

A ppendix G - Public Outreach Documents



*General's Highway
Sequoia National Park*



City of Exeter Downtown

Outreach Meetings

The following is a list of the primary outreach meetings that occurred during the RTP update process. As a general rule, TCAG, through the help of a public relations consultant, will go to any organization that is willing to have a presentation. For Agency presentations, public notice is provided so individual members of the public may attend.

- 6/29/09 Tule Indian Administration Staff
- 8/13/09 San Joaquin Valley RTP/TIP Workshop
- 9/16-9/20 Tulare County Fair
- 10/17/09 Mooney Grove 100th Anniversary
- 10/26/09 Rail Advisory Committee
- 10/27/09 Countywide Planners Group
- 11/12/09 Environmental Advisory Committee
- 12/10/09 Technical Advisory Committee
- 12/14/09 RTP Workshop – TCAG Board
- 1/25/10 GHG reduction strategies – TCAG Board
- 1/26/10 Social Services Technical Advisory Committee
- 1/26/10 Transit Forum
- 2/2/10 San Joaquin Valley RTP/TIP Workshop
- 2/9/10 Orosi Public Utility District
- 2/16/10 Visalia City Council Workshop
- 2/16/10 Cutler Public Utility District
- 3/2/10 Porterville City Council
- 3/24/10 Bicycle Advisory Committee

(more presentations/workshops to occur in conjunction with the release of the draft RTP)

Resource and other Public Agencies

The development of the RTP, FTIP and Air Quality Conformity has been done in coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group (IAC). The IAC is comprised of the eight San Joaquin Valley Councils of Government, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Air Resources Board (ARB), San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and Caltrans.

TCAG's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) has been consulted during the RTP development process. The EAC is composed of representatives from Sequoia National Park, Irrigation Districts, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, Tulare County Redevelopment Agency, County of Tulare, Caltrans, Tulare County City Managers and TCAG.

The Tule River Indian Tribe is the only federally recognized tribe in Tulare County. TCAG staff met with Tribal staff early in the RTP development process. A formal meeting is planned during the public review period of the draft RTP. The Tribe is also represented on TCAG's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the 2011 RTP's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was distributed to numerous resource agencies, other public agencies and private companies and groups. Copies of the draft RTP or a notice of its availability (and website location where it can be downloaded) were also widely distributed. Listed below are many of the agencies, organizations and companies that have received mailings regarding the EIR and RTP:

Federal

FHWA, FTA, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Railroad Administration, Fish & Wildlife Service, EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, Dept. of Energy, National Park Service, Dept. of Health & Human Services, Dept. of Agriculture, Center for Disease Control

State

Caltrans (Programming, Aeronautics, Scenic Highway Program, District 6), California Transportation Commission (CTC), Dept. of Fish & Game, California Highway Patrol, Dept. of Water Resources, Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Energy Commission, Native American Heritage Commission, ARB, Integrated Waste Management Board, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Health Services, Dept. of General Services, Dept. of Business, Transportation & Housing, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, California Archaeological Inventory

Regional

SJVAPCD, Kern COG, Kings COG, Fresno COG, San Joaquin COG, StanCOG, Merced COG, Madera Transportation Commission, Inyo Transportation Commission

Local

Tule River Indian Tribe, Tulare County (Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), Resource Management Agency (RMA), Library, Clerk), Fresno County, Kings County, Kern County, Cities of Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, Dinuba, Farmersville, Lindsay, Exeter, Woodlake, Kingsburg, Reedley, Corcoran and Delano, Tulare Irrigation District, College of the Sequoias, Kaweah Delta District Hospital, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District

Organizations

HBA of Tulare-Kings Counties, Visalia Association of Realtors, Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Citizens for a Healthy Environment, California Trucking Association

Companies

Union Pacific, BNSF, San Joaquin Valley Railroad, AT&T, So. California Edison, So. California Gas, PG&E

Transportation Survey Results

TCAG has a booth every year at the Tulare County Fair. The RTP update was the point of emphasis for the 2009 Fair. A survey regarding transportation issues was distributed at the Fair where over 400 people completed the survey (attached). A summary of the results of the survey are listed below (total survey results are also attached).

1) Satisfaction of the current transportation system:

Various aspects of the transportation system were listed and rated from very unsatisfied to very satisfied with a scale from 1 to 4. Road maintenance was rated the most poorly (2.24) while bridge safety was rated the highest (2.81). The overall opinion of the transportation system was actually rated at 2.81.

Road Maintenance	2.24	Public Transit Facilities	2.75
Road Capacity	2.61	Public Transit Services	2.80
Road Safety	2.68	Handicapped Facilities	2.80
Biking Facilities	2.69	Bridge Safety	2.81
Walking Facilities	2.74	Overall Opinion	2.81

2) What is the most important transportation project to you?

This question was intended to gather interest in individual projects. However, the most common answers were “road maintenance”, “road safety” and “buses”. Of the specific projects that were listed, Mooney Blvd, SR-198, SR-99 and Road 80 received the most mention.

3) How do you commute to work or school?

As expected, the most common response was “personal vehicle” with 312 out of the 415 who responded (there were several people who selected more than one transportation mode). The second most common response was “bus” at 56.

4) To what extent would changes to the bus system affect how much you drive?

The most common responses were “I would take the bus to work if it came more often” and “I would take the bus if there were a stop closer to my house”. Out of the 393 people who responded to this section of the survey, over 25% said that they would never take the bus.

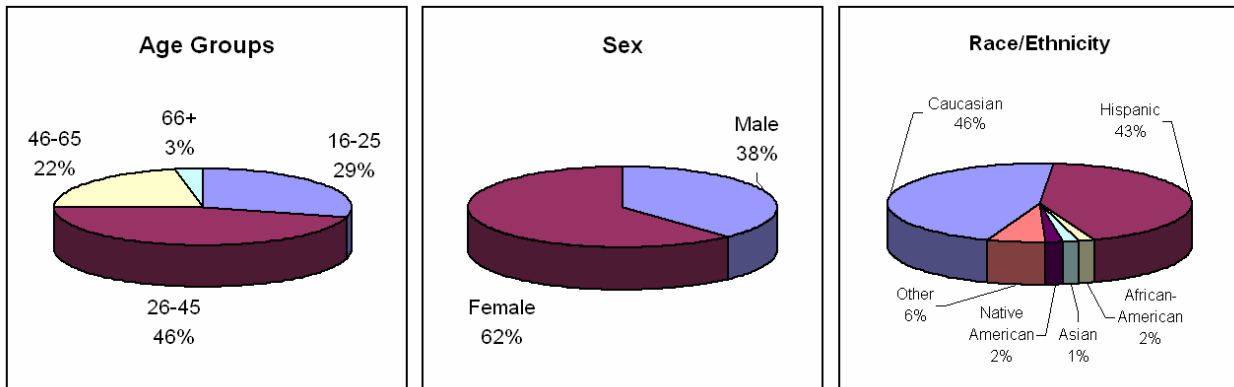
5) How important are each of the following transportation issues to you?

Several transportation issues were listed and rated from “not at all” to “very important” with a scale from 1 to 4. While overall, all of the issues were rated between somewhat to very important, improving pavement quality and fixing potholes was rated as the most important (3.75).

Improving pavement quality & fixing potholes	3.75
Reducing traffic congestion	3.47
Reducing transportation’s impact on the environment	3.47
Improving/expanding public transit services	3.41
Planning development to be more transit/pedestrian oriented	3.38

6-8) Demographics

To get a sense who was responding to the surveys, several optional demographic questions were included in the survey. As compared to the overall population of the County, the age groups 16-25, 26-45 and 46-65 were well represented while the 66+ age group was not. The majority of survey takers were female (62%). For race/ethnicity, of those who responded, 46% were Caucasian and 43% were Hispanic which isn’t too far off of the overall makeup of the County’s population.





Tulare County Regional Transportation Survey

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1) Satisfaction with the current transportation system.	Very Unsatisfied	Not Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	No Opinion
Road Capacity (traffic congestion relief)	1	2	3	4	X
Road Maintenance	1	2	3	4	X
Road Safety	1	2	3	4	X
Bridge Safety	1	2	3	4	X
Public Transit Services (bus routes, dial-a-ride)	1	2	3	4	X
Public Transit Facilities (bus stops, transit centers)	1	2	3	4	X
Walking Facilities (sidewalks, trails, etc.)	1	2	3	4	X
Biking Facilities (bike lanes, trails, etc.)	1	2	3	4	X
Handicapped Facilities/Access	1	2	3	4	X
Overall Opinion of the Transportation System	1	2	3	4	X

2) What is the most important transportation project to you? _____

3) How do you commute to work or school?

- Personal Vehicle
 Bus
 Car Pool
 Bicycle
 Walking
 None

4) To what extent would changes to the bus system affect how much you drive? (You can check more than one.)

- I would take the bus to work if it came more often.
 I would take the bus if it had less stops.
 I would take the bus if there were a stop closer to my house.
 I would take the bus if there were a stop closer to where I wanted to go to.
 I take the bus and its fine.
 Not at all. I would never take the bus.

5) How important are each of the following transportation issues to you?	Not at all	Not too Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Reducing congestion	1	2	3	4	X
Improving pavement quality & fixing potholes	1	2	3	4	X
Reducing transportation's impact on the environment	1	2	3	4	X
Improving/Expanding public transit services	1	2	3	4	X
Planning development to be more transit/pedestrian oriented	1	2	3	4	X

6) What is your age? (OPTIONAL)

- 16-25
 26-45
 46-65
 66+

7) What is your sex? (OPTIONAL)

- Male
 Female

8) What is your race/ethnicity? (OPTIONAL)

- Caucasian
 Hispanic
 African-American
 Asian
 Native American
 Other

The raffle for the prizes will be at 7:30pm on Sunday, September 20th. You **do not** have to be present at the raffle to receive a prize. Please fill in your name and phone number (or e-mail) below so that we can contact you if you win. Your name and phone will only be used for contacting you if you win a prize in the raffle.

Name _____

Phone # or E-Mail _____

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Encuesta de Transportación Regional del Condado de Tulare

La Asociación de Gobiernos del Condado de Tulare esta en el proceso de actualizando el Plan Regional de Transportación (RTP) y el Reporte de Impactos de Medio Ambiente (EIR) para el RTP. El RTP guía el desarrollo del sistema de transportación hasta el año 2035. Su opinión y comentarios sobre el futuro de nuestro sistema de transportación es valuado y será considerado en nuestro proceso de actualización.

	Muy Insatisfecho	No Satisfecho	Satisfecho	Muy Satisfecho	No Tengo Opinion
1) Satisfacción con el sistema de transportación actual.					
Capacidad de Carreteras (alivio de congestión de trafico)	1	2	3	4	X
Mantenimiento de Carreteras	1	2	3	4	X
Seguridad de Carreteras	1	2	3	4	X
Seguridad de Puentes	1	2	3	4	X
Servicios de Transito Publico (rutas, dial-a-ride)	1	2	3	4	X
Instalaciones de Transito Publico (paradas de autobús, centros de transito)	1	2	3	4	X
Instalaciones de Caminar (banquetas, caminos, etc.)	1	2	3	4	X
Instalaciones de Bicicleta (carriles, caminos, etc.)	1	2	3	4	X
Instalaciones de Discapacitados/Aceso	1	2	3	4	X
Opinión General del Sistema de Transportación	1	2	3	4	X

2) Que es el proyecto de transportación mas importante para usted? _____

3) Como viaja al trabajo o a la escuela?

- Vehiculo Personal
 Autobús
 Transporte Colectivo
 Bicicleta
 Caminando
 Ninguno

4) Hasta que medida cambios al sistema de autobús afectarían sus viajes en vehiculo? (Puedes escoger más de uno.)

- Tomaría el autobús al trabajo si pasara mas seguido.
 Tomaría el autobús si tuviera menos paradas.
- Tomaría el autobús si hubiera una parada mas cerca a mi casa.
 Tomaría el autobús si hubiera una parada mas cerca a donde quisiera ir.
- Tomo el autobús y esta todo bien.
 Nunca tomaría el autobús.

5) Que importante son los siguientes temas de transportación para usted?

	No Son Importante	No Muy Importante	Un Poco Importante	Muy Importante	No Tengo Opinion
Reducir congestión	1	2	3	4	X
Mejorando la calidad del pavimento y arreglando cuevas en la carretera	1	2	3	4	X
Reduciendo el impacto de la transportación en el medio ambiente	1	2	3	4	X
Mejorar/Ampliar los servicios del transito publico	1	2	3	4	X
Que el desarrollo de la planificación sea mas orientada al transito/peatón	1	2	3	4	X

6) Cual es su edad? (OPCIONAL)

- 16-25
 26-45
 46-65
 66+

7) Que es su sexo? (OPCIONAL)

- Varon
 Hembra

8) Que es su raza/etnicidad? (OPCIONAL)

- Blanco
 Hispano
 Africano-Americano
 Asiático
 Nativo Americano
 Otro

La rifa para los premios será el domingo 20 de Septiembre a las 7:30pm. No tiene que estar presente a la rifa para ganar un premio. Por favor llene su nombre y numero de teléfono (o e-mail) abajo para poder contactarlo si gana. Su nombre y teléfono solamente será usado para contactarlo si se gana un precio en la rifa.

Nombre _____ # Teléfono o E-Mail _____

Si le gustaría recibir el boletín informativo de TCAG's 'On the Move' por favor de darnos su dirección de correo:



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	Very Unsatisfied	Not Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	No Opinion	No Response
1) Satisfaction with the current transportation system.						
Road Capacity (traffic congestion relief)	37	106	214	29	13	18
Road Maintenance	75	166	125	22	9	20
Road Safety	25	109	205	37	8	33
Bridge Safety	26	64	221	49	36	21
Public Transit Services (bus routes, dial-a-ride)	29	63	174	56	62	33
Public Transit Facilities (bus stops, transit centers)	33	72	178	53	59	22
Walking Facilities (sidewalks, trails, etc.)	34	93	174	67	13	36
Biking Facilities (bike lanes, trails, etc.)	38	97	169	61	30	22
Handicapped Facilities/Access	29	73	157	67	50	41
Overall Opinion of the Transportation System	23	75	212	52	23	32

2) What is the most important transportation project to you? 332 responses, 85 no response

3) How do you commute to work or school? 2 no response

312 Personal Vehicle	56 Bus	31 Car Pool	16 Bicycle	50 Walking	17 None
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4) To what extent would changes to the bus system affect how much you drive? (You can check more than one.)

127 I would take the bus to work if it came more often.	49 I would take the bus if it had less stops.
121 I would take the bus if there were a stop closer to my house.	102 I would take the bus if there were a stop closer to where I wanted to go to.
41 I take the bus and its fine.	103 Not at all. I would never take the bus.
	24 No response

5) How important are each of the following transportation issues to you?

	Not at all	Not too Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion	No Response
Reducing traffic congestion	7	30	115	220	14	31
Improving pavement quality & fixing potholes	2	13	62	303	10	27
Reducing transportation's impact on the environment	11	24	113	216	12	41
Improving/Expanding public transit services	8	32	131	199	12	35
Planning development to be more transit/pedestrian oriented	7	39	129	193	14	35

6) What is your age? (OPTIONAL)

118 16-25 186 26-45 90 46-65 12 66+ 11 No Response

7) What is your sex? (OPTIONAL)

139 Male 226 Female 52 No Response

8) What is your race/ethnicity? (OPTIONAL)

186 Caucasian 174 Hispanic 7 African-American 6 Asian 8 Native American 25 Other
11 No Response

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