

AGENDA INFORMATION
Three Rivers Community Plan Update
Community Meeting
Monday December 14, 2015 7:00 P.M.
Arts Building
Three Rivers, CA

3. Discussion of Special Topics.

(a) Land Use Plan Update.

1. Land Use Plan (Existing Adopted Plan as Amended), Land Use-Zoning Compatibility Matrix, and Vacant Land Map.
2. Zoning Plan (Existing Zoning).

Background/Overview:

The general intent of the land use plan is to identify the most appropriate types and distribution of land uses for the community i.e. (Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Public/Quasi Public, etc.) based on environmental, circulation, infrastructure, services, opportunities and constraints, and other economic capacities and considerations. The zoning plan must be consistent with the land use plan. The zoning plan utilizes zoning districts identified in the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance in order to classify and regulate the use of land and buildings, i.e. (to regulate the height and bulk of buildings, the area of yards and other open spaces around buildings, and to regulate the density of population).

Considerations: *Are the existing Land Use and Zoning Plans adequate for the future planning period or should they be revised? Is the existing proportion of designated land uses adequate, i.e. (too much or too little designated commercial land uses or residential land uses, etc., and is there a need for commercial land uses or residential land uses in areas where they are not currently designated)?*

3. Town Center Location(s) and Concept.

- a) Three Rivers Vision-Town Center Concept Public Survey Three Rivers Community Workshop June 14, 2001 and Draft 2003 Policy Framework-Town Center Concept.
- b) FSU Village Center at Three Rivers-Feasibility Study 2005

Background/Overview:

The community has previously expressed an interest in designating a Town Center area in the community. The agenda materials contain previous input from the community in 2001 and 2003 along with a Village Center at Three Rivers-Feasibility Study conducted by students from Fresno State University in 2005.

Considerations: Is there an interest in designating a Town Center area in the community? Should this be a single area, i.e. (Village Market area) or include multiple areas or different area(s)?

4. General Plan Land Use Policies (General Plan Land Use Element).
5. Tulare County Zoning Ordinance “SC” Scenic Corridor Combining Zone.
6. Tulare County Zoning Ordinance Planned Unit Development.

These items are included for reference regarding existing policies and regulations.

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(b) Transportation and Circulation Plan Update

1. Circulation Element and Circulation Plan (Existing Functional Classification).
2. Draft Transit, Bike, and Pedestrian Plan.

Background/Overview: The purpose of the Circulation Element Update is to provide for a safe, convenient, and efficient transportation system. The Circulation Element Update is developed to accommodate anticipated transportation needs based on the land use element. In compliance with state law, all city and county general plans must contain a circulation element that designates future road improvements and extensions, addresses non-motorized transportation alternatives, and identifies funding options. The intent of the Circulation Element is to:

- Identify transportation needs and issues in the community, as well as regional relationships that affect the transportation system;*
- Consider alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle as a means of providing services and access to facilities; and*
- Establish policies that coordinate the Three Rivers transportation and circulation system with the General Plan and area plan land use maps, and provide direction for future decision-making.*

Considerations: Is the existing Circulation Plan adequate for the future year planning period or should it be revised? Is there a need or interest by the community in new road improvements, i.e. (Community connectivity to connect existing roads or secondary access roads? Is there an interest by the community in designating paths for bikes and pedestrians, or locating new transit facilities in the community, i.e. (bus stops/bus shelters)?

3. Complete Streets Program (Pixley Sample Policy Plan).

Background/Overview: The California Complete Streets Act (AB 1358) of 2008 was signed into law on September 30, 2008. Beginning January 1, 2011, AB 1358 requires circulation elements to address the transportation system from a multimodal

perspective. The bill states that streets, roads, and highways must “meet the needs of all users in a manner suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.”

The Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) is committed to fully integrating modal options in its General Plan and various Community Plans within Tulare County. This includes supporting projects that enhance walking and bicycling infrastructure. Additionally, RMA will improve access to public transportation facilities and services. This includes supporting urban development patterns and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) infrastructure that allow for greater accessibility to transit stops and stations. Finally, RMA continues to improve safety for all users and encourages street connectivity to create a comprehensive, integrated and connected circulation network. This is particularly important for those who rely on transportation infrastructure to be physically active and for students who walk or bike to school.

Considerations: Is there an interest developing a complete streets program for designated streets or street segments in the community, i.e. (a comprehensive program that would integrate improvements such as curb, gutter, sidewalk, storm drainage, streetlights, and transit facilities as a single comprehensive design concept/project)?

4. Draft Road Maintenance Plan.

Background/Overview: The County utilizes a Pavement Management System to monitor the structural conditions of roads and for the programming of future road improvements such as reconstruction or resurfacing.

Considerations: Are there other roads that are not currently designated on the Draft Road Maintenance Plan where maintenance improvements are needed?

5. Right of Way and Setbacks (County Standards and Caltrans Standards).

- a) Tulare County Ordinance Code Chapter 19 Regulations Concerning Streets and Highways Article 1. Building Line Setbacks.
- b) Caltrans State Route 198 Transportation Concept Report February 2012.
- c) State Highway 180 Fresno County Corridor Protection Program and Visual Assessment.

These items are included for reference regarding existing regulations and a sample from Fresno County regarding Caltrans Corridor protection requirements for Scenic Routes.(Note: A Corridor protection program is not being proposed at this time, but there is an interest as what typical requirements would be associated with that type of a program).

6. Future Road Improvements (Community Connectivity, Secondary Access, Road Realignment (Vertical and Horizontal) (Discussion).
7. Bridge Replacement Program and New Bridge Construction (Discussion).
8. Traffic Safety Considerations (Discussion).

Background/Overview: Community Plans contain a list of proposed capital improvements that identify a program of projects that would be eligible for funding under various grants or other state, federal, or local transportation funding programs such as Measure R.

Considerations: Is there a need or interest by the community in road safety improvements i.e. (Road realignment (straightening curves in existing roads), new bridges, traffic safety considerations (stop signs, traffic signals, crosswalks, traffic signage, speed limits, turn lanes, sight distance improvements, etc.)?