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### FIRST MEASURE V ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED TO PUBLIC

**Merced** - The first Measure V annual report titled '*On the moVe*' is slated to be presented to the community at 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, during a public event at the Merced Senior Center. The Open House will be hosted by the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) in partnership with the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee. The event is open and free to all.

Measure V is the half cent transportation sales tax that was passed by Merced County voters in November 2016. The 30-year Measure, which commenced in April of 2017, allocates 50% of all its revenue to the cities of Merced, Los Banos, Gustine, Atwater, Livingston and Dos Palos, along with the County of Merced, to pay for local transportation projects including roads, bike paths, and sidewalks. Regional transportation projects located on both the east and west sides of the county receive 44% of the funding with five percent reserved for public transit purposes. MCAG receives one percent of the monies to administer all fiduciary and reporting requirements.

The event marks the approval of the first set of audited financials by the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The open house will feature speakers from the Citizen's Oversight Committee, MCAG, and Mayor Mike Murphy as well as displays of Measure V work done in the County and all the Cities. Participants will also be able to be screened to see if they qualify for The Bus's free fare program which is sponsored by Measure V. Since July 2017, the program has provided free bus rides on fixed routes throughout the county to seniors, veterans, and ADA eligible individuals.

"We're eager to show the community all that has been accomplished in the first year Measure V has been in place," said Stacie Dabbs, MCAG Executive Director. "This Measure has truly been transformative for the region and this is just the beginning of decades of improvements to our local transportation system that will benefit everyone for generations to come."

MCAG, is the state-designated Local Transportation Authority for Merced County responsible for the implementation and administration of overseeing Measure V. To keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAG features monthly updates in their electronic newsletter which can be found on the MCAG website [mcagov.org](http://mcagov.org). Additional information about Measure V including financial statements and specific project information by jurisdiction can be found at [www.mcagov.org/MeasureV](http://www.mcagov.org/MeasureV).

Merced County Association Governments (MCAG) is the regional transportation planning agency and metropolitan planning organization for Merced County. In addition to regional transportation planning, MCAG also manages The Bus, YARTS and the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority.

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