

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF  
DRAFT 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT 18 FOR  
PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) makes available Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 18 (2019 FTIP Amendment 18) for public review and comments. The 2019 FTIP Amendment 18 includes Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program changes and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds awarded to the Transit Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) for Merced County.

- The 2019 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Merced County for Federal Fiscal Years 2018/19 to 2021/22.
- The changes to the CMAQ program includes: Update to apportionments; Temporary deletion of CNG street sweeper projects; and addition of ten new projects from the recent Call for Projects.
- The TJPA for Merced County is the recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding and must develop a Program of Projects (POP) for FTA-funded projects. Whenever FTA POP funding changes, the TJPA for Merced County must undergo the public review process. FTA guidance allows the FTIP public review process to satisfy the public participation requirements of the POP.
- The TJPA for Merced County is the recipient of \$306,833 FTA 5339(a), State Discretionary Bus Replacement Program, funding. These FTA 5339(a) funds and other monies will be used to purchase three (3) buses at a total estimated cost of \$360,981.
- The 2019 FTIP Amendment 18 includes the programming of CMAQ program changes and FTA 5339(a) funds for these replacement buses.

The public review and comment period begins on June 29, 2020, and will conclude on July 13, 2020. The draft document is available for review at the MCAG office, located at 369 West 18<sup>th</sup> St., Merced CA 95340, and on the MCAG website at <http://www.mcagov.org/215/Federal-Transportation-Improvement-Progr>. Public comments can be addressed with the MCAG contact person, or may be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. on July 13, 2020.

After considering the comments, the 2019 FTIP Amendment 18 will be considered for official approval by the MCAG Board on July 16, 2020. The 2019 FTIP Amendment 18 will also require state and federal approvals.

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