



# Goshen Transportation and Community Plan

## County of Tulare

Environmental Justice  
FY 11-12 Grant Cycle  
District 6  
Grant Award Amount: \$189,000



### Project Summary:

Goshen is experiencing significant growth in a range of motorized transportation infrastructure improvements along Riggan Avenue, Betty Drive and the State Route 99/Betty Drive interchange, but the community's concern is that "the lack of pedestrian facilities may pose a safety hazard for the community". The plan documents the development of several land use and mobility alternatives for consideration through a planning and visioning process with local residents and businesses.

### Community Outreach

- Initiated the creation of a Steering committee of 4 members.
- The Steering committee was composed of 1 resident/environmental justice representative and 3 additional stakeholders.
- Six public workshops and one special outreach event were conducted jointly by CSET, the RMA and VRPA Technologies.
- To encourage family participation during evening hours, refreshments were served and raffle drawings were held at each meeting.

#### Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- TCAG is preparing the Sustainable Communities Strategy, which will be incorporated into the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.

### Project Outcome

- Improve pedestrian traffic safety.
- Evaluates the impacts of major transportation projects.
- Determines the appropriate land use patterns within the community.
- Defines the potential enhancement solutions that will address the communities concerns.
- Defines multimodal transportation framework and street improvement package.

## Successes & Next Steps

- The county of Tulare will begin to seek funding from a variety of different sources including Federal and State grant programs as well as local tax initiatives and the Tulare County Capital Improvement Program.
- The land use and transportation planning recommendations provided by the community will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval.
- The Board of Supervisors will decide whether to incorporate these recommendations into the Community Plan; this will include the preparation of appropriate environmental documents.