ACTION MINUTES OF TULARE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF TULARE

August 16, 2016

A regular session meeting of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: David Macedo, Carlton Jones, Maritsa Castellanoz, Shea Gowin, Craig Vejvoda

STAFF PRESENT: Don Dorman, Paul Melikian, Martin Koczanowicz, Fred Ynclan, Willard Epps, Janice Avila, Darlene Thompson, Joe Carlini, Rob Hunt, Michael Miller, Steve Bonville, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Macedo called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation was given by Council Member Vejvoda.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Macedo requested those who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council, or to address or request a matter be pulled from the consent calendar to do so at this time. He further stated comments related to general business matters would be heard at the time that matter is addressed on the agenda.

Alex Gutierrez addressed the Council regarding road construction on the west side of town advising that he is pleased with the progress on the roadwork. He further commented on the traffic congestion at Prosperity and J and if the City had any plans to alleviate. Project Nick Bartsch advised that the City has no plans for that area at this time.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section on the agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Vice Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member Gowin, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

- (1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- (2) Approve minutes of August 2, 2016 special/regular meeting(s).
- (3) Adopt Resolution 16-42 authorizing the Finance Director/Treasurer to surplus of three (3) City Police Investigation Vehicles utilizing the value of the surplus items as trade in value against the purchase of replacement vehicles.
- (4) Adopt Resolution 16-43 authorizing the filing of Federal Transit
 Administration (FTA) grants for federal transportation assistance
 authorized by 49 U.S.C., Chapter 53 United States Code and other federal
 statutes administered by the FTA and authorize the City Manager, Finance
 Director, and/or FTA Grants Administrator to execute all related documents
 on behalf of the City.
- (5) Accept receipt of FY15 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from FEMA in the amount of \$24,846 with a City match of \$2,484; authorize an appropriation to purchase Emergency Medical Service (EMS) training supplies.
- (6) Accept a grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) in the amount of \$137,700, apply for and accept State (Caltrans) grant matching funds of \$6,885, for installation of a PAPI lighting system and runway hold signage of the Mefford Field Runway; award a contract to Lee Wilson Electric of Arroyo Grande, CA in the amount of \$71,300.00 for PAPI lighting and sign installation work; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all applicable grant documents; and approve FM0017 revised project budget to \$153,000.
- (7) Appoint Paul Melikian as Interim City Manager effective September 3, 2016, at Step A of the City Manager salary range, \$12,216.70 per month.
- (8) Authorize City Manager or designee to sign 2016/2017 Contract with the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging for the City of Tulare to provide meals and services to the senior citizens in the community and immediate area.

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

VIII. STUDENT REPORTS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

IX. GENERAL BUSINESS

Comments related to General Business Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Council.

(1) Public Works:

a. Adopt Resolution 16-44 ratifying water rate Resolution 16-14 and adopt Resolution 16-45 ratifying Sewer Rate Resolution 16-15, both of which were adopted by the Board of Public Utilities on July 21, 2016. Field Services Manager Trisha Whitfield provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Vice Mayor Jones expressed concerns with the rates. He questioned and staff addressed how the report compared like cities and identified fixed charges. He further expressed issue over the drought surcharge. Ms. Whitfield clarified that this rate study is designed to improve the city's infrastructure/capital improvements. She further identified that the Board of Public Utilities directed staff to return to the Board with an item to eliminate the surcharge once the final passage of the new rates.

Alberto Aguilar addressed the Council in opposition stating that the rates are unfair to single-family homes versus big business.

Mike Lane addressed the Council in support of the approval of rates as presented.

It was moved by Council Member Vejvoda, seconded by Council Member Gowin and carried 4 to 1 (Vice Mayor Jones voting no) to adopt Resolution 16-44 as presented. It was further moved by Council Member Gowin, seconded by Council Member Castellanoz and carried 4 to 1 (Vice Mayor Jones voting no) to adopt Resolution 16-45 as presented.

X. COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES, REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – GC 54954.2(a)(2)

XI. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Macedo adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

	President of the Council and Ex-Officio Mayor of the City of Tulare
ATTEST:	
Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Tulare	

ACTION MINUTES OF TULARE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF TULARE

August 23, 2016

A special session meeting of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: David Macedo, Maritsa Castellanoz, Shea Gowin, Craig

Vejvoda

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carlton Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Melikian, David Hale, Janice Avila, Steve Bonville, Rob Hunt,

Fred Ynclan, Roxanne Yoder

I. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Macedo called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Police Captain Fred Ynclan led the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation was given by Mayor Macedo.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS- Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

There were no public comments.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Comments related to General Business Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Council.

(1) City Manager:

a. Consideration to adopt Resolution 16-46 providing for the appointment of Maritsa Castellanoz-Munoz, District 2, to the office of City Council of the City of Tulare that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in accordance with California Elections Code §10229 for the remainder of the term ending November 2018. Upon conversation with the City Attorney Council Member Castellanoz recused herself from voting on this matter. Council Member Vejvoda commented on the item and following those comments moved to adopt Resolution 16-46 as presented, his motion was seconded by Council Member Gowin without comment and carried 3 to 0 (Vice Mayor Jones absent, Council Member Castellanoz recused). Council Member Castellanoz thanked her constituents, staff and stated her desire to continue her work with the Council.

V. COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES, REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – GC 54954.2(a)(2)

VI. ADJOURN SPECIAL SESSION

May	or/	Macedo	ad	iourned	the	special	session	at	6:09	p.m.

	President of the Council and Ex-Officio Mayor of the City of Tulare
ATTEST:	
Chief City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Tulare	

AGENDA ITEM:	
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CITY OF TULARE. CA AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL SHEET

AGENDA ITEM:	
Documents Attached: ☐Ordinance ☐Resolution ☐Staff Report ☑Other ☐None)
For Council Meeting of: September 6, 2016	
Submitting Department: City Manager's Office / Project Management	

Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign contract amendments with Willdan Engineering of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$27,091 for additional surveying, design, bidding and construction support services on 'E'. St., North of Pleasant Ave. and on Maple Ave., between 'E' St. and 'F' St. for Project EN0064, a street improvement project on 'E' Street.

IS PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

EN0064 is a street and utility improvements project on 'E' Street between Bardsley Avenue and Pleasant Avenue. The project will include ADA compliance improvements to intersection curb returns and alley/sidewalk intersections that fall within the project limits. Additionally, it will address necessary water, sewer and storm drain improvements within those limits. The need for the project was identified through the City's Pavement Management System, and is programmed in the City's transportation CIP program for construction during the summer of 2017.

Willdan Engineering of Fresno, CA is included on the list of pre-qualified on-call Engineering consultants and at the August 2, 2016 City Council Meeting, Willdan Engineering was awarded a contract for \$200,035 for the design and construction support services related to this project.

With the recent adoption of the new water and sewer rates, City Staff has begun to tie previously identified needs to existing and planned future projects. A segment of Maple Avenue, between 'E' St. and 'F' St., adjacent to the current EN0064 project, requires a sewer mainline replacement along with other street and sidewalk improvements. Additionally, after recently completing street improvements on North 'E' St., south of Prosperity as a part of the EN0019 project, an approximately 1,650 lineal foot section of needed street improvements remain between this project and the recently completed work. With the inclusion of this segment in the EN0064 project, it would address the last remaining length of undeveloped and deteriorating roadway on 'E' St. between Bardsley and Prosperity.

Due to the parallel nature of this work, it is a logical connection to include it in this project and benefit from the economy of scale of doing this work together. The costs associated with the additional engineering design fit within the current project budget. The additional cost of construction will be re-budgeted once a current and more accurate estimate, including the revised scope of work, is completed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign contract amendments with Willdan Engineering of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$27,091 for additional surveying, design, bidding and construction support services on 'E'. St., North of Pleasant Ave. and on Maple Ave., between 'E' St. and 'F' St. for Project EN0064, a street improvement project on 'E' Street.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW/COMMENTS	: ☐ Yes ⊠ N/A
IS ADDITIONAL (NON-BUDGETED) FUI	NDING REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
FUNDING SOURCE/ACCOUNT NUMBER Gas Tax / EN0064-040-0202	R:
Submitted by: Nick Bartsch	Title: Project Manager
Date: August 25, 2016	City Manager Approval:

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT (PMS)

PROJECT #EN0064 (enR2015-3)
'E' St Badsley to Pleasant
R-EN.16.17 PMS E Alpine to Tulare
(CIP)

PROJECT MANAGER: Nick Bartsch

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE: Pavement Management System project on E Street between Bardsley

Avenue and Pleasant Avenue. Includes ADA Concrete work and Water

facilities.

KEY POINTS: Traffic safety; Relief from potential liability concerns; Compliance to the

American Disabilities Act

PROJECT STATUS: Construction: Spring 2017; Approved by TMT on 2/27/15

PROJECTED START DATE: 3/1/2016
PROJECTED END DATE: 12/31/2017

FUTURE M & O: None

CRITERIA (1-8): Criteria 7: Project addresses regulatory, safety, or environmental

requirements that could threaten in whole or in part the City's ability to operate a core program or function at some future time if not replaced

or repaired.

			Fiscal Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total	Unfunded
Costs Description							
001 -Conceptual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
002 - Preliminary Design	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
003 - Environmental	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00
004 - Final Design	\$27,000.00	\$209,949.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$236,949.00	\$0.00
005 - Construct/Impliment	\$0.00	\$443,651.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$443,651.00	\$0.00
006 - Close Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Costs:	\$27,000.00	\$659,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$686,000.00	\$0.00
Funding Sources							
Gas Tax	\$27,000.00	\$268,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$295,000.00	\$0.00
Gas Tax Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$121,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$121,500.00	\$0.00
CDBG	\$0.00	\$188,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188,500.00	\$0.00
Measure 'R' Local	\$0.00	\$81,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,000.00	\$0.00
Total Funding:	\$27,000.00	\$659,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$686,000.00	\$0.00

AGENDA ITEM:

CITY OF TULARE, CA AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Submitting Department: Human Resources
For Council Meeting of: September 6, 2016
Documents Attached: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Staff Report ■ Other ☐ None
AGENDA ITEM: Reject two claims for damage, 1) RMA Claim No. 16641 filed by Pa Vang and 2) RMA Claim No. 16618 filed by GEICO as Subrogee for Jose Aviles, as recommended by the City's AIMS claims adjuster.
IS PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: □ Yes ■ No
BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION: The claim submitted by Pa Vang alleges the City provided inaccurate information as to the location of claimant's sewer lateral line resulting in additional costs for repairs by her plumber. Based upon staff review and agreement, the City did not create the scenario which would have led to the confusion of the claimant's contractor. The claimant had been instructed to have her contractor contact the City to locate the sewer lateral and the contractor failed to do so.
The claim from Geico as subrogee for Jose Aviles is for car damage when driving through a roadway construction zone. The claim alleges the City did not provide proper signage of a construction zone. City staff conducted an investigation into this matter and photographs of the construction zone were taken. The pictures indicate that all the appropriate warning and construction signage was in place throughout the construction zone area, and traffic was observed moving through the construction zone at cautious speeds without any incident.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Reject two claims for damage, 1) RMA Claim No. 16641 filed by Pa Vang and 2) RMA Claim No. 16618 filed by GEICO as Subrogee for Jose Aviles, as recommended by the City's AIMS claims adjuster
CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW/COMMENTS: ☐ Yes ■ N/A
IS ADDITIONAL (NON-BUDGETED) FUNDING REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ■ No ☐ N/A
FUNDING SOURCE/ACCOUNT NUMBER:
Submitted by: Janice Avila Title: Human Resources Director
Date: 08/10/16 City Manager Approval:

CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CLAIM FORM

Return to: Risk Management City of Tulare 411 E. Kern Avenue Tulare, CA 93274 Tel: (559) 684-4202

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(Please Type or Print)

CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF TULARE
(Name of Entity)
Claimant's Name: PA VANG Telephone: (559)679-1083
SS#: SS#: Some DOB: 12/31/1973 Gender: Male Female X
Claimant's address: _711 W RUSSELL AVENUE, VISALIA CA 93277
Address where notices about claim are to be sent, if different from above: SAME AS ABOVE
Date of incident/accident: 06/22/2016 AND 6/23/2016
Date Injuries, damages, or losses were discovered:06/22/2016
Location of Incident/accident: 1301 S MARION STREET, TULARE CA 93274
What did entity or employee do to cause this loss, damage, or injury? <u>SEE ATTACHED SHEET</u>
(Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to enswer this question in detail.)
What are the names of the entity's employees who caused this injury, damage, or loss (if known)? <u>SEE ATTACHED</u>
JASON, JOHN, TONY AND ANOTHER CITY EMPLOYEE WHO WAS WITH JASON AT THE INSPECTION
What specific injuries, damages, or losses did claimant receive? SEE ATTACHED SHEET
(Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to answer this question in detail)
What amount of money is claimant seeking or, if the amount is in excess of \$10,000, which is the appropriate court of jurisdiction. Note: If Superior and Municipal Courts are consolidated, you must represent whether it is a "limited civil case" [see Government Code 910(f)]. \$686.94
How was this amount calculated (please itemize)? \$650 (additional charge due to City's inaccurate
information) and mileage \$36.94 (total 36.94 miles at \$0.54 IRS mileage rate) (Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to answer this question in detail.)
Date Signed: 7/15/16 Signature:
If signed by representative:
Representative's Name Telephone #
Address
Relationship to Claimant

In 2015, I called to inquire about my permit with the City of Tulare and I spoke with Tony (City of Tulare employee). He advised and confirmed with me that the sewer line was in the 'middle' (middle meaning from the front of my property to the sidewalk across the street). (Photo below shows where 'middle' is located)

On 6/22/2016, Jason and another individual (City of Tulare employees) came out to my property at 1301 S Marion Street, Tulare CA 93274 during the estimation period and without any hesitation confirmed with me and the owner of the contracting company, twice, that the sewer line for my property is in the 'middle'. (See photo below)

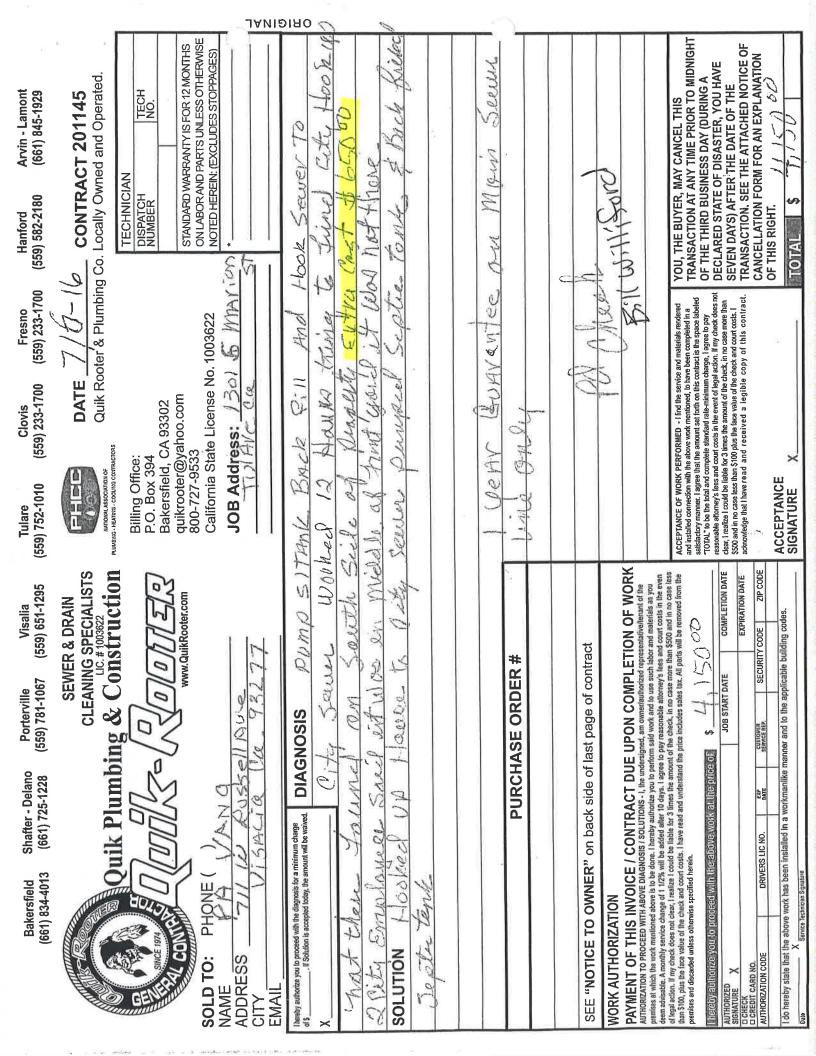


After Jason and the other city employee confirmed the location of the sewer line (above picture) my contractor (Quik-Rooter) began working on correcting the issue at hand (see invoice from Quik-Rooter for diagnosis). Please note, my contract also made notations referencing this incident on the invoice.

My contractor spent an entire day of digging at the confirmed location by city employees and was unable to locate the sewer line. John (City of Tulare Building Supervisor) and his inspector went out to my property for the final inspection and it was at this time, my contractor advised him of the situation.

Due to the inaccurate information provided by three different city employees, my contractor had to continue their work the following day in a different location. Because of this, I was penalized by having to pay an extra \$650.00 to my contractor to complete the work he had already started but in a different location from what the city employees confirmed. The actual location of the sewer line was by the mailbox NOT in front of my property. See below picture.





CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CLAIM FORM

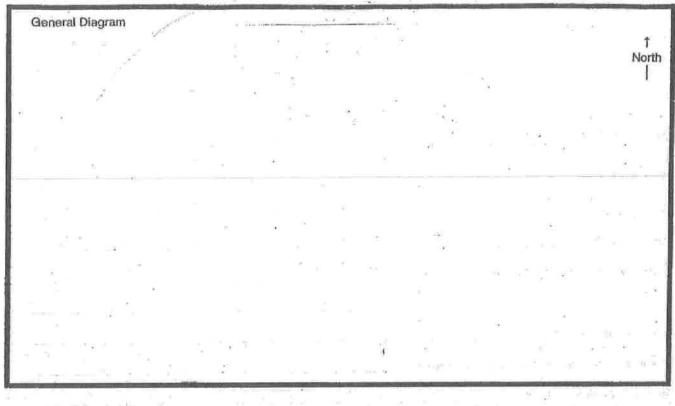
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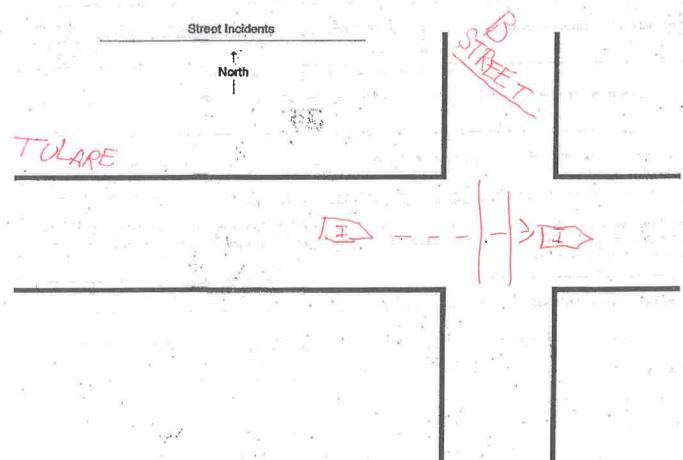
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CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF TULARE (Name of Entity)
Claimant's Name: GEICO AS SUBROCEE JOSE AVILES Telephone: 958-513-5123
SS#: NA Gender: Male Female
Claimant's address: PO BOX 509119 SAN DIEGO, CA 92150
Address where notices about claim are to be sent, if different from above: SAME
Date of incident/accident: 5/28/16
Date Injuries, damages, or losses were discovered: 5 3 16
Location of incident/accident: TULARE & B STREET (CROSSING B STREET)
What did entity or employee do to cause this loss, damage, or injury? THERE WAS A GAP IN
THE POAD DUE TO CONSTRUTION CAUSING DAMAGE TO OUR VEHICLE (NO CONSTRUCTION SIGNS WERE POSTED) CITY OF What are the names of the entity's employees who caused this injury, damage, or loss (if known)?
TULDRE
What specific injuries, damages, or losses did claimant receive? COLLISION - 8347.98
RENTAL \$379.31 DEDUCTIBLE - \$500.00 (Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to answer this question in detail)
What amount of money is claimant seeking or, if the amount is in excess of \$10,000, which is the appropriate court of jurisdiction. Note: If Superior and Municipal Courts are consolidated, you must represent whether it is a "limited civil case" [see Government Code 910(f)].
How was this amount calculated (please itemize)? COLLIGION \$\int 3 47.98 RENTAL
1 279, 31 MANGEROLE 1500.00 TOTAL 1 1227.29
Date Signed: 6/24/6 Signature:
If signed by representative:
Representative's Name JAMES FRITCH Telephone # 958 - 513 - 5133
Address PO BOX 509119 SAN DIEGO, CA
Address PO DOX 5091191 Skill D12070101 - 056 Relationship to Claimant GEICO - 051885 379 0101 - 056

DIAGRAMS







Government Employees Insurance Company

GEICO General Insurance Company

GEICO Indemnity Company

GEICO Casualty Company

Regional Office: GEICO ■ Box 509119 ■ San Diego, CA 92150-9119

June 24, 2016

PAYMENT RECOVERY NOTICE

Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management City of Tulare 411 E Kern Avenue Tulare, CA 93274

Date of Loss:

05/23/2016

Our Insured:

Jose Aviles

Our Claim #

0518853790101056

Your Driver:

N/A

Your Claim #: Unlnown

Your Vehicle: N/A

Company:

GEICO Indemnity Insurance Company

Our investigation reveals your insured to be 100% responsible for our insured's damages. Repairs, total loss settlement or supplemental damages have been paid. Our itemization of damages is as follows:

Repairs:

\$347.98

Rental:

\$379.31

Deductible:

\$500.00

Tow:

Insured's out of pocket expense:

Supplement:

Salvage:

TOTAL:

Please mail the check to:

GEICO Indemnity Insurance Company

PO Box 509119

San Diego, CA 92150

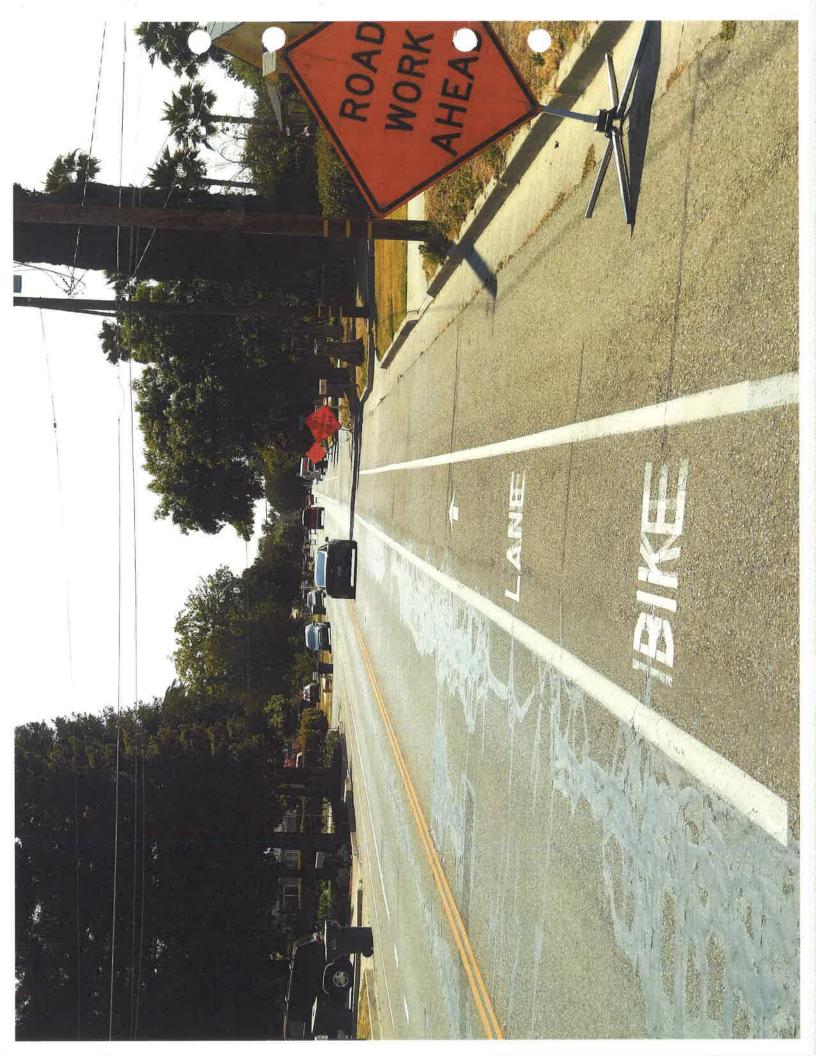
Please reference our claim number on your check. If we fail to receive your payment or response to this demand within 45 days we will file in Arb Forums or make a referral to counsel for possible litigation.

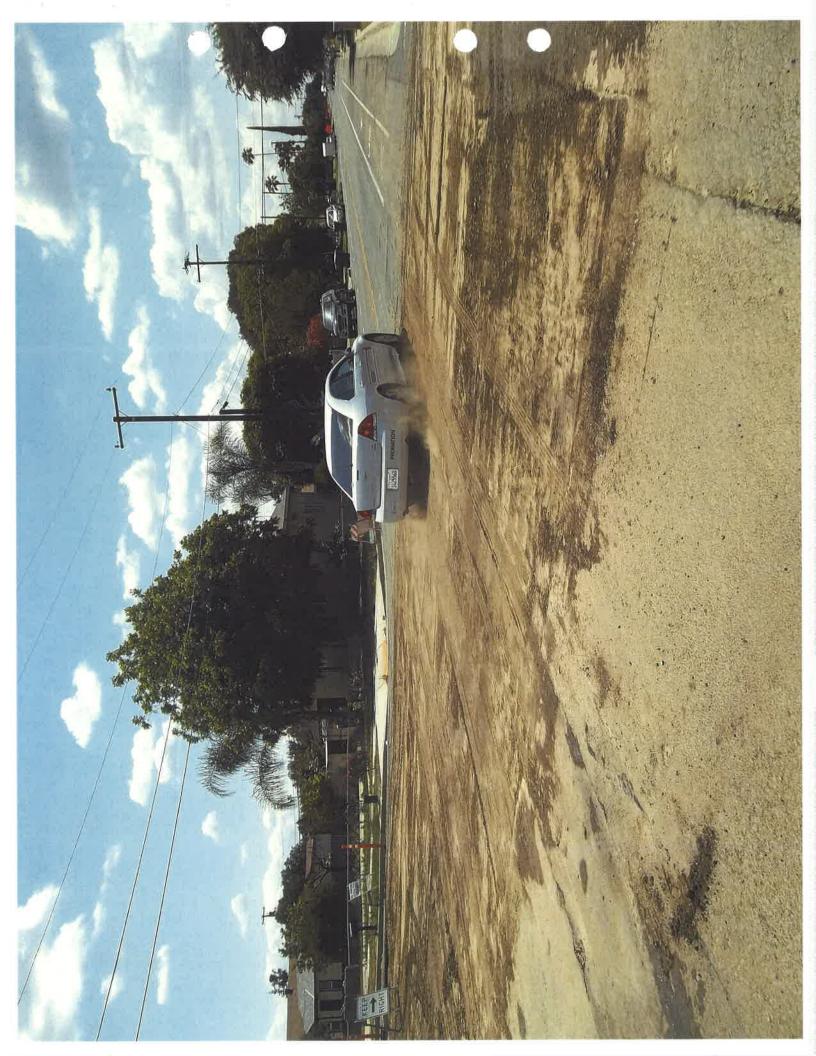
Sincerely,

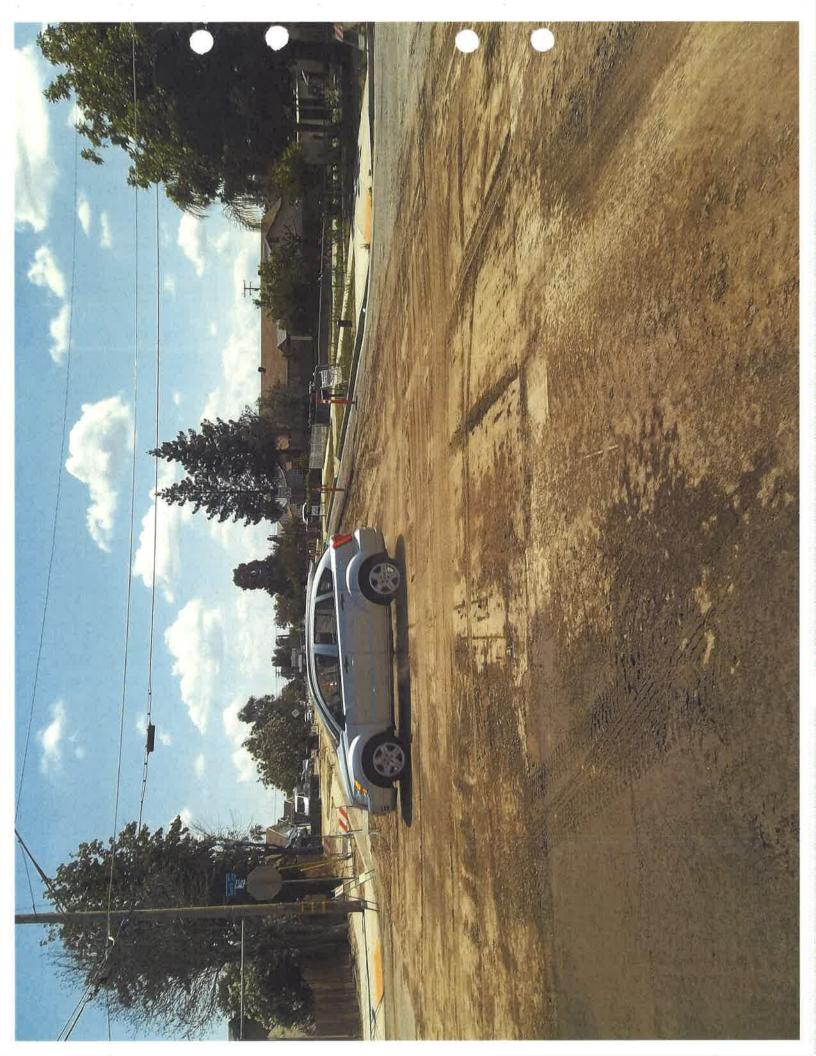
James Fritch (Adjuster Code: SUM9)

Payment Recovery Unit

1-858-513-5123







CITY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Submitting Department:	City Manager's Office
For Council Meeting of:	September 6, 2016
Documents Attached: □	Ordinance □ Resolution □ Staff Report □ Other □ None

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, scheduled October 5-7, 2016 and select Voting Delegate and alternate for Conference business session to be held Friday, October 7, 2016, authorizing the City Clerk to execute the delegate form; and Review the Annual League of California Cities Conference Resolution providing input/direction to the City's voting delegate.

IS PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ■ No

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Annual League Conference is scheduled for October 5-7 in Long Beach. Council Members Jones, Castellanoz, Gowin and Vejvoda are attending this year's conference. A Voting Delegate and alternate needs to be selected to vote on the Resolution and/or other matters during the general business session on Friday, October 7. The League of California Cities bylaws require approval by the legislative body.

A Resolution supporting "Vision Zero" a comprehensive strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries using a multi-disciplinary approach, is attached and will be considered by the General Assembly during the Annual League of California Cities Conference.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, scheduled October 5 – 7, 2016 and select Voting Delegate and alternate for Conference business session to be held Friday, October 7, 2016, authorizing the City Clerk to execute the delegate form; and Review the Annual League of California Cities Conference Resolution providing input/direction to the City's voting delegate.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW/COMMENTS: ☐ Yes Ø N/A

IS ADDITIONAL (NON-BUDGETED) FUNDING REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE/ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Submitted by: Paul Melikian Title: Interim City Manager

Date: August 16, 2016 City Manager Approval: _____

CITY OF TULARE, CA AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Submitting Department: City Manager's Office				
For Council Meeting of: September 6, 2016				
Documents Attached: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Staff Report☐ Other ☒ None				
AGENDA ITEM: Receive an update on the status of the Caltrans project to install traffic signals located at the North and Southbound SR99 off-ramps at SR137 (Tulare Avenue), utilizing a portion of the City's annual allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding.				
IS PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:				

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals. Currently, the City is allocated approximately \$590,669.00 / year.

The City continually receives requests related to the condition of state owned and maintained roadways within the City limits. Although maintenance and construction pertaining to these roadways is the responsibility of the State, funding is limited and these projects do not rank highly on their list of priorities. A partnership between the City and Caltrans, utilizing the City's annual allocation of RSTP funds will ultimately accelerate work on these projects. Resolution 14-65, approved by the City Council in October of 2014, allowed for the allocation of the City's FY 12/13, 13/14 and 14/15 RSTP funds to Caltrans for use on these types of projects and will be represented in the City's CIP budget.

Caltrans proposes to install traffic signals to improve traffic operations on State Route (SR) 137 at SR 99 southbound (SB) on/off ramp intersection and SR 99 northbound (NB) on/off ramp intersection in the City of Tulare. It is also proposed to close mid-ramp local street access to the SR 99 on/off ramps (E San Joaquin Avenue and E Sierra Avenue) and realign the SR 99 NB on/off ramp to minimize the north-south offset at intersection. This project will improve the operations that include reducing delay and alleviating the queue at the off ramps for the two intersections.

The proposed traffic signals will be coordinated with the existing traffic signal at Blackstone Street to ensure a smooth flow along this segment of SR 137. SR 99 off ramp traffic delay during peak hours will be reduced. Signalization of the intersections would also accommodate pedestrians crossing the intersections. Traffic signal warrants analysis indicated that both on/off ramps intersections meet signal warrants 1, 2, and 3. Field observations indicated that some queues exist at the off ramps during the peak PM period. This project will improve the opera-

Proposed Schedule:		
Project Approval and Environmental Do Project Advertise Begin Construction End Construction	ocument.	December 2016 May 2018 September 2018 June 2019
Estimated Cost: City Contribution (FY12/13, 13/14, 14/1 Caltrans Contribution:	5 RSTP Allocation): Total:	\$1,650,000.00 \$ 150,000.00 \$1,800,000.00
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Title: Project Manager

City Manager Approval: _____

Submitted by: Nick Bartsch

Date: August 29, 2016

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