

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

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PROJECT DATES

October 2006 – June 2007

CONSULTANT COST

\$38,000

FIRM INVOLVEMENT

Prime Consultant

PROJECT STATUS

Completed



2007 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CITY OF TULARE, CA

Under contract with the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), TPG Consulting, Inc. completed a Transit Development Plan (TDP) for the City of Tulare. A TDP is a planning document, required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which describes the plans, programs and goals of a transit agency. A TDP serves as the primary justification for receipt of Federal and State grants for transit operations and capital projects.

The 2007 Tulare TDP focused on seeking input and data related to the Tulare InterModal Express (TIME) system that would provide a solid base from which to most effectively plan the future use of transit services within the Tulare area. The TDP provided an analysis of current ridership, and reviewed service and performance standards. TPG also conducted on-board passenger surveys, as well as phone surveys as part of the service review, to gather passenger and community feedback and opinions on the current transit system and proposed changes. Key issues identified through this process included high operating costs associated with increased labor rates and maintenance costs, low farebox ratios, and fixed route operating challenges related to on-time performance issues and the use of a midday refueling bus.

TPG developed a set of system recommendations to respond to potential ridership and system constraints for the TIME fixed route and demand-response services.

The TDP provided the community, policy makers, and city staff with an opportunity to understand current conditions, define the demand for service over the next five years, and to establish an operational and capital plan to meet those demands. The TDP was unanimously approved by the Tulare City Council in June of this year.