Social Services Transportation Advisory Council  
(SSTAC)  

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MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)  
210 N. Church St., Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Unscheduled comments are limited to 3 minutes. Note: Prior to action by the Council on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

A. Welcome & Introductions

B. Action: Approval of Minutes (Pages 1-2)  
a. August 18, 2015

C. Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update (No Pages)  
a. Scheduled for TCAG Approval December 7th, final copy to be mailed to SSTAC

D. Military Transit Discount Program Update (No Pages)

E. New VLine Service (Pages 3-4)

F. TCAG Annual Local Motion Awards (Pages 5-8)

G. Transit Provider Updates

H. Adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for **February 16, 2016** at the Tulare County Association of Governments’ Office, 210 N. Church St., Suite B, Visalia, CA, 93291.
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Members for the Tulare County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (TCAG)

Ronald Allan\(^2\)  Representative of Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older

Vacant\(^3\)  Representative of Potential Transit User who is Disabled

Nalor See\(^3\)  Representative of Local Social Service Provider for Seniors/Representative of a Social Service Transit Provider

Jaime Bacon\(^2\)  Representative of Local Social Service Provider for Seniors/Representative of a Social Service Transit Provider

Steve Ramsey\(^1\)  Representative of Local Social Service Provider for the Disabled/Representative of a Social Service Transit Provider

David Horsman\(^1\)  Representative of a Local Service Provider for the Disabled/Representative of a Social Service Transit Provider

Ed Jones\(^1\)  Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means

Teresa Ortega\(^3\)  Transit Operator Representative

Michael Miller\(^2\)  Transit Operator Representative

Mary Wheeler\(^3\)  Resources for Independent Central Valley Representative

Vacant\(^2\)  Representative of Potential Transit Users from Local Youth

\(^1\) indicates term ending June 2018
\(^2\) indicates term ending June 2016
\(^3\) indicates term ending June 2017

TCAG Transit Staff
Elizabeth Wright, Senior Regional Planner
Kasia Thompson, Associate Regional Planner
Philip Shabonav, Transportation Planning Technician
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Others Present: Richard Tree (City of Porterville), Monty Cox (City of Visalia), Dan Fox (TCaT), Don Sowers, Elizabeth Forte, Andrea Apolinaro, Maria Garza, Philip Shabanov and Alyssa Blythe (TCAG)

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

A. Welcome & Introductions
The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was called to order by Ms. Wright at 9:35 a.m. on August 18, 2015.

Ms. Wright opened/closed the Public Comment Period at 9:36 a.m. Ms. Wright asked council to introduce themselves as there were new members.

Upon a motion by Member Allan and seconded by Member Jones, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) unanimously approved the minutes of August 26, 2014, November 18, 2014, February 24, 2015 and May 19, 2015.

C. Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan
Ms. Thompson provided an overview of the Human Services Transportation Plan and provided a handout of information for members to review. Ms. Thompson reminded committee the coordinated plan is a federally required plan and involves the 5310 funding.

Discussed ensued with recommendations regarding the plan.

Ms. Thompson stated there will be Coordinated Plan Advisory Group meeting on September 10, 2015.
D. Information: Unmet Transit Needs: TCAG Board Approval and Submittal to Caltrans
Ms. Forte stated the Unmet Needs were approved by the TCAG Board of Directors and the recommendations will be sent to Caltrans. Ms. Forte also stated the recommendations would be submitted to the agencies to meet the need in order for the agencies to receive transit funding for streets and roads.

E. Transit Provider Updates

Tulare County: Mr. Fox provided a handout of the regional pass and stated the ridership has increased this year, as they have sold 328,000 regional passes.

Mr. Fox stated they have implemented the mid-month pass this month.

Mr. Fox reported as of August 9th, Delano has been added to the South County Dial-a-Ride.

Mr. Fox also reported they have changed the route deviation on the fixed route to comply with the AVA option Caltrans came up with.

TCaT is delaying their unmet needs until January 2016.

City of Tulare: Mr. Miller reported that for Tulare, there are four buses currently on line and they are placing an order for two cutaways and vans.

Mr. Miller stated that on August 9th the Sunday bus service started and the times are from 6:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

City of Porterville: Mr. Tree stated Porterville is expanding their Saturday service from 8 a.m. - 10:45 p.m. and providing more option, including mobile technology for customers. Mr. Tree stated the mobile technology can be rolled out County wide, creating an universal and cost effective system.

Mr. Tree stated they are looking into financing and federal funds to secure funding for O emission busses.

Mr. Tree also reported that the CMG expansion project will include a total of 30 additional fueling stations and that Porterville will be introducing the electric charging stations for the public’s use.

City of Visalia: Mr. Cox reported Visalia has just started Route 11 and are now operating on Sundays. Mr. Cox stated the Sequoia Shuttle has already served 1,700 youth for free and they anticipate 11,000 rides total by September 22, which is the last date for the season.

Mr. Cox reported Visalia is very close to starting the route to Fresno and the buses are scheduled to arrive in November. Mr. Cox stated the approved name for the new bus route is the “V-Line”.

G. Meeting Adjourned at 11:19 a.m.
General Public
Single Ride $10.00
10-Ride Punch Pass $90.00
20-Ride Punch Pass $180.00
40-Ride Punch Pass $280.00

Student / Senior / Disabled / Veteran
Single Ride $9.00
10-Ride Punch Pass $80.00
20-Ride Punch Pass $140.00
40-Ride Punch Pass $240.00

*Must show ID when purchasing passes and boarding V-LINE

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SERVICES AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK EXCEPT HOLIDAYS
V-LINE does not operate on the following holidays:
- New Year’s Day
- Easter
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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The Tulare County Association of Governments is pleased to announce the 5th Annual Local Motion Awards Luncheon. This event gives us the opportunity to honor the projects, citizens, public officials and plans that have contributed to transportation planning in Tulare County.

Enclosed are the details and forms you will need to nominate and celebrate the people and projects that made a difference in Tulare County during 2015.

**Nominations may be submitted to:**

Doreen Alvez at DAlvez@tularecog.org, cc: Alyssa Blythe at ABlythe@tularecog.org, or mailed to TCAG at 210 N. Church St., Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291. **All nominations must be received by December 31, 2015.**

Thank you for your support,

Ted Smalley
Executive Director
Tulare County Association of Governments
This year’s award categories are:

- **Bike or Pedestrian Project** will be awarded to the project that improves walkability, connectivity, and/or access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- **Economic Development** will be awarded to a transportation project that promotes economic growth in the region by improving access to employment centers or improving goods movement.

- **Innovative and Sustainable Transportation** will be awarded to a creative transportation project or plan that enhances the effective movement of people, goods, and services; increases the conservation and efficient use of built and natural resources; improves safety, accessibility, and aids traffic management; and enhances communities and quality of life through smart growth principles.

- **Outstanding Road Project** will be awarded to a road project that improves mobility, connectivity and access in the region.

- **Outstanding Transportation Advocate** will be awarded to a Tulare County resident who advocates on behalf of Tulare County agencies and/or residents for the growth and improvement of the transportation system in Tulare County for all types of projects including: goods movement, economic development, transit, bicycle, etc.

- **Outstanding Elected Official** will be awarded to an elected official who has shown dedication and leadership in the area of transportation.

- **Outstanding Public Employee** will be awarded to a public employee who has shown dedication and leadership in the areas of transportation, planning and/or project management.

- **Social Services Transportation Provider** will be awarded to a social services transportation provider whose mission is to provide services to the transit reliant and transportation disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, veterans, and/or persons of limited means.

- **Transit Project** will be awarded to a project that improves transit services or access to transit in the region.
How do I submit a nomination?

Fill out the attached nomination form. In addition to the form, applicants may submit photos, plans, descriptions, or other documents that will provide the judges with additional information about the project’s scope and purpose.

Where do I submit my nomination?

You can email or mail the nomination form to Doreen Alvez.

Email: DAlvez@tularecog.org (cc: ABlythe@tularecog.org)
(File size must be 20GB or smaller. Please call us to verify receipt of your email.)

Address: TCAG, 210 N. Church St., Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291

When are the nominations due?

Thursday, December 31, 2015

How are the nominations judged?

Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of judges. The judges will look at the importance, impact and quality of each project as it relates to the category in which it was nominated.

Can I nominate myself or a project completed by my agency?

Yes.

Can I nominate a project for multiple award categories?

Yes.

What do the winners receive?

A trophy or plaque recognizing their contribution to planning and transportation.

What projects are eligible for submission?

All projects that are completed or near completion and in construction between the calendar dates of December 20, 2014 through December 31, 2015 are project eligible.

I have additional questions.

Contact Doreen Alvez at DAlvez@tularecog.org or 559-623-0450.
LOCAL MOTION NOMINATION FORM  
DEADLINE: Thursday, December 31, 2015

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Applicants may also submit detailed project descriptions, maps, letters of recommendation, additional project information, or any other supporting documentation that would help the judges make an informed decision. Please keep total packet size to fewer than 10 pages.