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- 52 year old Joint Powers Authority
- Serves a multitude of regional roles: transportation planning, public transit, regional waste management
- Member agencies include Cities of Atwater, Merced, Livingston, Gustine, Los Banos and Dos Palos and the County of Merced
- Governing Board: One elected from each City and all 5 County Supervisors
- Technical Review Board: All 6 City Managers and County CEO
- Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Student, Small Business, Water positions are open!



Core Function: Transportation Planning

- Plan for future transportation needs 20-25 years in advance
- Help deliver local and regional transportation projects through funding programs and partnerships
 - Hwy 99 Widening in Livingston: \$5.5m + \$70m = **\$75.5m**
 - Atwater-Merced Expressway: \$20m + \$26m = **\$46m**





Key Updates to Share

- Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship application now open
- 2020 One Voice program
 - Councils to appoint 2 delegates by Dec 2019
 - First delegate meeting in January 2020
 - Trip is May 5-8, 2020
- DBE workshop – November 15, Merced Civic Center
- Annual Open House – December 19, 2019 at 5pm

MeasureV

- ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Program (2016)
- Estimated \$15 million in new revenue annually for local transportation needs (\$42m to date)
- Must be spent in Merced County
- Must be spent accordingly:
 - 50% to local jurisdictions – local decision making authority
 - 44% to regional projects (27% East Side, 17% West Side) – MCAG decides
 - 5% to transit – MCAG decides
 - 1% to MCAG for administration costs





Updates for Merced

- Local projects 50% of all revenue
 - City of Merced has received: \$4.4m
 - Total local project funding received: \$21m
- Regional projects 44% of all revenue (East 27%)
 - Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge Project: \$4,090,000
 - Highway 59 Widening Phase 1: \$5,944,580
 - Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1B: \$10,980,000



- Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County
- Fixed route and paratransit services countywide
- Annual ridership of nearly 1 million (and on the rise!)
- Free Fare Program for Seniors, Veterans and ADA Eligible Passengers through Measure V (211,884)
- Free for All programs during the summer (220,231)
- The Bus Live app
- www.mercedthebus.com

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Key Updates to Share

- Partnerships with UC Merced and Merced College
- Stuff The Bus campaign – Nov 30, Barnes & Noble
- First electric bus coming soon! (THANK YOU!)
- Transitioning to new contractor in 2020
- Fleet assessment and disposal policy
- Studies to examine transit service connectivity to rail, potential commuter service over the hill, and service efficiencies with UC Merced transit system





- Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System
- Key partner to help reduce congestion in Yosemite
- Operates from 6 counties during the summer months: Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tuolumne and Mono
- Roundtrip service from Merced to Yosemite Valley year-round for \$32 (includes gate fee)
- Online reservations system used by thousands across the world
- www.yarts.com





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- Celebrating 20th Anniversary in 2019-2020
- Exploring shuttle services in and around the Park
- Reduced fares available for Merced County residents (2 per household, while supplies last) \$7.50
- Free service on Hwy 140 November 10 & 11, 2019
- Exploring transition to electric vehicles

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- Manages the landfilling, recycling and composting of waste in Merced County
- 2 Locations: Hwy 59 (Merced) and Billy Wright (Los Banos)
- Free community clean up days and household hazardous waste collection events
- Free disposal of mattresses, recyclables, asphalt, clean concrete
- Products available to purchase: compost, fill dirt, wood chips/shreds
- www.mcrwma.org

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- New RWA Director: Eric Zetz
- Partnerships with UC Merced
 - Methane Detection Drone
 - Landfill Gas to Energy Project
- Consultant to assist jurisdictions on organics diversion



Questions?

Thank you!



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