

MCAG seeks funding for Campus Parkway Project

As part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act passed by Congress last year, competitive grant funding opportunities are now available for transportation projects including the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. TIGER continues to be among the most competitive transportation funding grant programs in the country as it is an opportunity to fund key projects to improve regional transportation systems. MCAG submitted a TIGER

application to fund the construction of segment 2 of the Campus Parkway project.

Campus Parkway is a three phase project that involves the construction of 4.5 miles of new expressway from State Route 99, connecting State Route 140 and extending to Yosemite Avenue in Merced. Design and right-of-way are fully funded for the entire project, and the first of the three segments has been constructed.

The TIGER application is for segment 2 which is a \$33 million project that will continue the expressway to State Route 140. The completion of this project will create new middle-class jobs, provide access to

employment and educational centers including UC Merced, and will cater to bicyclist and ridesharing travelers.

Department of Transportation staff anticipate TIGER award announcements to be made in the fall 2016.



Kelly Gregg from Los Banos was the winner of the first bike giveaway at the Merced County Spring Fair, Los Banos– April 27, 2016

The Bus attends Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos

For the 5th consecutive year, The Bus participated in the Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos hosting an information booth to provide local residents with information about transit service in the City of Los Banos and throughout Merced County. The booth provided information on current routes and services, and staff was present to discuss changes coming to transit service this August.

The Bus helped local residents and families enjoy the Spring Fair by offering free transit service within the City of Los Banos during the week of the fair. In addition, The Bus helped promote alternative transportation options by giving away a free bike every night from a pool of participants who entered the drawing by demonstrating how to use the bike rack. Easy to use bike racks can be found on every bus in service throughout Merced County.

For more information about The Bus, please visit www.mercedthebus.com or call (209) 723-3100.

MCAG Announces 2016 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship Winner!

MCAG recently announced that Merced High's Joseph Booth was selected as the 2016 Anna Maria Fuentes scholarship recipient. Joseph was selected for his tremendous academic achievements as well as his participation in extracurricular activities such as football, the PACIFIC Club and the KIWIN's Club. With a 4.2 GPA, he is a member of the California Scholars Federation and the National Society of High School Scholars. Joseph plans to attend Howard University this fall and major in biological research.

As the 2016 scholarship recipient, Joseph will receive \$1,000 and will be eligible to receive additional awards of \$1,000 each year for three years based on scholastic performance and documentation. This scholarship program was established in 2010 by the MCAG Governing Board to honor the memory of Anna Maria Fuentes, Grants Program Manager at MCAG.