

# Workshop on trail set for tonight

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A multiuse trail to connect Tulare and Visalia will provide a new, safe way to travel for bicycle and horse riders, pedestrians, runners and joggers.

And with the project in its early stages, Tulare County Association of Governments representatives want to hear ideas from residents on what the trail should look like.

TCAG will host a workshop from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today at Prosperity Avenue Baptist Church, 1781 East Prosperity Ave.

"We want to know where it should run, what it would look like and if it's a good idea," said TCAG Regional Planner Christine Chavez.

Paid for with Measure R funds, the trail will connect Tulare Santa Fe's east end with a trail that would go to downtown Visalia. Tulare's portion would run from Prosperity Avenue to Avenue 272, a stretch just shy of five miles, Chavez said. The Visalia portion is about two miles, starting at Avenue 272.

There's no estimate on how much the trail would cost, Chavez said. But plans call for the trail to include paths for bike and horse riders and pedestrians.

"It'll bring people out of their cars," Chavez said.

It's a prospect Tulare Parks and Recreation Director Milt Stowe is excited about. Stowe said county officials should take advantage of the allocated money and complete the project.

"This would be a win-win for both cities and the county," he said. "We could cut down on pollution."

The trail was approved in 2006. TCAG officials are working on a traffic study that will estimate use for the trail, Chavez said.

"I would like to see other trails that run through the county," he said.

Tulare city officials will attend the meeting, Stowe said. Chavez said she also expects officials from Visalia and the county to attend the workshop.

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## HOW TO ATTEND

- ▶ **What:** Santa Fe Trail Connection workshop
- ▶ **When:** 5:30-7 p.m. today
- ▶ **Where:** Prosperity Avenue Baptist Church, 1781 East Prosperity Ave.
- ▶ **Information:** 624-7274