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**Regional Transportation Improvement Plan Released for Comment  
Public Hearing to be held on October 24 in Merced**

**MERCED** – The draft 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) has been released by Merced County Association of Governments for public review and comment. The 30-day comment period ends at 5:00pm on Monday, November 18.

The RTIP is a regional transportation funding plan that is submitted to the California Transportation Commission every two years for consideration in the update of their five-year budget. This year, MCAG is recommending that the funding available for transportation projects within the Merced County region be used for the construction of the Atwater Merced Expressway Phase 1B and local transportation planning studies. The plan also includes policy language that establishes the Pioneer Road widening project in Los Banos as the priority project for the next cycle of RTIP funding.

The draft 2020 RTIP can be found online at [www.mcagov.org/RTIP-2020-Draft](http://www.mcagov.org/RTIP-2020-Draft). A public hearing on the RTIP will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Merced County Administration Building located at 2222 M Street in Merced. Comments may also be submitted in writing to Matt Fell at [matt.fell@mcagov.org](mailto:matt.fell@mcagov.org) or delivered to the MCAG office at 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Merced.

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, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority and administers Measure V funds. For more information, visit [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org).

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