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ANNUAL MEASURE V REPORT RELEASED

Merced - The second annual Measure V report to the community titled *On the moVe* has been released on the Merced County Association of Governments website. April 1 marks the third anniversary of the commencement of the local half-cent sales tax used exclusively for the improvement of transportation infrastructure in Merced County. The tax was passed by Merced County voters in November 2016 and has already surpassed \$50 million in revenue. The Measure, which was approved for 30 years, 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 2020 edition of *On the moVe* includes a summary of the audited financial statements approved by the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 along with highlights of transportation improvements throughout the County. English and Spanish versions of the report, along with information about how funds have been spent in each funding category, can be found at: www.mcagov.org/onthemove. Hard copies of the report will be available to the public at each of the six city halls, the County Administration building, and MCAG office upon their reopening to the public at the conclusion of the COVID-19 related shelter-in-place restrictions.

"*On the moVe* is our opportunity to demonstrate how Measure V continues to transform our local communities through much-needed transportation infrastructure improvements," said Stacie Guzman, MCAG Executive Director. "This annual report to the public is a key promise made to voters – not only would measures be in place to ensure every penny from the sales tax is used for transportation purposes in Merced County, but we would remain committed to keeping the public informed and engaged in that process."

MCAG, is the 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 mcagov.org. Additional information about Measure V including financial statements and specific project information by jurisdiction can be found at 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.