

Tulare County Council of Cities

Process for Selecting a Transit Representative to the TCAG Board

There is a Transit position on Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board of Directors. This position was created by the TCAG Board in 2015 and carries a three year term. It is a full voting member of the Board that is appointed by the Council of Cities. In 2017, the Council of Cities determined a process for filling the position. Per the TCAG Director, the person holding this position should be an elected official from a City that directly provides fixed route service who is willing to fulfill the job which includes the following items:

Public Transit Representative Duties

- * Receive orientation and training on the roles and responsibility of TCAG as an agency, as well as the responsibilities of individual board members.
- * Represent the interests of public transit in Tulare County. This includes the interest of residents and riders in the county, as well as all agencies that provide public transit in Tulare County.
- * Serve as the TCAG representative on the CalVans board of governors.
- * Attend various meetings, functions, conferences, etc. Examples include:
 - o CalVans board meetings
 - o Stakeholder and community meetings
 - o Unmet Needs Public Hearings
 - o Transit forum meetings
 - o Meetings of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
 - o Events, functions, etc. with local, regional, state and federal partner agencies
 - o Advocacy trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C.
 - o Project groundbreakings
- * Ensure that you are provided the necessary information for decision-making.
- * Attend board member training.
- * Attend TCAG board meetings and workshops.
- * Promote and advocate for public transit that serves the residents of Tulare County.

Process:

At the May, 2017 Council of Cities meeting, the City representatives discussed utilizing the following process be developed. It is proposed that this process be utilized to fill the position being vacated on June 30 of this year, and then the Council of Cities consider the policy at the July 19 meeting. The following process has been outlined

1. Notify all Tulare County cities that a position is available

2. Each city will notify its Council Members that a position is available, and that they should notify their City Manager by a date specific if they are interested in serving as the Transit Representative.
3. The City Managers will notify the designated Council of Cities representative by a date specific if they have a Council Members who wishes to be considered for the position.
4. If only one Council person expresses interest by the date specified, that name will be forwarded to the Tulare County Association of Governments as the representative. A request will go out to the cities for an alternate, to be filled through the same process.
5. If more than one Council person expresses interest, a Council of Cities staff representative will assemble the names, and draft a sample report with the names listed in alphabetical order by last name, including timelines, that each City can work from in selecting a nominee.
6. Each City will put the item on a Council agenda, and each City Council will select a nominee. The candidate that garners the most votes will be forwarded to the TCAG Board as the representative. If the nomination process results in a tie, those names involved in the tie will be forwarded to the Council of Cities for a final decision.
7. If there is a tie that goes to the Council of Cities, and the vote at the Council of Cities also results in a tie, then the Council of Cities will hold a second ballot on the same day. If it remains a tie, the representative will be selected based on a random draw at the Council of Cities meeting between those names involved in the tie.
8. If a City Council is unable to complete the process within the timeframes indicated, their vote will be considered an abstention, and the process will continue along the timeframes outlined.
9. The person with the second largest number of votes from cities will be the alternate to the TCAG Board for the Transit Representative.
10. *If candidate receiving the second largest number of votes declines to be alternate, the candidate with the next largest number of votes will have the opportunity to serve. If no candidate accepts the alternate position, the Chair will issue a call for nominations and at the next Council of Cities meeting, the voting members will elect the alternate from the nominations submitted.*
11. *Timeframes for vacancies will be set when the position becomes vacant, with the expectation an appointment at the end of the term should begin three months before the position becomes vacant.*