



**Resource Management
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SUBJECT: Complete Streets Policy Plans (Phase #2) for the Strathmore, Ducor, Tipton, Terra Bella, Earlimart, Cutler-Orosi Community Planning Areas

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the Complete Streets Policy Plan for the Earlimart and Cutler-Orosi Community Planning Areas.
2. Authorize Transmittal of the Complete Streets Policy Plans (Phase #2) for the Strathmore, Ducor, Tipton, Terra Bella, Earlimart, and Cutler-Orosi Community Planning Areas to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG).

SUMMARY:
Background
On May 19, 2014, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board approved the 2014/15 Overall Work Program (Resolution No. 2014-135) which included under Work Element 602.06 Special Transportation Studies, an allocation of \$150,000 for the Complete Street Study. The allocation consists of \$10,000 for Phase 1 (Goshen, Pixley and Traver) which has been completed and \$140,000 for Phase 2 (Ducor, Strathmore, Earlimart, Tipton, Cutler and Orosi Planning Areas).

On March 24, 2015, the Board approved the Request for Proposals for 30% designs for the Phase 2 Program, and in May a contract was awarded to the only responsive bidder.

Legislatively, the California Complete Streets Act (AB 1358) requires all cities and

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counties to identify how to provide for routine accommodation of all roadway users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, as well as people with disabilities, seniors, and users of public transportation.

In a nutshell, this integrated approach is characterized as “designing complete streets for all users.” Thus, these Complete Street Policy Plans, once approved, can lead to an award of construction funding from TCAG for these communities.

In terms of the larger land use and environmental planning process, the Resource Management Agency (RMA) launched an aggressive community plan updating process as part of the implementation of the General Plan Update recently approved by the Board of Supervisors. This resulted in approval of Complete Streets Policy Plans for Strathmore, Tipton, Ducor and Terra Bella. Although Terra Bella was not originally included in the Phase 2 Program, it was necessary to complete their Complete Streets Program as part of their Community Plan update.

Targeted Complete Streets and Report Outcomes

Based on public outreach and staff review, the streets in the community planning areas to be designed to 30% plan are identified as follows:

- **Ducor: Avenue 56 and Carlisle Road**
- **Strathmore: Avenue 198 from Orange Belt to Road 232**
- **Earlimart: State Street from Avenue 48 to Avenue 56**
- **Tipton: Evans Road from Ave 152 to SR 190**
- **Cutler: Avenue 416 from SR 63 to Road 140 (East Orosi)**
- **Orosi: George Rd/ 2nd Drive from Avenue 407 to SR 63**
- **Terra Bella: Avenue 95 from Highway 65 to Road 236**

For each community planning area described above, and the Complete Streets Policy Plan achieves the following outcomes:

- Address congestion, climate change and oil dependence by shifting to lower-carbon modes;
- Improve safety by addressing shoulders, sidewalks, better bus placement, traffic speed reduction, treatments for travelers with disabilities; and,
- Create “livable communities” by encouraging walking and bicycling for health, and by providing a safe walking and bicycling environment as an essential

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part of improving transportation movement and safety within the three communities to be studied: and,

- Five or more streets were prioritized and allocated by the community for funding.

These outcomes are achieved by addressing the following matters:

- Including all users within the communities that will be affected, namely, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicles and users, and motorists;
- Creating a comprehensive, integrated and connected network;
- Emphasizing a need for flexibility that will be shown by recognizing that all streets with these communities are different, and thus, balancing user needs;
- Considering both new and retrofit projects, including design, planning, maintenance, and operation, for the entire right-of-way within these communities;
- Using the latest and best design standards; and,
- Conducting public outreach to ascertain potential solutions that best fit these communities.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the Complete Streets Policy Plans for the Earlimart and Cutler Orosi Community Planning Areas, and
2. Authorize Transmittal of the Complete Streets Policy Plans for the Strathmore, Tipton, Ducor, Terra Bella, Earlimart and Cutler Orosi Community Planning Areas to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Regarding funding for this program, (TCAG's) 2014 Overall Work Program allocated \$150,000 to Tulare County. The \$150,000 in funding for the Complete Streets Policy Program has a match requirement of 11.47% or \$17,205. The match requirement was met through the use of the County's share of Local Transportation Funds and as a result there will be no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

Specifically, the Tulare County Association of Government's allocation consists of \$10,000 for Phase 1 (Goshen, Pixley and Traver) and \$140,000 for Phase 2 (Ducor, Strathmore, Earlimart, Tipton and Cutler-Orosi Planning Areas). The total "not to

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exceed amount" for Consultant work performed did not exceed \$95,000.

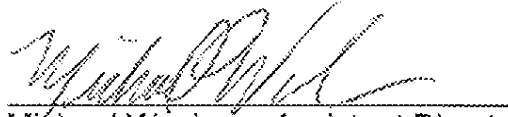
Additionally, to ensure maximum project effectiveness, the remaining \$45,000 was expended by RMA planning and engineering staff in providing their substantive commitment and expertise in the preparation of the affected Complete Streets Policy Plans and base mapping that were tailored to these communities. In this way, a realistic approach was taken to ensure that the most appropriate policies are recommended for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

TCAG has additionally awarded \$100,000 within the 2015/2016 year, for the second priority street in the Phase 2 Communities of Ducor, Strathmore, Cutler and Orosi. Finally, TCAG has awarded \$50,000 for 2015/16, for Phase 3 for communities to be determined.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The Phase 2 Complete Streets Policy Plans are consistent with Tulare County's Strategic Business Plan in that the strategic goals of improving the Quality of Life and Economic Well-Being will be furthered by promoting a safe and efficient circulation/pedestrian system.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Michael Washam, Assistant Director
Economic Development and Planning

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s)

- Attachment "A" – Complete Streets Policy Plan for Strathmore
 - Attachment "B" – Complete Streets Policy Plan for Tipton
 - Attachment "C" – Complete Streets Policy Plan for Ducor
 - Attachment "D" – Complete Streets Policy Plan for Terra Bella
 - Attachment "E" – Complete Streets Policy Plan for Earlimart
 - Attachment "F" – Complete Streets Policy Plan for Cutler-Orosi
- (All attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF COMPLETE STREETS)
POLICY PLANS (PHASE #2) FOR THE) Resolution No. _____
STRATHMORE, DUCOR, TIPTON, TERRA) Agreement No. _____
BELLA, EARLIMART, CUTLER-OROSI)
COMMUNITY PLANNING AREAS)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopted the Complete Streets Policy Plans for the Earlimart and Cutler-Orosi Community Planning Areas, and

2. Authorized Transmittal of the Complete Streets Policy Plans for Strathmore, Tipton, Ducor, Terra Bella, Earlimart and Cutler-Orosi (Phase 2) to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG).