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MEETINGS AIM TO IMPROVE TULARE COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICES

It takes money to improve transit services. Knowing that, Tulare County will hold a series of community meetings in May asking people to identify gaps and overlaps in existing transit services.

Feedback — specifically from older adults, individuals with disabilities and people with low incomes, along with the agencies that serve them — will help Tulare County come up with a Coordinated Transit Plan. The plan, a new requirement of the Federal Transit Administration, will allow area transit providers to apply for more money in the future to improve services.

“This plan is going to help transit providers get the money they need to create a better system that serves people such as older adults, individuals with disabilities and people with low incomes,” said Marvin Demmers, associate regional planner for Tulare County Association of Governments.

In addition to feedback received at the four community meetings, Tulare County will survey area transit service providers and social service groups asking them to comment on existing transit systems, areas of need and services overlaps. Such feedback will be compiled and Tulare County’s Coordinated Transit Plan should be complete by the end of the year, Demmers said. Soon after, area transit providers can begin applying for federal funding to improve services, he added.

The meetings will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

May 7 Dinuba Vocational Center
 Conference Room
 199 North "L" St.
 Dinuba

May 8 Civic Affairs Building
 City Council Chambers
 125 South "M" St.
 Tulare

May 14 Tulare County Workforce Investment Department

4025 W. Noble Ave., Suite A
Visalia

May 15 Tulare County Employment Connection
1063 W. Henderson Ave.
Porterville

For more information on Tulare County's Coordinated Transit Plan, contact Marvin Demmers at (559) 733-6291 or visit www.tularecog.org.

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