



MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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MAY 2018

MCAG TO HOST OPEN HOUSES FOR THE MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL VISION

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) kicked off the Merced County Regional Vision plan last fall with a round of community workshops throughout Merced County. This was the start of a year long effort that has resulted in draft plan for investments in roads, freeways, public transit, bike trails and other ways people move around the county over the next 25 years. The draft plan also accommodates the region’s future housing needs and compliance with the state mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This month MCAG will host four open houses throughout Merced County to give the public the opportunity to learn about the draft plan and to engage with staff about how the region is addressing our long range goals.

For more information, please visit the Merced County Regional Visions website at: www.MercedRegionalVision.com or contact Matt Fell at (209)723-3153 x 128 or matt.fell@mcagov.org



MCAG ANNOUNCES 2018 ANNA MARIA FUENTES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MCAG announced Merced High Senior Yadira Hernandez -Figueroa as the 2018 Anna Maria Fuentes scholarship recipient.

The scholarship was established in 2010 in memory of MCAG grants analyst Anna Maria Fuentes. The scholarship continues to be funded through donations.

The 2018 scholarship selection committee consisted of Leticia Flores (sister of Anna Maria Fuentes), MCAG Governing Board Vice Chair Alex McCabe and MCAG staff. The committee selected Ms. Hernandez-Figueroa for her tremendous academic achievements such as the State Seal of Bi-literacy and her nearly 500 hours of community service ranging from her involvement with the Merced City Youth Council and Boys & Girls club to her work with the Youth 2 Youth conference. Ms. Hernandez -Figueroa plans to attend UC Berkeley this fall.

On behalf of the Fuentes family and the MCAG team we would like to congratulate Yadira Hernandez-Figueroa for all of her hard work and accomplishments and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

YARTS BEGINS SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULES

YARTS will transition to their summer schedule for the Merced and Mariposa service, and will resume service from Sonora and Fresno on May 14, 2018. Service from Mammoth Lakes will begin the first weekend in June as weather permits.

Passengers are able book their trip now by purchasing their tickets in advance at www.yarts.com. Simply show the printed confirmation to the driver when boarding.

For more information or general questions about YARTS, or the seasonal schedules, please visit www.yarts.com or call (877)989-2787.



Table with 4 rows and 2 columns listing open house dates, times, and locations: Wednesday, May 23 (City of Merced), Thursday, May 24 (City of Los Banos), Wednesday, May 30 (City of Livingston), Thursday, May 31 (Community of Planada).

MAY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- 05/09** Technical Review Board Meeting, Merced
- 05/10-11** San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference, Modesto
- 5/15** Measure V Eastside and Westside Regional Projects Committee meetings
- 05/17** Governing Board Meeting, County Admin Bldg.
- 05/19** Cowboy/Vaquero 5K Run/Walk, Merced
For more information, contact 209.385.9537 or visit: www.mercedhcc.com
- 05/23** Merced County Regional Vision Workshop, Merced City Hall, 6:00 pm
- 05/24** Merced County Regional Vision Workshop, Los Banos City Hall, 6:00 pm
- 05/28** Memorial Day - MCAG offices closed
- 05/30** Merced County Regional Vision Workshop, Livingston City Hall, 6:00 pm
- 05/31** Merced County Regional Vision Workshop, Planada Community Center, 6:00 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@mcaqov.org



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CELEBRATE BIKE MONTH!

Across the nation, Bike Month promotes biking to work as a healthy, active form of transportation. Each year, Dibs, a non-profit program of Merced County Association of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments and San Joaquin Council of Governments, promotes and celebrates this national event as an opportunity to improve air quality, reduce congestion and improve health through physical activity.



During the 2017 Bike to Work Month, a total of 470,352 calories were burned and 8,868 miles were logged! The ultimate goal for Bike Month is to educate, motivate and support commuters to consider a change in how they travel. A countywide challenge and prizes will be available to commuters, supported by community events and employer outreach where possible. Generous donations and contributions by sponsors, such as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, make bike month events and activities possible.

This year, the public will be encouraged to participate in Bike Month by pledging to ride their bike or walk to work/transit at least one day during the month to be eligible for the drawing. The winner will be chosen at random, based on their tier eligibility, and awarded their respective prize. Random prize drawings will also be done throughout the month, on a weekly basis, to encourage participation. To join the challenge and get information on local events and free resources, visit www.dibsmysway.com or call 1-800-52-SHARE.

COUNTYWIDE DRAWING		
ACTION	LEVEL	PRIZE
Log 1 trip	Bronze	Amazon/Movie Theater/Live Nation Gift card
Log 2 trips	Silver	MonkeyLectric LED Bike Lights + Music Service Subscription (Spotify/Apple Music/Pandora)
Log 4 trips	Gold	Amazon Alexa/Google Home + Meal Service Subscription
Log 10 trips	Platinum	New Bicycle + Gift Card

The City of Merced's Bike to Work and School event is Friday, May 18th, 7:00 – 10:00 am. Stations are located at Golden Valley Health Center, Bob Hart Square, Mercy Medical and UC Merced. The family-friendly Ride with the Mayor is Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am, beginning at Bob Hart Square.

Measure V

MAY 2018—UPDATE

Measure V, Merced County's ½ cent transportation sales tax, was passed by Merced County voters with 71% approval in November 2016 and went into effect April 1, 2017. 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.measurev-mcag.com for the latest!

Revenue Update

Measure V was projected to generate an estimated \$15 million in new revenue annually. To date, MCAG has received eleven months of revenue (April 2017 through February 2018) totaling **\$14.8 million**. This amount exceeds projections and well positions the region to reach \$15 million in the first year of the Measure V program.

Regional Projects Revenue

To date, more than **\$6.5 million** has been received for regional projects which are projects located in or directly benefiting more than one jurisdiction. This funding is allocated to two accounts – 27% to eastside and 17% to Westside of the San Joaquin River. Projects eligible for this regional funding are being identified and prioritized by the Eastside and Westside Regional Projects Committees. For more information about this process and committees, please visit www.measurev-mcag.com/regional-projects.html.

Local Projects Revenue

Per the expenditure plan, 50% of the revenue is allocated directly to the 6 cities and the County of Merced. This funding is being used to address local transportation needs such as repairing potholes and bridges, repaving streets, replacing traffic signals and improving sidewalks and bicycle facilities. To date, **\$7.4 million** has been allocated directly to local jurisdictions:

City of Merced	\$1,545,532	City of Dos Palos	\$234,256
City of Atwater	\$609,286	City of Los Banos	\$775,051
City of Livingston	\$352,436	County of Merced	\$3,651,202
City of Gustine	\$234,978		

Visit www.measurev-mcag.com/local-projects.html to check out the list of Measure V projects by jurisdiction.

Transit Revenue

5% of the annual measure revenue is dedicated to Transit. Currently, a portion of these funds are currently being used to provide free fares on The Bus's fixed route system for seniors, veterans and ADA eligible individuals with disabilities. In the first seven months of the program, more than **122,00 free rides** have been provided by the program. For more information, contact The Bus at (209)723-3100.

Administration Revenue

MCAG receives 1% for the administration of Measure V for staffing, auditing and oversight. To date, MCAG has received **\$148,055**.



Bloss Road near Hilmar

HAVE YOU SPOTTED MEASURE V AT WORK IN MERCED COUNTY?

Snap a picture and send it to measurev@mcagov.org or tag us on Facebook @mcag.merced or Twitter #MercedCAG

FIXING OUR ROADS!

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