



**MCAG One Voice 2021  
Virtual DC Trip  
May 4-7, 2021**

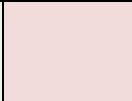
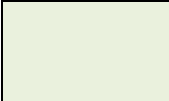
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TUESDAY, MAY 4			
WEST COAST	EAST COAST	MEETING	MCAG Speakers
7:00 – 7:45 AM	10:00 – 10:45 AM	<b>Welcome and TPA Briefing</b>	
8:00 – 8:30 AM	11:00 – 11:30 AM	<b>U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Railroad Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debra Kobrin, Governmental Affairs Specialist</li> <li>Jonathan Black, Supervisor</li> </ul> <i>Topics: Quiet zones, Passenger rail</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livingston</li> <li>Merced</li> </ol>
9:00 – 10:00 AM	12:00 – 1:00 PM	<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christopher McLean, Acting Administrator for Rural Utilities</li> <li>Other Attendees TBD</li> </ul> <i>Topics: Public facilities (rural fire stations), economic development and rural broadband</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livingston</li> <li>County</li> <li>Gustine</li> </ol>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	1:00 – 1:30 PM	<b>Office of Senator Alex Padilla</b> Josh Esquivel, Legislative Director  <i>Topics: Transportation, Homelessness, Infrastructure &amp; Economic Development, Public Safety</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County</li> <li>Los Banos</li> <li>Merced</li> <li>Gustine</li> <li>Atwater</li> <li>Livingston</li> </ol>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	2:00 – 2:30 PM	<b>U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Transit Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Osborn, FTA Transportation Program Specialist</li> <li>Will Rasky, Special Assistant for Governmental Affairs</li> <li>Charles Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs</li> </ul> <i>Topic: YARTS</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County</li> </ol>
11:30 – 12:00 noon	2:30 – 3:00 PM	<b>U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charles Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County</li> <li>Los Banos</li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Jocelyn</li> <li>• Tim Arnati</li> <li>• Alina Zaidi, Attorney-Advisor at Office of the Chief Counsel</li> <li>• Ryan Lomax</li> </ul> <p><i>Topic: Atwater-Merced Expressway, Pioneer Road widening</i></p>	
<b>12:00 noon – 1:00 PM</b>	<i>3:00 – 4:00 PM</i>	<b>Hold for Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 – 1:30 PM</b>	<i>4:00 – 4:30 PM</i>	<p><b>White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Director Gabe Amo</li> <li>• Special Assistant Evan Wessel</li> </ul> <p><i>Topics: Transportation, Homelessness, Infrastructure &amp; Economic Development, Public Safety</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>County</i></li> <li>2. <i>Los Banos</i></li> <li>3. <i>Merced</i></li> <li>4. <i>Gustine</i></li> <li>5. <i>Atwater</i></li> <li>6. <i>Livingston</i></li> </ol>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5			
WEST COAST	EAST COAST	MEETING	MCAG Speakers
8:30 – 9:00 AM	11:30 – 12:00 PM	<b>TPA Briefing</b>	
9:00 – 10:00 AM	12:00 – 1:00 PM	<b>U.S. Economic Development Administration</b> Darmika Stanfield, Congressional Affairs Specialist  <i>Topics: Economic development funding opportunities, electric aviation, public recreational facilities</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Gustine</i></li> <li>2. <i>Livingston</i></li> <li>3. <i>Atwater</i></li> <li>4. <i>Merced</i></li> <li>5. <i>Los Banos</i></li> </ol>
10:00 – 11:00 AM	1:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>National Endowment of the Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Orlove, Director of State, Regional &amp; Local Partnerships</li> <li>• Lara Holman Garritano, Local Arts Agencies</li> <li>• Mary Sellers, Challenge America</li> </ul> <i>Topics: Funding available for public art</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Dos Palos (Scott)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Merced</i></li> <li>3. <i>Los Banos</i></li> </ol>
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM	3:00 – 4:00 PM	<b>Hold for Lunch</b>	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	4:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>Congressman Jim Costa</b> Other Attendees TBD  <i>Topics: Transportation, Homelessness, Infrastructure &amp; Economic Development, Public Safety</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>County</i></li> <li>2. <i>Los Banos</i></li> <li>3. <i>Merced</i></li> <li>4. <i>Gustine</i></li> <li>5. <i>Atwater</i></li> <li>6. <i>Livingston</i></li> </ol>
2:00 – 2:30 PM	5:00 – 5:30 PM	<b>Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein</b> Expected Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rishi Sahgal, Legislative Assistant, Transportation and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Brent Palmer, Legislative Assistant, Housing and Homelessness</li> <li>• Shelly Abajian, District Director</li> </ul> <i>Topics: Transportation, Homelessness, Infrastructure &amp; Economic Development, Public Safety</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>County</i></li> <li>2. <i>Los Banos</i></li> <li>3. <i>Merced</i></li> <li>4. <i>Gustine</i></li> <li>5. <i>Atwater</i></li> <li>7. <i>Livingston</i></li> </ol>

THURSDAY, MAY 6			
WEST COAST	EAST COAST	MEETING	MCAG Speakers
7:30 – 8:00 AM	10:30 – 11:00 PM	<b>TPA Briefing</b>	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	11:00 – 12:00 noon	<b>Federal Emergency Management Administration – Pre-Disaster Mitigation and BRIC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Casey De Shong, Congressional /Intergovernmental Liaison, FEMA Region 9</li> <li>Alison Kearns, Risk Analysis Branch Chief</li> <li>Phillip Wang, Senior Hazard Mitigation Assistance Specialist</li> </ul> <p><i>Topics: Public facilities/emergency operations center</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livingston</li> <li>Los Banos</li> <li>Merced</li> </ol>
9:00 – 9:30 AM	12:00 – 12:30 PM	<b>House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</b> Chris Bell, Professional Staff, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit  <p><i>Topics: Funding for pending community projects (YARTS, Atwater-Merced Expressway, Campus Parkway), Pioneer</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County</li> <li>Los Banos</li> </ol>
10:00 – 11:00 AM	1:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>California Preservation Foundation</b> <i>(partners with National Trust for Historic Preservation)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cindy Heitzman, Executive Director</li> <li>National Trust representatives TBD</li> </ul> <p><i>Topics: Preservation of historic buildings</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County</li> <li>Dos Palos (Scott)</li> <li>Los Banos</li> </ol>
11:00 - 11:30 AM	2:00 - 2:30 PM	<b>Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works – Majority Staff</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annie D’Amato, Professional Staff Member</li> <li>Jordan Baugh, Professional Staff Member</li> </ul> <p><i>Topics: Infrastructure package, funding for community projects, including Atwater-Merced Expressway, passenger rail, Pioneer Road widening, Livingston air project, YARTS</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County</li> <li>Los Banos</li> <li>Gustine</li> </ol>
12:00 noon – 12:30 PM	3:00 – 3:30 PM	<b>Hold for Lunch</b>	
12:30 – 1:00 PM	3:30 – 4:00 PM	<b>U.S. Department of Justice – COPS Office</b> Shannon Long, Assistant Director  <p><i>Topics: Funding for law enforcement personnel and programs</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gustine</li> <li>Atwater</li> </ol>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	4:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness</b> Anthony Love, Interim Executive Director Helene Schneider, Regional Coordinator for California	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merced</li> <li>County</li> </ol>



*Topics: Homelessness coordination across federal agencies, new Biden Administration priorities*



FRIDAY, MAY 7			
WEST COAST	EAST COAST	MEETING	MCAG Speakers
9:00 – 9:30 AM	12:00 – 12:30 PM	<b>TPA Briefing</b>	
9:30 – 10:00 AM	12:30 – 1:00 PM	<b>House of Representatives Regional Roundtable</b> Expected Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adela Amador, Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director, Congressman Josh Harder</li> <li>• Kellie Hartl, Transportation Legislative Assistant, Congressman David Valadao</li> <li>• Ben Goldeen, Legislative Director, Congressman Jim Costa</li> </ul> <i>Topics: All</i>	1. County 2. Atwater 3. Gustine
10:00 – 11:00 AM	1:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>National Endowment for the Humanities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tricia Brooks, Senior Program Officer, Division of Public Programs</li> <li>• Other Attendees TBD</li> </ul> <i>Topics: Preservation of historic buildings related to humanities, funding for humanities programs</i>	1. County 2. Dos Palos (Scott) 3. Los Banos
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	2:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b> Kimberly Nash, Community Development and Planning Director for NorCal, NV, & AZ  <i>Topics: Affordable housing and homelessness</i>	1. County 2. Merced
12:30 – 1:00 PM (tentative)	3:30 – 4:00 PM	<b>U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs</li> <li>• Other Attendees TBD from FAA</li> </ul> <i>Topic: Livingston electric aviation</i>	1. Livingston

<b>HOLD FOR FUTURE MEETING</b>			
<b>WEST COAST</b>	<b>EAST COAST</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>MCAG Speakers</b>
		<p><b>U.S. National Park Service Office of Historic Preservation</b>            Julie Ernstein, Chief, National Register, Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program and Deputy, Agency Executive, Parent Department at U.S. National Park Service</p> <p><i>Topics: Preservation of historic buildings</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. County</li> <li>2. Dos Palos (Scott)</li> <li>3. Los Banos</li> </ol>
		<p><b>Senate Appropriations Committee</b>            Attendees TBD</p> <p><i>Topic: Federal funding for grant programs and community projects</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. County</li> <li>2. Los Banos</li> <li>3. Merced</li> <li>4. Gustine</li> <li>5. Atwater</li> <li>6. Livingston</li> </ol>
		<p><b>House Appropriations Committee</b>            Attendees TBD</p> <p><i>Topic: Federal funding for grant programs and community projects (largely non-transportation)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. County</li> <li>2. Los Banos</li> <li>3. Merced</li> <li>4. Gustine</li> <li>5. Atwater</li> <li>6. Livingston</li> </ol>
		<p><b>U.S. Department of Treasury/Internal Revenue Service</b>            Attendees TBD</p> <p><i>Topics: Opportunity zones</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. County</li> <li>2. Merced</li> </ol>