

Tulare County Association of Governments

Member Agencies



Legend

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- Regional Roadways
- Member Agencies
- Reservation Lands
- Lakes
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About the
**Tulare County Association
of Governments**



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What TCAG Does

The Tulare County Association of Governments is made up of nine member agencies (Tulare County and the eight cities) and provides transportation planning, programming, modeling and funding for the region. In addition to preparing the region's long-range transportation plan, TCAG approves the distribution of housing and assists in planning for transit, bicycle networks, clean air, and other collaborative projects. It includes the eight federal, state, and local roles listed below:

MPO

Metropolitan Planning Organization

An MPO is a federal designation for a policy-making body made up of local and transportation agencies. It is linked to a metropolitan area of over 50,000 people and is responsible for the distribution of federal transportation funds, as well as planning for transit, housing, air quality and modeling.

RTPA

Regional Transportation Planning Agency

An RTPA is a state designation for a policy-making body made up of local and transportation agencies. The RTPA administers the adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Housing Needs Allocations, the Regional Bicycle Plan, bus service, unmet transit needs and Transit Development Plans.

COG

Council of Governments

A Council of Governments delivers a wide variety of federal, state and local programs. Through technical assistance and collaboration with local governments, COG's provide a regional perspective to support member agencies and activities. This includes transportation impact fees, lobbying, and mitigation banking.

TA

Transportation Authority

The Tulare County TA was created with the passage of Measure R, a sales tax designed to fund transportation projects in the region. The TA manages Measure R activity.



AVA

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

The AVA is made up of local elected officials that oversee local efforts to abate abandoned vehicles. This includes collecting and distributing funds.



RDC

Regional Data Center

An RDC is a state designated center for handling and coordinating census activity. This includes providing data to interested agencies and tracking annual projections.



LC

Local Clearinghouse

An LC is a state designated center for handling state grants, which includes circulating notices and collecting comments, followed by reporting to the TCAG Board.



LAFCo

Local Agency Formation Commission

TCAG is contracted with LAFCo to provide staffing and facilities. LAFCo acts as a regional agency, but is not focused on transportation and has its own board and laws.

