

MARCH 2017

MCAG GOVERNING BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS, ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The 2016 election brought upon many changes to the MCAG Governing Board. In December the Board bid farewell to several long standing Directors. And with the first meeting of 2017 held on February 16, the board welcomed five new members to the board.

New Board members include: Lee Lor, Merced County Supervisor District 2, Lloyd Pareria, Merced County Supervisor District 4, April Hogue, Mayor of Dos Palos, Mike Murphy Mayor of Merced and Alex McCabe Livingston Council Member.



In addition, the board elected Director Mike Villalta as the MCAG Governing Board Chair for the remainder of the fiscal year. Director Villalta is serving his 4th term of the Mayor of Los Banos.

Merced County Supervisor, Rodrigo Espinoza was elected to serve as vice chair. Director Espinoza is currently

-serving his first term as Merced County Supervisor, District 1.

The 11-member MCAG Governing Board includes a supervisor from each of the five county districts and an elected official from each of the six incorporated cities in Merced County: Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos and Merced. Board meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at various locations throughout Merced County.



MEASURE V WAS PASSED, NOW WHAT?

In November 2016, Measure V was overwhelmingly approved by Merced County voters with an approval percentage of 71.3%. As the state-designated Local Transportation Authority for Merced County, MCAG is required to establish, implement, and administer the local sales tax program. Along with existing state laws that address local sales tax measures, the Measure V ordinance and transportation expenditure plan (TEP) approved by voters in November 2016 serve as the guiding documents for the development of the MCAG Measure V program. The Measure V TEP can be found here: <http://www.mcagov.org/DocumentCenter/View/790>.

Since the passage of Measure V in November, staff have been working to develop the policies, procedures and agreements needed to operate the Measure V program. Over the next few months, the Citizens Oversight Committee will be developed through an application and appointment process. Staff is also working on the guidelines to develop the regional sub-committees that will provide project recommendations to the Governing Board. Beginning April 1, 2017, the 1/2 cent sales tax will be collected with revenues being allocated to MCAG for distribution on a quarterly basis.

We are excited to see the benefits of Measure V come to fruition in Merced County in the coming years. For more information about the program, please contact Stacie Dabbs at Stacie.dabbs@mcagov.org.

DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT: MIKE MURPHY

Director Murphy was elected Mayor of Merced in November 2016. Prior to being elected mayor, Director Murphy served on the Merced City Council from 2011 to 2016. He attended Merced's public schools and later earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University. He also holds a law degree from Georgetown University. Murphy practices law in Merced where he and his wife, Heather, are raising their 4 children. The Murphy's are passionate about supporting research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and the work of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The MCAG management team and staff would like to welcome Director Murphy to the MCAG Governing Board!



March Meetings & Community Events:

03/03 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG

03/08 Technical Review Board Meeting, Merced

03/16 Governing Board Meeting, Los Banos

ATWATER

03/18 Spring Clean Up Day 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LIVINGSTON

03/04 5th Annual Gloves not Drugs Boxing show, for more information visit:

www.carlosvieirafoundation.org

03/25 Young Women's Conference, for more information visit: www.muhsd.org

On-going: Ballet/Jazz and Kempo Karate Classes available in Livingston. For more information, please visit the City of Livingston website at www.livingstoncity.com

MERCED

03/03 Club Mercedes Fish Fry Friday \$10 per person, For more information call: (209) 383-9906

03/11 Valley Crisis Center 2nd Annual Theatre Fundraiser "Peter and the Star Catcher", for more information call: (209) 725-7900 or visit:

<http://www.valleycrisiscenter.org/>

03/25 Merced City Youth Council Community Cleanup
McNamara Park (1040 Canal St.)
8:30 am - 12:00 pm, for more information call: (209) 388-8912

If your City or Community has public events you would like published in the MCAG monthly newsletter, please contact Eva Garibay at eva.garibay@mcagov.org

MCAG RECRUITING NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MCAG is seeking an enthusiastic, experienced professional to serve as its new Executive Director. This is a wonderful opportunity for a creative and resourceful leader to help shape the future of this agency.

The ideal candidate is an energetic, results-oriented, visionary leader with excellent communication skills and the proven abilities to facilitate change, develop and strengthen relationships, and build consensus with MCAG's many regional partners. Strong candidates will have a track record of developing effective relationships with a diverse governing body and the leadership and people skills to unite divergent viewpoints into a common goal. The ideal candidate will possess a strong understanding of transportation funding and project delivery; be familiar with regional transportation and land use planning principles associated with demographics, air quality and natural resource protection; and have experience/knowledge of the diverse issues facing suburban and rural areas. Successful candidates are proactive leaders with a proven record of accomplishments and a willingness to be actively engaged and involved with the MCAG organization and in the community. Direct experience serving in a planning organization and/or regional council will be favorably considered.

Appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors, the role and function of the Executive Director is to:

- Implement the policy decisions of the Governing Board
- Propose solutions and options for the Board to consider when setting policy for the agency
- Maintain the fiscal health of the agencies
- Provide overall management for all agencies
- Provide leadership and guidance to the staff
- Assure the agencies follow federal and state laws

Please visit www.cpshr.us for a full brochure of position details and requirements. The final filing date is Friday, March 17, 2017. For further details or information, please contact Stuart Satow at (916) 471-3134 or ssatow@cpshr.us.

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MERCED THE BUS UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS HEARINGS 2017

Do you or someone you know have a transit need that is not being met?

Merced County Association of Government's (MCAG) Social Services Transportation Advisory Council would like to hear from you!

If you would like to provide comments on public transit needs in Merced County, please attend one of 6 public hearings closest to your residence.

Bus service is available to and from these meetings at no charge!
Call 209.384.3111 for a ride!

HEARING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
3:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Atwater Council Chambers
750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
3:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Merced Council Chambers
678 W 18th Street, Merced, CA

MONDAY, APRIL 10
3:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Los Banos Community Center
645 7th Street, Los Banos, CA



If you are unable to attend a hearing, but would like to provide your comments, please contact: Natalia Austin at 209.723.3153 ext. 319 or email natalia.austin@mcagov.org by April 10th.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is the purpose of the unmet transit needs hearings?

The **purpose of the unmet transit needs process** is to ensure that all “unmet transit needs” that are “reasonable to meet” are met on transit service in Merced County before any Transportation Development Act funds are spent on non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

What is the purpose of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)?

The **purpose of the SSTAC** is to receive public comment regarding transit service needs for transit-dependent persons

What is an “unmet transit need”?

An “**unmet transit need**” is an inadequacy in the existing public transit services for persons recognized as transit dependent in Merced County

Who are “transit dependent”?

The “**transit dependent**” are those who rely on public transit because they do not operate a vehicle because of youth, advanced age, mental or physical impairment or low income.

The new, expanded or revised service needs to be cost effective, efficient, safe, and benefit either the general public or transit – dependent persons.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE??

Introduce yourself to the Council

You have 3 minutes to speak

Give as much detail as possible within 3 minutes to clearly describe the need you would like to have met

Stay after the hearing is over to have questions regarding operational transit issues answered