes:**
- **PPNO:** Project Permit Number
- **EA:** Engineer Agent
- **Ppm. Code:** Permit Permit Number
- **RW:** Roadway
- **CON:** Construction
- **PA&ED:** Public Agency & Eds
- **PS&E:** Public Service & Eds
- **RW SUP:** Roadway Supply
- **CON SUP:** Construction Supply
- **TOTAL:** Total Cost

**Locations:**
- In Merced County, on Routes 152, 140, and 59, at various locations.
- In and near Atwater, from 0.4 mi. south of Buhach Road to south of Westside Blvd.
- In Merced, San Joaquin, Mariposa, and Stanislaus Counties, on various routes at various locations.
- In Los Banos, from 0.4 mi. east of Route 5 Midway Road to 0.2 mi. west of Route 59.
- In Los Banos, at South 11th Street.
- Near Los Banos, at Route 33 Interchange; also, on Route 5 (PM 6.3) at Route 165 Interchange.
- Near Los Banos and Firebaugh, at the John "Chuck" Erreca Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA).
- At NB & SB John "Chuck" Erreca Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA), and in San Joaquin County on Route 99 at Lodi Park-and-Ride Lot.
- In and near Merced, from south of Childs Ave to south of Franklin Road.
- In and near Atwater, from 0.4 mi. south of Buhach Road to south of Westside Blvd.
- In Merced County, on Routes 152, 59, and 99, and in San Joaquin County on Routes 5 and 12, at various locations.
- In and near Atwater, from 0.4 mi. south of Buhach Road to south of Westside Blvd.

**Total Costs:**
- BRIDGE PRESERVATION: $21,600
- COLLISION REDUCTION: $8,717
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE: $0
- MANDATES: $0
- MOBILITY: $0
- ROADSIDE PRESERVATION: $0
- ROADWAY PRESERVATION: $0

**Prior Year Comparison:**
- 2018: $2,890, 6,315
- 2019: $4,169, 8,717

**Current Year Comparison:**
- Total Costs: $18,146, 88,604
- Prior Year: $16,146, 129,430

**Program Total:**
- 2019 FTIP: $177,576
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<td>In Atwater, at Applegate Road Overcrossing Bridge No. 39-0127. High road bridge hit repair.</td>
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BEFORE THE
MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2020/01-16-01

In the Matter of: RESOLUTION ADOPTING the Merced County Association of Governments 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 11

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

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

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare and adopt a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 11 has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and their staffs, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through the Merced County Association of Governments forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 listing is consistent with: 1) the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan; 2) the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program; and 3) the Corresponding Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 contains the MPO’s certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 must be financially constrained and the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 is consistent with the adopted Conformity Analysis for the 2019 FTIP and the 2018 RTP; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 does not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 conforms to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by MCAG advisory committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of
other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Merced County consistent with public participation process adopted by MCAG; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that MCAG adopts the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that MCAG finds that the 2019 FTIP Amendment 11 is in conformity with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments and applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by MCAG this 16th day of January 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Merced County Association of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of January 2020.

Signed: 

Signed: 

Stacie Guzman, Executive Director 

Daron McDaniel, Chair 

Merced County Association of Governments 

Merced County Association of Governments
ITEM 9
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee

FROM: Matt Fell, Deputy Director of Planning

RE: Federal “SAFE” Rule Update

SUMMARY

Staff is providing an update on the “SAFE Vehicle Rule”.

PAST ACTION TAKEN

June 20, 2019: MCAG Governing Board adopted a resolution taking a position in support of maintaining California’s Clean Air Act Preemption Waiver and directing staff to communicate MCAG’s support by appropriate means to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies involved.

BACKGROUND

On September 27, 2019, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published the “Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Rule” (SAFE Vehicle Rule) which revokes California’s “waiver” from national standards and thus its ability to set its own standards, including the zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate.

This Rule results in increased emissions that make it harder for California to attain federal ambient air quality standards and achieve the State’s climate goals. These emissions impacts also have implications for the conformity of transportation plans, programs, and projects.

California and twenty-two other states, the District of Columbia, the cities of New York, Los Angeles, and the City and County of San Francisco have filed suit challenging the SAFE Rule Part One in the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia. California anticipates there will be additional challenges by California and other interested parties in other courts. Litigation may take several years to finally resolve. In the meantime, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), and Caltrans are working with regional transportation agencies and local governments to solve potential problems caused by the SAFE Rule Part One while the litigation continues.

Until the situation resolves, transportation projects which are not “exempt” from air quality conformity rules could be delayed or lose funding in coming years, especially regionally significant new roads or road widening projects. Projects underway now or soon, such as Campus Parkway and the Livingston 99...
Widening, are not affected; however, projects such as the Atwater-Merced Expressway and Pioneer Road Widening could be.

Should you have any questions about the content of this staff report, please contact Matt Fell at matt.fell@mcagov.org or (209)723-3153 x 128.

FISCAL IMPACT

Could result in being ineligible for federal funds for some regionally significant transportation improvements, specifically capacity increases.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ATTACHMENT

Projects “Exempt” from Transportation Conformity.
Projects “Exempt” from Transportation Conformity

Safety
- Railroad/highway crossing.
- Projects that correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature.
- Safer non-Federal-aid system roads.
- Shoulder improvements.
- Increasing sight distance.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation.
- Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects.
- Railroad/highway crossing warning devices.
- Guardrails, median barriers, crash cushions.
- Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation.
- Pavement marking.
- Fencing.
- Skid treatments.
- Safety roadside rest areas.
- Adding medians.
- Truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area.
- Lighting improvements.
- Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes).
- Emergency truck pullovers.

Mass Transit
- Operating assistance to transit agencies.
- Purchase of support vehicles.
- Rehabilitation of transit vehicles 1.
- Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities.
- Purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g., radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc.).
- Construction or renovation of power, signal, and communications systems.
- Construction of small passenger shelters and information kiosks.
- Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures).
- Rehabilitation or reconstruction of track structures, track, and trackbed in existing rights-of-way.
- Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.
- Construction of new bus or rail storage/maintenance facilities categorically excluded in 23 CFR part 771.

Air Quality
- Continuation of ridesharing and van-pooling promotion activities at current levels.
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Other
- Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as:
  - Planning and technical studies.
  - Grants for training and research programs.
  - Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.
  - Federal-aid systems revisions.
  - Engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action.
  - Noise attenuation.
  - Emergency or hardship advance land acquisitions (23 CFR 710.503).
  - Acquisition of scenic easements.
  - Plantings, landscaping, etc.
  - Sign removal.
  - Directional and informational signs.
  - Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities).
  - Repair of damage caused by natural disasters, civil unrest, or terrorist acts, except projects involving substantial functional, locational or capacity change.
ITEM 10a
Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Highlights

DATE
Friday, December 6, 2019

The committee recommended approval of the MCAG Governing Board action items presented.

Action items approved:
- Minutes of the November 1, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
- Approval of the Unmet Transit Needs FY 2020-2021 Analysis and Recommendations Report and adoption of Resolution No. 2019/12-19-01

Information items:
- Transportation Planning/Measure V Update
- Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update
- Regional Rail Planning Update
- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies Modernization

Announcements:

Introductions were made for our new Executive Assistant Stephanie Jackson and our new Transit Manager Christine Chavez.

Mary-Michal Rawling invited the CAC members to the Holiday Open House on December 19, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
ITEM 10b
# SIGN UP SHEET FOR CAC REPRESENTATIVE AT MCAG GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

*3rd Thursday of the month @ 3 pm*

(except when noted in red)

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ITEM 10c
2020
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The 1st Friday of each month
8:30 a.m.
(except when noted in red)
MCAG Conference Room

January 10

February 7

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 10

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4
ITEM 10d
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ITEM 10e
MCAG Governing Board  
Transit Joint Powers Authority Board  
Regional Waste Management Authority Board  

MINUTES  

DATE  
Thursday, January 16, 2020  

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the City of Merced, Civic Center, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Chair Daron McDaniel at 3:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT  
Director Daron McDaniel, Chair  
Director Rodrigo Espinoza  
Director Lee Lor  
Director Michael McGlynn for April Hogue  
Director Mike Murphy (arrived at 3:06pm)  
Director Joe Oliveira  
Director Lloyd Pareira  
Director Scott Silveira  
Director Mike Villalta  

DIRECTORS ABSENT  
Director Paul Creighton  
Director Juan Aguilar  

MCAG STAFF PRESENT  
Nav Bagri, Finance Director  
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager  
Matt Fell, Deputy Director of Planning  
Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist II  
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director  
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel  
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant  
Kristina Meraz, Human Resources/Risk Manager  
Kyle Loreto, Diversions Program Manager  
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing & Contracts Manager  
Marty Yerrick, RWA Deputy Director  
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II  
Eric Zetz, RWA Director  

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
Tom Dumas, Caltrans, District 10  
Paul Van Konynenburg, California Transportation Commission  
Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Citizens Advisory Committee
1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Director Oliveira led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Invocation**

   Director McGlynn led the invocation.

3. **Roll Call**

   Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

6. **Minutes**

   a. Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting for December 19, 2019
   b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board meeting for December 19, 2019
   c. Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting for December 19, 2019

   Director Lor moved to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019, Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board, Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board and the Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting.

   Seconded by Director Silveira.

   **Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**
   **Noes – None**

   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Public Comment**

   No public comments were received.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   Director Pareira moved to approve the January 16, 2020 MCAG Governing Board agenda.

   Seconded by Director Espinoza.

   **Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**
   **Noes – None**

   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Update from California Transportation Commission**

   Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg of the California Transportation Commission gave a detailed update stating:
   - Recommending engagement with California Transportation Commission;
   - knowing your top three priorities;
   - having shovel ready projects; and
   - competing for matching funds by submitting grants.
8. **Caltrans Report**

Tom Dumas gave the Caltrans report discussing the following topics:

- Safety Committee for Hwy 152
- Hilmar School Safety Committee
- Atwater Pavement Work

9. **Information/Discussion Only**

a. MCAG Newsletter – Year in Review 2019
b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events
c. MCAG Governing Board Meeting Schedule 2020
d. Minutes of the January 8, 2020 Technical Review Board meeting
e. FY 19/20 Quarter 2 Governing Board Summary

So noted.

10. **Consent Agenda**

a. Adopt the Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 11
b. Approve the State Transit Assistance 1st Quarter Distribution
c. Approve the State of Good Repair 1st Allocation Distribution

Director Pareira moved to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Director Lor.

**Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**

**Noes – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **Transportation Planning and Measure V Updates**

Matt Fell gave the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:

- Request for Proposals Westside Commuter Bus Service
- SJV Housing Work Group meeting in Fresno
- Future meeting:
  - SAFE Call Box Program – for direction
  - Call for Projects – for CMAQ

12. **Approve the Work Program Priorities for 2020-21**

Matt Fell summarized the eight transportation planning priorities added to the Work Program Priorities list for 2020-21.

Director McGlynn moved to approve the eight transportation planning priorities for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
Seconded by Director Oliveira.

**Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**

**Noes – None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
13. **Budget Timeline 2020-2021**

Nav Bagri summarized the changes in presenting the MCAG budget and discussed the timeline and process.

14. **Accept the Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019**

Nav Bagri gave an update on the Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Director Silveira moved to accept the Measure V Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for the Year ending June 30, 2019.
Seconded by Director Espinoza.

**Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**
**Noes – None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. **Accept the Merced County Association of Governments Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019**

Nav Bagri gave an update on the Merced County Association of Governments Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Director Lor moved to accept the Merced County Association of Governments Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2019.
Seconded by Director Silveira.

**Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta**
**Noes – None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. **Proposed Corrections to the MCAG Joint Powers Agreement**

Stacie Guzman summarized the request to ratify the Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of MCAG as presented.

Director Murphy presented a definition of an amendment as designated by the Black’s Law dictionary and stated that the changes that were being requested constituted an amendment that would require two thirds vote of the MCAG Governing Board.

Legal Counsel Emily Haden stated that the corrections were minor and that a simple majority vote would suffice for ratification of the corrections.

After a lengthy discussion, Director Oliveira moved to ratify the Second Amended and Restated Joint Powers agreement as corrected and January 16, 2020.
Seconded by Director Lor.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes – Directors Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira**
**Noes – Directors Espinoza, Murphy, Villalta**

MOTION CARRIED.
17. **2020 Appointments to Regional Boards and Commissions**

Stacie Guzman stated that the appointments to regional boards and commissions are made for an unlimited term that continues at the discretion of the MCAG Governing Board.

Director Silveira moved to appoint Governing Board members to the following positions for the 2020 year:

1. California Association of Councils of Government
   a. 1 Member – Lloyd Pareira
   b. 1 Alternate – April Hogue
2. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
   a. 1 Member – Rodrigo Espinoza
   b. 1 Alternate – Daron McDaniel
3. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
   a. 1 Member representing a city – Mike Villalta
   b. 1 Member representing the county – Daron McDaniel
   c. 1 Alternate – Mike Murphy
4. CalVans
   a. 1 Member – Mike Villalta
   b. 1 Alternate – Paul Creighton

Seconded by Director Villalta.

Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY**

18. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update**

Christine Chavez gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and discussed the following topics:

- Ridership
- MCBus 4 Us with Merced College/outreach at the campus for this program
- Draft Policy for vehicle disposal
- Meet and Greets throughout the communities
- Internal Policies
- Operations and Maintenance Contract Negotiations
- Ventilation issues at Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Electric Vehicle Expansion

19. **Accept the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019**


Director Lor moved to accept the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Seconded by Director Espinoza.

Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta
Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
20. **Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update**

Eric Zetz presented the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority monthly update and discussed the following topics:

a. December 2015-2019 Tonnage Chart;

b. Saturday Service Update;

c. Update on SB1383/HF&H RFI agency analysis; and

d. Landfill Gas to Energy (LGTE) Construction Manager at Risk RFP update.

21. **2020 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Calendar**

Kyle Loreto presented the 2020 Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority calendar.

22. **Accept the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019**

Nav Bagri gave an update on the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Director Silveira moved to accept the Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019 with correction made to page 269 of the auditor’s report.

Seconded by Director Lor.

Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. **Act on Property Damage Claim – Fidel Mercado**

Kristina Meraz summarized the request to approve the claim of Fidel Mercado and to direct staff to issue payment to the claimant.

Director Pareira moved to approve the claim of Fidel Mercado and direct staff to issue payment to claimant.

Seconded by Director Silveira.

Ayes – Directors Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, McGlynn, Murphy, Oliveira, Pareira, Silveira, Villalta

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**OTHER REPORTS**

At 4:45 p.m., the Chair announced that the board would take a five minute recess before going into closed session.


Title: Executive Director

At 5:20 p.m. Chair McDaniel reported out of closed session that direction had been given to the Chair.
25. **Executive Director’s Report**

Stacie Guzman thanked and congratulated Alicia Ochoa-Jones and Matt Fell and announced their promotions. She stated that Alicia Ochoa-Jones was promoted to executive management level as Purchasing and Contracts Manager and Matt Fell was promoted to Deputy Director of Planning.

26. **Directors’ Reports**

Director Murphy invited everyone to attend the State of the City on February 7, 2020 that will be held at the Merced Theatre with the doors opening at 10:30 a.m. and the program starting at 11:00 a.m. and stated that this event is free to the public and can be viewed online.

Director McGlynn invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Dos Palos.

Chair McDaniel stated that he has been voted in as Chairman to the Rural Counties Representatives of California and looks forward to representing the rural counties of California here and in Washington D.C.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

____________________/s/____________________
Joy Young
Administrative Assistant II
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FAREWELL 2019!

2019 was a great year! Measure V surpassed $45 million in new revenue for local transportation projects. We celebrated the completion of the first regional projects and adopted the first 10-year Measure V Implementation Plan. As promised three years ago when Merced County voters approved the half-cent sales tax, Measure V is providing our communities and the region with the much-needed resources to make real progress on repairing and maintaining our transportation network. It has also provided the ability to offer free transit service for over 182,548 seniors, veterans and ADA-eligible passengers.

This year we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the formation of YARTS with planned festivities continuing into the spring of 2020. We made great progress in our efforts to increase ridership on both YARTS and The Bus which helps our region reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Toward that end, we were thrilled to receive $6.3 million in grants to purchase 11 zero-emission buses for both The Bus and YARTS fleets. We look to lead both services to new heights in 2020 as we work collaboratively with new partners such as Merced College to better connect all residents to transit options.

2019 brought expansions to both landfills and the continued exploration of a pipeline project to provide landfill gas to UC Merced to be used as energy on campus. We also faced new state mandates that, in the years to come, will require the diversion of food waste from our landfills, and new challenges related to a changing recycling market.

Looking ahead, 2020 is full of promise. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to lead the agency and our hard-working team as we strive for innovative and effective service to the member agencies and the public.

ONE VOICE 2019

In May, an 18-member delegation from throughout Merced County traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate for projects and issues of regional significance as part of the annual MCAG One Voice program. The delegation consisted of elected officials and staff from the cities of Los Banos, Atwater, Livingston, Merced, Gustine, Merced County, and MCAG.

Over the course of two days the delegation attended 20 meetings throughout the capital. Each team met with key federal agencies on topics related to transportation, economic development, public safety, homelessness and veteran issues. Delegates returned to Merced County optimistic that their efforts in developing contacts in Washington will lead to future partnerships with the federal government to address some of the challenges and opportunities in our region.

LIVINGSTON HIGH STUDENT NAMED 2019 MCAG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MCAG announced Livingston High student, Reema Chaudhry, as the 2019 Anna Maria Fuentes scholarship recipient. The MCAG Board established the scholarship program in 2010 in memory and tribute to MCAG grants analyst, Anna Maria Fuentes. Miss Chaudhry was selected for her tremendous academic achievements including the A Honor roll scholastic achievement award and her participation in extracurricular activities such as the Punjab club, California Scholarship Federation, Hispanic Youth Leadership Council and Sikh Honors Service and Society. She currently pursuing a career in microbiology at UC Berkeley.
YARTS KICKS OFF 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN YOSEMITE

In September, the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) marked the 20th anniversary of its Joint Powers Authority with a special gathering in Yosemite. The event brought together public and private partners from Mariposa, Mono, Merced, Madera, Fresno, and Tuolumne counties to reflect on YARTS’ success as well as plan for its future. Scott Gediman, Public Affairs Officer for Yosemite National Park, was also on hand at the celebration. Scott shared his support of public transit both as an employee working to reduce congestion in the Park as well as a YARTS passenger who has been using the service since the very first bus drove into Yosemite Valley. He spoke of the importance of inviting people into the Park to enjoy it in person while at the same time preserving both the ecology of place and the visitor’s experience. Gediman continues to promote YARTS to Park employees and guests, and urges residents in the gateway communities to use it for their everyday transportation needs. One such person who uses the bus as a result is his teenage son. “Having a safe and reliable mode of transportation, especially in mountain communities, is a critical resource for local families,” Gediman said. YARTS will continue its 20th anniversary festivities into 2020 with a public celebration in the spring marking the start of bus service.

YOSEMITE SUPERINTENDENT VISITS MCAG

Mike Reynolds, Yosemite National Park Superintendent and Transportation Planner, Jim Donovan, attended a meeting at MCAG regarding the reduction of vehicle congestion in Yosemite National Park. The superintendent outlined a strategy to significantly reduce traffic while encouraging visitors to consider using alternate methods of travel, such as public transit. The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) has been a key element of the Park’s work to address the vehicle congestion issue since it’s inception. The meeting marks the first time that a superintendent of Yosemite has visited YARTS and MCAG staff in 18 years.

YARTS ANNOUNCES FARE INCREASE

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) announced a new fare rate structure that reflects a fare increase. The increase that went into effect on January 1, 2019, is the first in more than 10 years. The new rates were sought in order to cover the increasing costs associated with providing the popular bus service to Yosemite from Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tuolumne and Mono counties.

YARTS is a regional public transit service that provides a year-round alternative to driving to Yosemite from Merced and Mariposa along Highway 140, and from Highways 120, 395 and 41 during summer months. In 2019, the service transported more than 80,000 passengers to and from the National Park.

A roundtrip ticket from Merced, Sonora, or Jamestown to Yosemite has increased from $25 to $32 and from Mariposa to Yosemite from $12 to $16.

For a complete YARTS fare schedule visit www.yarts.com.
YARTS OFFERED FREE SERVICE TO YOSEMITE ON FREE GATE DAYS

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) provided free service to Yosemite National Park to over 6,500 passengers on the 10 FREE Gate days in 2019. In 2017, YARTS has received funding through the Federal Lands Access Program for a three-year demonstration project to operate free buses to Yosemite up to 10 times per year. The next free day will be January 20, 2020, schedules are posted on the YARTS website. Reservations will not be accepted, and the service will be based on a first-come, first-served policy. Passengers are encouraged to arrive at least one hour prior to the scheduled departure times to wait in line for a seat as seating was limited.

YARTS OFFERED REDUCED FARE TO ALL MERCED COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) offered Merced County residents a reduced round-trip fare program. The program offered Merced County residents a round-trip on YARTS to Yosemite National Park for as little as $7.50 per adult. The reduced fare program which launched in July was made possible through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant.

2020 SUMMER RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN!

The YARTS online reservation system is now accepting reservations for 2020 Summer reservations are now open for all four corridors. For more information please visit: www.yarts.com/

$4.3 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS SIX YARTS ELECTRIC BUSES

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) was awarded $4.3 million by the Federal Transit Authority for the purchase of six electric coaches. These zero-emission vehicles will operate on YARTS routes by the end of 2020, making YARTS the first public transit agency to utilize battery-operated vehicles for service into a National Park.

"This is such an exciting moment for YARTS," said Stacie Guzman, YARTS Executive Director. "With this award, YARTS will be able to purchase much-needed buses for our aging fleet as well as acquire our first battery-electric coaches. This investment is a huge step towards YARTS’ long-standing goal to help ease congestion in Yosemite National Park and improve our region’s air quality by providing a safe and convenient transit alternative for park visitors."

The YARTS service was started as a joint effort 20 years ago between the National Park Service and the Counties of Mariposa, Merced and Mono in order to decrease traffic and pollution in Yosemite. "Yosemite National Park is proud of our long-standing partnership with YARTS," stated Yosemite National Park Superintendent Michael Reynolds. "We are thrilled that this grant will help YARTS continue to improve critical public transportation services to and from Yosemite National Park."

Competition for grant funds was high, with less than one third of applications being approved. “The fact that YARTS was given this level of funding says a lot about the important service we provide,” said Mariposa County Supervisor Miles Menetrey, Chair of the YARTS board. “This highly competitive, nation-wide grant funding resulted in YARTS being selected as one of only eight recipients in the entire state.”

Funding for the electric coaches was made through the Bus and Bus Facilities grant program; the full award announcement can be found here: www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/us-transportation-secretary-elaine-l-chao-announces-423-million-grants-nationwide.
THE BUS TO PROVIDED FREE SERVICE DURING MERCED COUNTY FAIR

The Bus invited the members of the community to spare the air and take the bus to the Merced County Fair! During the week of the Merced Fair, The Bus provided 10,943 FREE rides on fixed routes. The Bus also offered a free fair shuttle to the fairgrounds from multiple locations around Merced. While on the shuttle, riders were able to purchase fair admission tickets at a discounted rate.

THE BUS PARTNERED WITH MERCED IN TO PROVIDE FREE RIDES TO STUDENTS

The Bus and Merced College partnered in an effort to offer Merced College students unlimited rides countywide. A recent study of ridership data showed that approximately 111,057 trips are taken to Merced College each year. In September Merced College students will be given the opportunity to vote for a $9.95 registration fee increase per semester on the Associated Students of Merced College (ASMC) ballots. The fee increase passed with a 62% approval, and beginning this Spring all Merced College students will be able to ride the entire Merced county fixed-route transit system fare free by simply showing their current Merced College ID card when boarding any of our buses. For more information please visit: www.mercedthebus.com/mcbus4me

MCAG WELCOMES NEW TRANSIT MANAGER

MCAG recently welcomed Christine Chavez as its new Transit Manager. In this position, she will oversee operations for both the Transit Joint Powers Authority, known as ‘The Bus’, and Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS).

Chavez previously worked as a Transit Management Analyst for the City of Visalia. Her accomplishments include managing the seasonal Sequoia Shuttle service between and within Visalia and Sequoia National Park as well as supervising the operations and maintenance of the City’s bus fleet, which is powered exclusively on alternative fuel. She was also responsible for implementing the Intelligent Transportation System on both the fixed-route and paratransit systems in Visalia which modernized the fleets by adding onboard technology such as Wi-Fi and security cameras to all buses.

“I am pleased to be able to join the transit team here in Merced County,” said Chavez. “I look forward to helping lead the way for the region to take advantage of the transit opportunities available to help make The Bus and YARTS services even better for our passengers.”

Prior to entering the operations side of the transit industry Chavez worked as an associate regional planner for Tulare County Association of Governments where she supported alternative mode planning for urban and rural communities throughout Tulare County. This included many projects, planning studies, and programs related to transit, bicycling and ridesharing. Chavez is a lifelong San Joaquin Valley resident; she received her BA from University of the Pacific and her MPA from California State University, Fresno.
GRANT FUNDS ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR THE BUS AND YARTS FLEETS

In December, the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County (TJPA) known as The Bus, was awarded $2 million for the purchase of five buses and their corresponding charging depots that will be installed at its maintenance and operations center in Merced.

The Bus’s five new vehicles will be added to existing routes in 2021. This is the second grant that will help the Agency meet state regulations to purchase electric buses years ahead of the deadline. This summer, the City of Merced received a grant from California’s Strategic Growth Council that included money to purchase The Bus’s first electric vehicle to serve a new affordable housing complex.

“The Bus not only provides an important service by connecting residents throughout Merced County to health care, employment and other vital services, but it is also part of our region’s collective effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve local air quality,” said Stacie Guzman, Executive Director of Merced County Association of Governments. “Now, thanks to this federal investment, The Bus will begin the transition to a zero-emission fleet.”

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) which provides year-round transit service between Merced and Yosemite National Park was also awarded $4.3 million through the same FTA grant program. These monies will be used to purchase six battery-electric coaches for the Agency’s aging fleet. The zero-emission vehicles will operate on YARTS routes both into and within Yosemite by the end of 2020, making YARTS the first public transit agency in the country to utilize battery-operated vehicles for service into a National Park.

“This is great news for Merced County residents and visitors to Yosemite,” said Congressman Jim Costa. “These buses will not only help improve air quality in the Valley, but will also expand access into and around the Park by alleviating congested roads, allowing visitors of all abilities to experience the beauty of this national treasure.”

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THE BUS CELEBRATED NATIONAL “DUMP THE PUMP” DAY WITH FREE RIDES

The Bus provided free rides throughout the County in recognition of “Dump the Pump” day which is celebrated across the country on June 20th, this year. The free service was available on all fixed-routes, from Thursday, June 20th and ran through Friday, July 5th.

“Dump the Pump” day was established to promote the economic and environmental benefits of riding public transit. Riding public transit can reduce vehicle congestion on roads thereby eliminating emissions of both criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases. Taking public transit is also an inexpensive alternative to paying for the fuel and parking fees required for commuting in a personal vehicle as well as the wear and tear that can add up to costly repairs over time.

"The purpose of our Dump the Pump program is to invite the community to try out using The Bus," said Stacie Dabbs, Executive Director. “We have a lot of routes to choose from and people don’t always know about this great alternative to driving a car.”

The Bus was able to offer the Dump the Pump free fare days as part of its Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). This grant was awarded by the State of California and is provided to transit agencies to improve mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
**MCAG APPOINTS NEW RWA DIRECTOR**

In October, MCAG announced Eric Zetz, as the new Director for the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (RWA). Zetz previously worked as the Division Manager of Solid Waste for the City of Clovis and then the City of Sunnyvale and joins RWA with more than ten years of experience in the solid waste management field. His accomplishments include oversight of the Sunnyvale SMaRT station, a receiving and sorting operation for recyclables from throughout Santa Clara County, as well as presiding over the Sierra chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Prior to joining the solid waste industry, Zetz worked for local government agencies in Fresno County on planning, transit, and transportation related programs. He received both his BA and MBA from California State University, Fresno. Zetz resides in Clovis with his wife Autumn and their three teenage sons.

**RWA CONTINUED TO OFFER FREE MATTRESS RECYCLING**

The Regional Waste Authority (RWA) in partnership with Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) continued to offer free mattress recycling to Merced County residents.

The MRC was formed by the mattress industry to operate recycling programs (known as ‘bye bye mattress’) to enact mattress recycling laws in California.

This mattress recycling contract allows both the Billy Wright (Los Banos) and Highway 59 (Merced) landfills to accept mattresses for recycling. Residents can bring up to four mattresses to either of the landfill sites at no cost. Contractors and other commercial loads will continue to be charged the $5 fee per mattress.

**REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY PARTNERS WITH RESTORE MERCED**

The Merced County Regional Waste Authority (RWA) established an exciting partnership with a local group called Restore Merced to clean up litter around the Highway 59 landfill in Merced. Restore Merced is ‘a community development effort focused on creating opportunities for low to moderate income residents’ in order to enhance neighborhoods in the City of Merced. Through this work, Restore Merced volunteers are gaining valuable experience and skills that will help transition them into the workplace.

The work crews collect litter and debris along Highway 59 from Bellevue Avenue to Oakdale Road twice a month. RWA provides the safety training, traffic signage, and trash bags to all participants.

For more information about Restore Merced visit: [http://www.restoremerced.org/](http://www.restoremerced.org/)

**RWA LANDFILL HOURS OF OPERATION:**

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Measure V, Merced County’s ½ cent transportation sales tax, was passed by Merced County voters with 71% approval in November 2016. In an effort to keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAG will feature monthly updates in this newsletter. For more information about Measure V you can also visit www.mcagov.org/measureV.

Measure V Revenue
Since its inception, Measure V has generated $45,745,845! This amount exceeds projects by over $8,245,845. The table below shows the total amounts allocated to each local agency, administration, transit and regional projects.

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Implementation Plan 2019 (Regional Projects)
In September of 2019, the MCAG Governing Board approved the second Measure V Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan outlines how Measure V dollars will be distributed to regional transportation projects on both the east and west sides of the county. Transportation projects are considered ‘regional’ when they are on the State Highway System, directly benefit more than one jurisdiction or, are located in more than one jurisdiction. In the 2019 Implementation Plan the Regional Projects Committees (RPCs) approved funding of projects on the east side to fiscal year 2024/2025 and to fiscal year 2028/2029 for west side. The Implementation Plan also includes programs and projects related to public transit. The Plan provides that five percent of total revenue be used for transit services.
Regional Projects

Measure V is estimated to generate $15 million annually with 44% allocated to Regional Projects. 27% of the annual total is directed to regional projects located to the east of the San Joaquin River, and 17% of the annual total is directed to regional projects located to the west of the San Joaquin River. The following tables summarize the projected revenue and programmed expenditures for the East and West Regional Project Funds accounts. The revenues and expenditures are not escalated. Note that the time periods are different – eight and twelve years respectively.

EAST SIDE REGIONAL PROJECTS FUNDS
Fiscal Years: 2017/2018 through 2024/2025

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* Leveraging was 20% the first two years; Smaller Projects was 80%

WEST SIDE REGIONAL PROJECTS FUNDS
Fiscal Years: 2017/2018 through 2028/2029

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Transit

In 2019, The Bus provided 182,548 free rides to Seniors, Veterans and ADA eligible passengers. In March, the MCAG Governing Board increased the Transit allocation to $225,000 to the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County to operate the Measure V free fare program to seniors, veterans and ADA eligible passengers on the countywide fixed route transit service.

HAVE YOU SPOTTED MEASURE V AT WORK IN MERCED COUNTY?
Snap a picture and send it to eva.garibay@mcagov.org or tag us on Facebook @mcag.merced or Twitter #MercedCAG

FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURE V INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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ITEM 10g
Important Dates: February 2020 – December 2020
(Technical Review Board and Governing Board meeting dates and locations are subject to change)

February
- 2/7 Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 2/12 Technical Review Board meeting, Dos Palos City/County Building
- 2/17 HOLIDAY – MCAG Office Closed
- 2/20 Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building
- 2/26 Highway 99 Groundbreaking Event, Livingston

March
- 3/6 Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 3/11 Valley Voice Trip, Sacramento
- 3/11 Technical Review Board meeting, City of Merced
- 3/16 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, MCAG
- 3/19 Governing Board meeting, City of Los Banos

April
- 4/1 YARTS Authority Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 4/3 Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 4/5-7 CalCog Regional Leadership Forum, Riverside, CA
- 4/6 YARTS Joint Powers Authority meeting, MCAG
- 4/8 Technical Review Board meeting, Los Banos Community Center Lounge
- 4/16 Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

May
- 5/1 Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG
- 5/5-8 One Voice Trip, Washington D.C.
- 5/13 Technical Review Board meeting, MCAG
- 5/13-15 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Conference, Bass Lake
- 5/20 YARTS 20th Anniversary, Yosemite National Park
- 5/21 MCAG Governing Board meeting, City of Livingston
- 5/25 HOLIDAY – MCAG Office Closed
June
- 6/5 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 6/10 Technical Review Board meeting, City of Gustine
- 6/15 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, MCAG
- 6/18 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

July
- 7/3 HOLIDAY (Observed) - MCAG Office Closed
- 7/8 Technical Review Board meeting, Atwater Community Center
- 7/10 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 7/16 MCAG Governing Board meeting, City of Atwater

August
- 8/7 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 8/12 Technical Review Board meeting, Los Banos Community Center
- 8/20 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

September
- 9/4 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 9/7 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 9/9 Technical Review Board meeting, City of Livingston
- 9/17 MCAG Governing Board meeting, City of Gustine
- 9/21 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, MCAG

October
- 10/2 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 10/14 Technical Review Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building, Room 310
- 10/15 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Merced County Admin Building

November
- 11/6 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 11/11 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 11/15-17 Focus on the Future, Marriott, Newport Beach
- 11/18 Technical Review Board meeting, Atwater Community Center
- 11/19 MCAG Governing Board meeting, Dos Palos City/County Building
- 11/26 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 11/27 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed

December

- 12/4 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 12/9 Technical Review Board meeting, MCAG
- 12/17 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- 12/17 MCAG Open House, MCAG
- 12/24 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 12/25 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
- 12/31 HOLIDAY - MCAG Office Closed
ITEM 10h
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: The Honorable Adam Gray, California State Assembly, District 21
    The Honorable Anna Caballero, California State Senate, District 12

FROM: Stacie Guzman, Executive Director

RE: MCAG Updates

This communication serves as a brief update on the current projects and programs occurring within our organization. For more details on any of the items below, please do not hesitate to contact me at: stacie.guzman@mcagov.org or (209) 723-3153 x 109.

MEASURE V

- The calendar year is concluding with the finalization of the annual Measure V audit which will be presented to both the Citizens Oversight Committee and MCAG Governing Board in January. The adoption of the audited financial statements will trigger the development of the second annual community report which will be distributed to the public in the Spring.
- The 2019 Implementation Plan Update, which outlines how regional and transit funds will be used, was approved by the Governing Board in September. This update takes a longer approach to funding larger projects throughout the County. The projects in the updated plan are:
  - Winton Way Reconstruction Project Phase 2
  - Hammatt and Campbell Intersection Improvements
  - Livingston Transit Center
  - Construction funding for the Black Rascal Bridge Project
  - Construction funding for the Highway 59 Widening, Phase 1
  - Atwater-Merced Expressway, Phase 1B
  - Highway 33/Highway 140 Signalization Project
  - Pioneer Road Widening Project
  - Henry Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project, Phase 2
  - Ingomar Grade Reconstruction

THE BUS

- In December, the Governing Board selected First Transit as its new Operations and Maintenance contractor. We plan to transition from the existing contractor to First Transit in the Spring. This transition will not involve any changes to routes, schedules, or service to the public.
- In October, MCAG hired Christine Chavez as the new Transit Manager responsible for the day-to-day management of both The Bus and YARTS. Christine is a San Joaquin Valley native with broad knowledge of the transit industry and transportation planning; we are fortunate to have her onboard!
- TJPA has entered into an MOU with Merced College to provide unlimited access to fixed-route bus service to their student body starting in the Spring 2020 semester. This program is funded by a per semester student fee assessed during registration and allows all Merced College students to ride all countywide fixed route bus service for free. This arrangement is like the one between The Bus and UC Merced where college students simply show their current student ID.
to the bus drivers in order to utilize the service. We anticipate more students trying out the bus system throughout the County and look forward to cultivating a broader ridership in the new year.

**YARTS**
- YARTS continues to offer reduced price tickets to any Merced County resident (while supplies last) courtesy of ongoing LCTOP funding; these tickets are just $7.50 each for roundtrip service to Yosemite.
- The 20th anniversary of the YARTS service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th at the Yosemite Visitors Center in Yosemite National Park. You should receive an invitation for this exciting celebration in the Spring; we hope to see you there!
- The next YARTS free service days are scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2020 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Saturday, April 18, 2020 for the Park’s Earth Day celebration.

**REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY**
- Landfill staff continue to work diligently on preparing for compliance under the new SB 1383 organics diversion requirements.
- MCAG has hired Eric Zetz as its new Waste Management Director. Eric is a lifelong Valley resident and leader amongst his peers in the waste management industry. We are excited to have Eric on the MCAG team!
- The Landfill Gas-to-Energy project development continues to make progress as we work with UC Merced to finalize the power purchase agreement. If approved by the Governing Board, this project will convert methane gas from the Highway 59 landfill into an alternate energy supply for the campus in order to meet their 2020 net zero goals.
- Beginning January 11, 2020, both landfills will be open to the public from 7:00am-3:30pm every Saturday.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**
- The MCAG Governing Board adopted the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in September. The RTIP was subsequently submitted to the California Transportation Commission for inclusion in the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program. The plan requests almost $30 million for the construction of the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B and establishes the Pioneer Road Widening project as the priority for subsequent RTIP/STIP programming.
- Upon adoption of the RTIP, the Governing Board then adopted a formal policy establishing the Pioneer Road project as the priority for the following funding sources:
  1. All subsequent RTIP programming, including all capacity in the next (2022) STIP cycle.
  2. Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding. HIP is federal funding. About $1.6 million is available now.
  3. Local Partnership Program (LPP) formula funding. LPP is SB 1 funding administered by the California Transportation Commission and requires a 50% local match. An estimated $600,000 per year is available, in FY’s 2019-20 onward.
  4. Up to 25% of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for CMAQ-eligible components of the project, if there are any, or more than 25% if such components are “highly cost-effective” in air quality improvement per the CMAQ emission calculator. CMAQ is federal funding. An estimated $3 million (total CMAQ) is available in FFY 2020-21, $500,000 in 2021-22, and $3.5 million in years 2022-23 onward.
Unmet Transit Needs hearings were held in October at locations in both the east and west side of the County. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council proposed the designation of two unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. These are:

1. Provide transit service to North Merced (north of Merced College)
2. Provide additional service to Planada

These two needs were confirmed by the Governing Board and will be considered as part of the upcoming Short-Range Transit Plan update being conducted by TJPA this spring.

The Agency provided a letter to Caltrans in November thanking the state for maintaining its commitment to the Highway 99 Livingston Median widening project but also expressing our concern for the proposed deletion of projects scheduled for the improvement of the highway in Madera and Tulare Counties. We are pleased to see this decision was subsequently reversed.

MCAG also sent a letter to the CA High Speed Rail Authority in support of the Governor’s Plan and the Agency’s policy recommendations outlined in their May 2019 report that would maintain the strong commitment to establishing the High-Speed Rail network in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Highway 152 Safety Task Force convened by Caltrans Director Dan McElhinney held its first meeting on December 17 at the Los Banos community center. MCAG was represented by Transportation Planning Manager Matt Fell. MCAG will continue to actively participate in this work group along with the City of Los Banos, Merced County, CHP, and Caltrans to ensure optimal solutions for road safety on Highway 152 are attained.

The groundbreaking event for the Highway 99 Livingston Median Widening project has yet to be rescheduled. Currently, Caltrans is looking at a potential May 2020 date.

Campus Parkway segment 2 is scheduled to be complete by February with construction on segment 3 already underway. A ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 24 at 2:00pm. More details regarding this event will be provided by Merced County.

MCAG staff continue to be concerned about the federal “SAFE rule” for emission standards. Projects underway now or soon, such as Campus Parkway and the Livingston 99 Widening, are not affected; however, projects such as the Atwater-Merced Expressway and Pioneer Road Widening could be delayed or lose funding in coming years if the situation is not resolved.

OTHER

The MCAG Governing Board has considered a few items fundamental to the agency over the past quarter. In September, the Board rejected a proposal to reduce the number of board members from 11 to 9 by reducing the seats for Merced County Supervisors from 5 to 3. However, they did assemble a subcommittee to study various options for board composition to be potentially considered at a future date. In October, the Board agreed to make minor modifications to the language in the JPA agreement to make it less ambiguous. And in November, the Board voted down a proposal to move their meeting times to the evening.

Directors April Hogue, Lloyd Pareira, and Mike Villalta have been selected for the San Joaquin Valley multi-agency working group on housing per AB 101. The first meeting will be held on January 17 at the Fresno Council of Governments.

California Transportation Commission Vice-Chair Paul Van Konynenburg is scheduled to speak at the January 16, 2020 MCAG Governing Board meeting held at the Merced Civic Center. We are grateful for the opportunity to hear updates from Commissioner Van Konynenburg and ask questions about state matters as they relate to Merced County transportation activities.
ITEM 10i
January 21, 2020

Ms. Cathryn Rivera-Hernandez  
Appointments Secretary  
Governor’s Office – Appointments Unit  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Paul Van Konynenburg’s Reappointment to the California Transportation Commission

Dear Ms. Rivera-Hernandez;

I am writing to urge the immediate reappointment of Paul Van Konynenburg (registered without party preference) to the California Transportation Commission. Since his appointment to the commission by Governor Brown in the Fall of 2017, Paul has been an engaged and conscientious member of the commission. He has quickly won the respect of all the transportation stakeholders in the state as well as his fellow commissioners, who elected him to be Vice Chair of the commission in January of 2019.

Paul operates a Global GAP certified sustainable farm in Modesto that grows almonds, apples, cherries and peaches. It is with this background that, as a Commissioner, he has been a champion for addressing the needs in California’s most rural and disadvantaged areas. He has provided a strong voice for equitable transportation investments that comprehensively provide for increased housing production, efficient connections between housing and transportation, environmental and social justice, and mobility and safety for all.

Paul has also earned a reputation as a pragmatic leader, consensus builder and advocate for investments to make safe routes to schools. He is diligent in his oversight responsibilities – making sure that transportation funding is spent wisely. He understands the importance of making long-term investments in highways, rail and transit in ways that will help California achieve the state’s 2030 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target and other statewide goals while maintaining the state’s economic vitality.

Paul is worthy of the Governor’s swift reappointment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daron McDaniel  
Chairperson

Stacie Guzman  
Executive Director