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MEASURE V IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Merced - Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has released the draft 2019 Measure V Implementation Plan for review by the public. The Implementation Plan is updated and published every two years as outlined in the Measure V Expenditure Plan, which was passed by the voters in 2016.

The Implementation Plan outlines how Measure V dollars will be distributed to regional transportation projects on both the east and west sides of the county. According to the Expenditure Plan, 44 percent of all monies (27 percent for east side and 17 percent for west side) must be spent on regional projects. Transportation projects are considered 'regional' when they are on the State Highway System, the Regional Road System, the Regional Transportation System, are located in more than one jurisdiction, or directly benefit more than one jurisdiction.

The Implementation Plan also includes programs and projects related to public transit. The Measure V Expenditure Plan provides that five percent of total revenue be used for transit services. Since its inception, Measure V has supported a bus fare subsidy for veterans, seniors, and ADA-eligible passengers. As a result of this program, the county-wide transit system has experienced an increase of seven percent in its overall ridership and provided 327,828 free rides to eligible passengers.

MCAG has scheduled public hearings on both the east and west side of the county to hear public comments on the Implementation Plan. The hearings will be on Monday, August 19 at the Atwater Community Center and Tuesday, August 27 at Gustine City Hall. Both events start at 6:00pm and Spanish language interpretation will be provided. Individuals may also send comments to the MCAG office located at 369 W. 18th Street in Merced or via email to matt.fell@mcagov.org. Comments are due by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 12th.

The draft 2019 Implementation Plan can be found online at: www.mcagov.org/MeasureV.

MCAG is the state-designated Local Transportation Authority for Merced County responsible for the implementation and administration of 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 www.mcagov.org. Additional information about Measure V including financial statements and specific project information by jurisdiction can be found at www.mcagov.org/MeasureV.

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