

BEFORE THE
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

ADOPTING FINDINGS FOR UNMET)
TRANSIT NEEDS IN TULARE COUNTY FOR) Resolution No. 2022-130
FISCAL YEAR 2021/22)

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), acting as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for determining which, if any, unmet transit needs exist in Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, TCAG adopted definitions of “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet,” which are hereby made a part of this Resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, TCAG held public hearings on March 21, 2022 in Visalia and via remote teleconference, for the purpose of gathering unmet transit needs in Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, opportunity for public testimony was provided at said hearings concerning transit needs for areas throughout Tulare County pursuant to P.U.C. Section 99238.5 for the purpose of soliciting comments on the unmet transit needs that may exist within the jurisdiction of Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, additional testimony was received by TCAG staff either in writing via U.S. mail, electronic mail (e-mail), text message, online survey, or verbally by telephone; and

WHEREAS, all said testimony has been reviewed by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC); and

WHEREAS, the SSTAC has recommended 6 findings of an unmet need reasonable to meet to the TCAG Board of Governors pursuant to P.U.C. Section 99238; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the unmet needs findings by SSTAC and concurs with the finding of 6 unmet transit needs reasonable to meet; and

WHEREAS, the TCAG Board, through the unmet needs process, has complied with Section 99401.5(b) of the Public Utilities Code, Division 10, Part 11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Association of Governments, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Tulare County, finds, pursuant to Section 99401.5(d) of the Public Utilities Code, Article 8, that there are 6 unmet transit needs reasonable to meet within the jurisdiction of this agency:

1. Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) will post current schedules at all its transit centers and timepoint stops.
2. The City of Visalia will restore regular fixed route service to the Visalia DMV.
3. The City of Visalia will return its Route 7 service to its pre-2020 configuration.

4. The City of Visalia will provide fixed route service to within ¼ mile of the Sequoia Commons apartments in Goshen.
5. Transit providers will provide clearly audible stop announcements, from the PA system or automated voice annunciators, at transfer points, major intersections and destination points, and any requested stop.
6. Upon issuance of Caltrans encroachment permits, the County of Tulare will install bus shelters along Road 160 at Heather Ave. and Ave. 328 and the City of Visalia will install a shelter on E. Houston Ave (SR 216) near Visalia Adult School.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon the motion of Member Townsend, seconded by Member Poochigian, at a regular meeting on the 27th day of June 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Micari, Vander Poel, Shuklian, Townsend, Alves, Boyer, Caudillo,
Flores, Poochigian, Holscher, Riddle, and Whitmire

NOES:

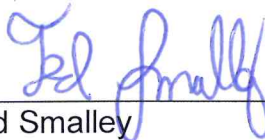
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Valero, Reynosa, Sayre, Mendoza, and Gomez

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



Pete Vander Poel, III
Chair, TCAG



Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG