

MCAG GOVERNING BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR



In June, the MCAG Governing Board elected Supervisor Daron McDaniel to serve as the Board Chair for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Director McDaniel currently serves as Merced County Supervisor, District 3. He moved to Merced County 33 years ago when his father was a

part of the management team that opened Merced Color Press. He graduated from Merced High School before going on to attend Merced College and California State University, Stanislaus. While raising their family in Atwater, Director McDaniel and his wife Buffy started a charitable foundation that has supported athletic programs throughout the region. In addition to running his small business, Director McDaniel has also served on the Peggy Heller and McSwain School Site Councils and as a District Representative for Congressman Jeff Denham.

Director Paul Creighton was elected to serve as the Vice-Chair of the MCAG Board. Prior to being elected Mayor of Atwater in 2018, Director Creighton served on the Atwater City Council. He is currently a member of the League of California Cities Central Valley Division. Director Creighton has also participated in the MCAG One Voice program for the past two years.



YARTS OFFERING REDUCED FARE TO YOSEMITE FOR MERCED COUNTY RESIDENTS

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) announced this month that they will offer reduced round-trip fares to Yosemite National Park for all Merced County residents.

“We are excited to offer the reduced fare service again to Merced County residents,” said Assistant Transit Manager, Cindy Kelly. Residents may claim up to two tickets for \$7.50 each while supplies last. A child can ride for free with each adult fare purchased. This reduced fare program is made possible through the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). LCTOP is provided to transit agencies to improve mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Passengers can purchase their tickets at the MCAG office, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced. A photo ID is required when picking up tickets. For more information visit www.yarts.com or call (877) 989-2787.

MCAG SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

MCAG is seeking applicants for appointment to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). The SSTAC is a nine-member council appointed by the MCAG Governing Board to solicit the input of persons who rely on public transit because of youth, advanced age, or mental or physical impairment. The SSTAC is convened annually, at minimum, to conduct public hearings to identify any “unmet transit needs” that are “reasonable to meet” that may exist, as required by the Transportation Development Act.

SSTAC members are appointed to serve a three-year term. The council is comprised of social service and transit providers representing the elderly, the disabled, and persons of limited means while striving for geographic and minority representation. Currently, MCAG is seeking candidates for appointment to the council in the following category: Local Social Service Transportation Provider for the Disabled.

Applications can be obtained at www.mcagov.org or contact Natalia Austin at (209) 723-3153 x 127 or natalia.austin@mcagov.org.

AUGUST MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- 08/03** Summer Family Health Festival, 9 am - 2pm, 3605 Hospital Rd, Atwater
- 08/03** Highway 59, Merced and Billy Wright, Los Banos landfills open until 3:30 pm
- 08/06** National Night Out, Applegate Park, Merced, 6 pm - 8 pm
- 08/10** Kids Connect Community Celebration, Applegate Park "Moat" Theater, 10 am - 2 pm
- 08/12-08/14** Merced College Welcome Week, Main Campus Quad, 8 am - 3 pm
- 08/14** Technical Review Board meeting, 12 pm, City of Merced
- 08/15** Governing Board meeting, 3 pm, Merced County Admin Bldg.
- 08/19** Measure V Eastside Public Hearing, Atwater Community Center, 5 pm
- 08/20** MCAG Presentation at the Winton Mac, Winton Community Center, 7 pm
- 08/25** FREE YARTS service to Yosemite, visit yarts.com for more information
- 08/27** Measure V Westside Public Hearing, Gustine Council Chambers, 5 pm
- 08/30** UC Merced Cat Crawl 2019, 5 pm - 9pm, Downtown Merced
- 09/02** Labor Day, MCAG Offices Closed
- 09/04** MCAG Presentation at the Planada Mac, 9167 Stanford, Planada, 6 pm
- 09/06** Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG Office, 8:30 am
- 09/07** Highway 59, Merced and Billy Wright, Los Banos landfills open until 3:30 pm

For more information about these events, or if your City or community has public events you would like published in our newsletter, contact Eva Garibay at: eva.garibay@mcagov.org



MeasureV

In the first half of 2019, The Bus provided over 94,000 FREE rides to Seniors, Veterans and ADA eligible passengers in Merced County!



The Merced County Regional Waste Authority Highway 59 and Billy Wright landfills are open every Saturday from 8:00 am to Noon. In addition, both landfill locations have extended hours until 3:30 pm during the first Saturday of the month and on any Saturday following a closed holiday. For more information please visit:

www.mcrwma.org

HIGHWAY 59 LANDFILL
 7040 N Highway 59
 Merced, CA 95348
 Phone: 209-723-4481

BILLY WRIGHT LANDFILL
 17173 S Billy Wright Road
 Los Banos, CA 95348
 Phone: 209-826-1163

Monday - Friday:
 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
 Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

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MeasureV

AUGUST 2019—UPDATE

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. You can also visit www.mcagov.org/measureV for the latest!

The 30-year Measure, which commenced in April of 2017, allocates 44% of all measure revenue to regional projects, with 27% spent on the eastside and 17% on the westside. Local jurisdictions receive a portion of the 50% of all its revenue to pay for local transportation projects including roads, bike paths and sidewalks and five percent is reserved for public transit purposes. MCAG receives one percent of the monies to administer all fiduciary and reporting requirements.

Over the past year, the East and West side Regional Projects committees worked closely with MCAG staff to identify and prioritize regional projects throughout Merced County. The first regional project to receive funding was the Henry Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project, which broke ground in March of this year. The project cost was \$2,426,112 and included the rehabilitation of seven miles of roadway between State Highway 165/Mercey Springs Road and Turner Island Road. The rehabilitation project was completed in April.

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MEASURE V AT WORK
IN MERCED COUNTY?**

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and Twitter

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or use the hashtag
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Henry Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project before



Henry Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project after

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