



IMPACT REPORT: Your Advocacy at Work Changing Tulare County Lives

Road Rehabilitation & Slurry Seal Across 10 Communities

August 28, 2025



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IMPACT OF
\$1 MILLION IN ROADS
FUNDING SECURED BY
SENATOR MELISSA HURTADO



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Dear Senator Hurtado,

This impact report provides a detailed look at how the \$1 million in roads funding you secured was put to work in Tulare County. Inside, you will find before-and-after photos from each project site, demonstrating the visible improvements to local roads and the difference they make for families, businesses, and farmworkers who depend on them every day. These images underscore what this investment means on the ground: safer routes, stronger connections, and renewed confidence in the infrastructure that serves our rural communities.

Through careful stewardship and management, the RMA utilized the one-time funds for the road paving of various locations throughout the County. Road paving is defined as encompassing a spectrum of treatment techniques for durable road surfaces, including road maintenance to ensure longevity and sustainability. The County utilized these funds to improve roads in the following unincorporated communities:

- **Lindcove:** Ave 306 from Road 224 to Road 228 and Road 228 from Ave 306 to Ave 310
- **Earlimart:** State Street from Clay Ave to Armstrong Ave
- **Delft Colony:** Lawrence from Road 57 to End and Ave 397 from Road 56 to Road 57
- **Ivanhoe:** Heather from Road 158 to Road 159, Azalea from Road 159 to Hawthorne, Hawthorne from Road 159 to Lantana, Hawthorne from Depot to Lantana, Azalea from Hawthorne to Road 159, Heather from Road 158 to Road 159, and Hawthorne from Lantana to Azalea
- **Springville:** River View Dr. at Fairway Dr., River View Dr. at River Island Dr., Fairway Dr. at River Island Dr., River Island Dr. at Fairway Dr., Globe Dr from Pleasant Oak Dr. to Bear Lane, and Meadow Dr. from Tule Oak Dr to End
- **Richgrove:** Road 224 from Ave 2 to Ave 8
- **Goshen:** Commercial Road from Ave 30 to Ave 310, Elder Ave from Ivy Road to Road 69, Road 70 from Avenue 308 to Avenue 310, and Woodbine Avenue from Commercial Road to Road 71

The County utilized the remaining funds to improve roads in **East Tulare, Orosi, and Lindsay**, as part of the 2024 Slurry Seal Project, which was completed on December 3, 2024.

Enclosed is a letter of gratitude from the RMA Public Works team, recognizing your thoughtful consideration of our region and your steadfast advocacy for quality-of-life improvements across Tulare County.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Melissa Hurtado
California State Senate, 16th District
1021 O Street, Room 6510, Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Hurtado,

On behalf of Tulare County, we extend our sincere gratitude for your leadership in securing \$1 million in state budget funding to improve roads in our unincorporated communities. Your advocacy has delivered meaningful, visible change for families who live and travel here every day.

With your support, the County of Tulare's Resource Management Agency completed road improvements in Lindcove, Earlimart, Delft Colony, Ivanhoe, Springville, Richgrove, and Goshen. The funding also allowed us to finish work in East Tulare, Orosi, and Lindsay through the 2024 Slurry Seal Project, completed in December 2024. Altogether, these projects directly benefit more than 42,900+ residents (roughly \$23 per person) without even counting the thousands of agricultural workers, students, travelers, and tourists who use these roads every day.

This investment came at a crucial time. Tulare County maintains 2,965 miles of roads, nearly the same mileage as Los Angeles County, but with a road budget only one-tenth the size. The \$1 million you secured supplemented our \$30 million annual road maintenance program, enabling us to stretch our resources further by repaving roads, patching potholes, repainting lines, and improving signage. Many of these corridors are farm-to-market routes, lifelines for the Central Valley's agricultural economy and essential connections for rural families.

What this means on the ground for Tulare County communities:

- Safety and mobility for agricultural workers delivering crops, students commuting long rural distances, and residents accessing medical and social services.
- Economic vitality sustained by infrastructure that supports the ag-driven supply chain, including harvesting, processing, and distribution nodes.
- Community equity, as improved roads are more than pavement, they are pathways to opportunity, healthcare, school, and work.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with your office on strategies to maximize the impact of this type of funding and to align with your broader legislative priorities, including water reliability, health access, and food stability. Your pragmatic leadership and deep-rooted commitment to rural voices empower us to keep delivering results for families and businesses across Tulare County.

Thank you, Senator Hurtado, for standing with our communities and creating real, lasting improvements in the lives of Central Valley residents.

To help you see the impact of your support, please see the enclosed impact report, which includes before-and-after photos of some of the work your advocacy funded.

With sincere appreciation,



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RMA Director

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RMA Assistant Director of Public Works

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Johnny Wong
RMA Chief Engineer

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Hernan Beltran Herrera
RMA Chief Engineer

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DIRECT IMPACT: YOUR ADVOCACY AT WORK

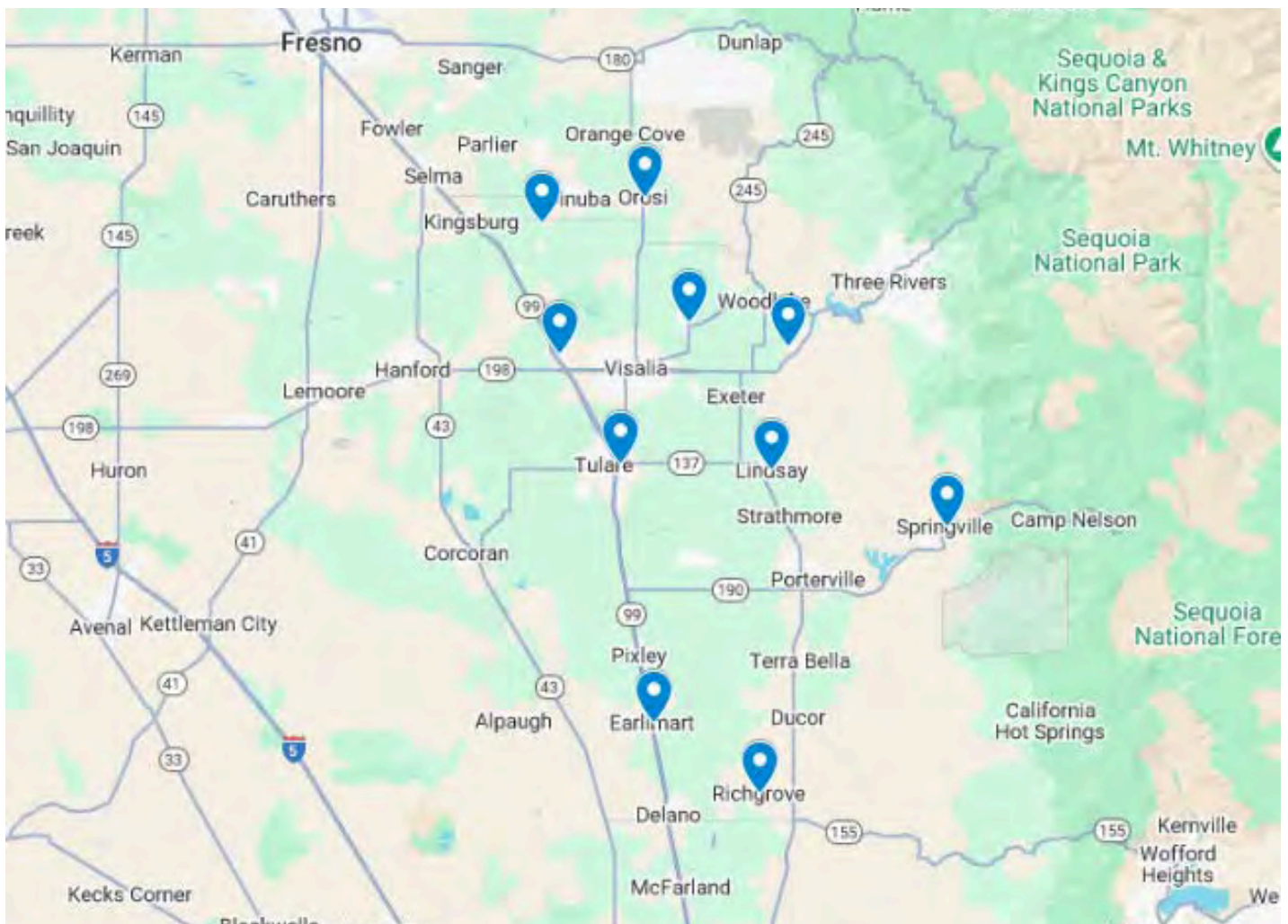
 **\$1M**
FUNDING



10 COMMUNITIES
DIRECTLY
IMPACTED



42,900+
LOCAL RESIDENTS
IMPACTED



This map highlights ten Tulare County communities between Fresno and Kern counties where road improvements were completed with the help of \$1 million in state funding: Lindcove, Earlimart, Delft Colony, Ivanhoe, Springville, Richgrove, Goshen, East Tulare, Orosi, and Lindsay. Altogether, these projects directly improved daily travel for 42,978 residents (roughly \$23 per person) while also strengthening the routes relied on by thousands of agricultural workers, students, and service providers throughout the Central Valley, as well as visitors to our region.



ROAD REHABILITATION

BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS

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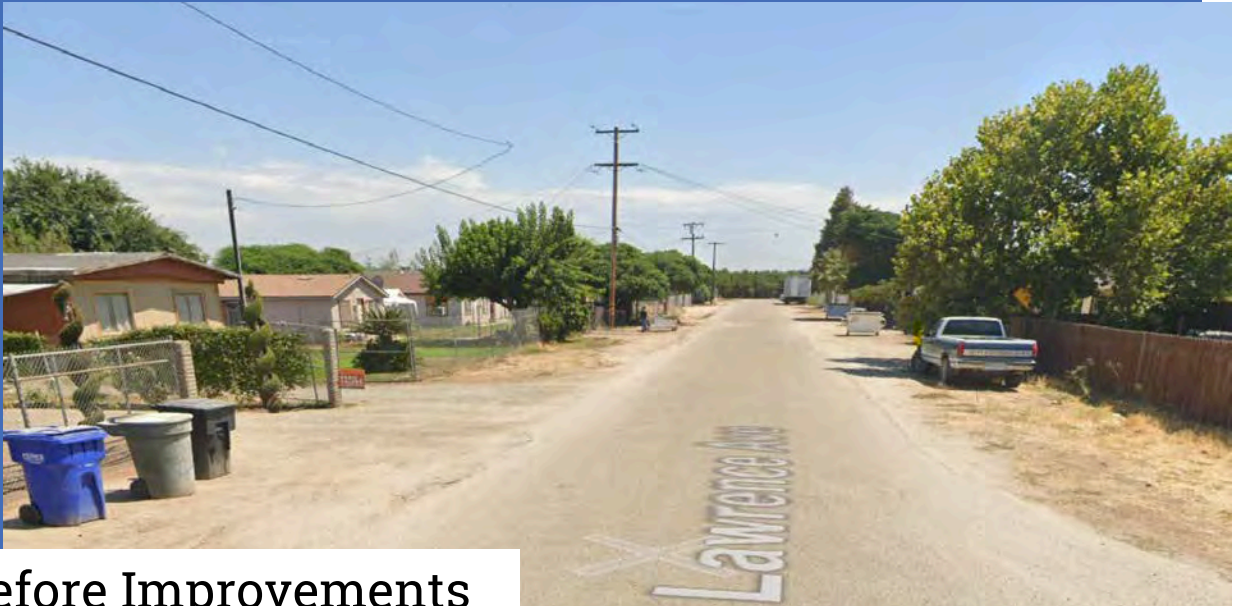
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Delft Colony Road Rehabilitation

Lawrence Ave from Road 57 to East End



Before Improvements



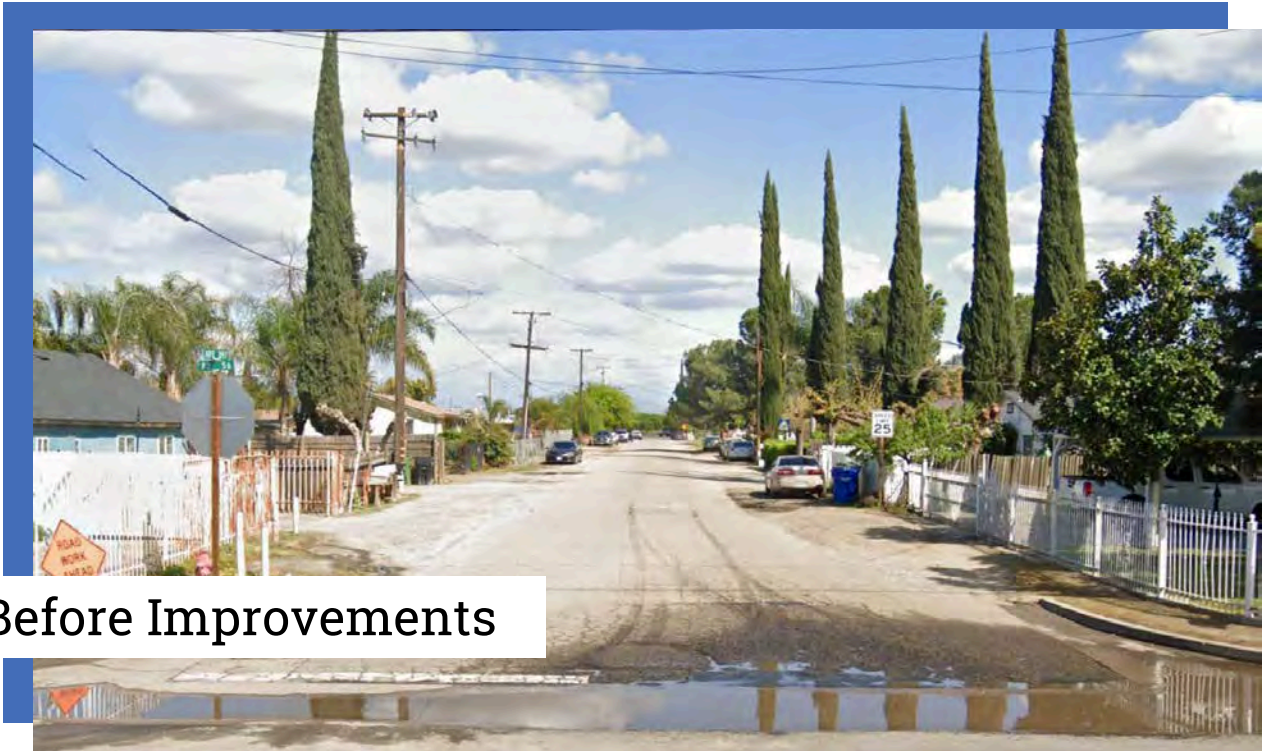
After Improvements



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Delft Colony Road Rehabilitation

Avenue 397 from Road 57 to Road 56



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Earlimart Blade Road Rehabilitation

South State Street



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Earlimart Blade Road Rehabilitation

Clay Avenue



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Goshen Road Rehabilitation

Elder Ave from Ivy Road to Road 69



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Goshen Road Rehabilitation

Road 70 from Ave 308 to Ave 310



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Ivanhoe Road Rehabilitation

Heather from Road 159 to Manzanita



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Ivanhoe Road Rehabilitation

Hawthorne from Avenue 330 to Lantana



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Lindcove Road Rehabilitation

Ave 306 from Road 224 to Road 228



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Lindcove Road Rehabilitation

Ave 306 from Road 224 to Road 228



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Richgrove Road Rehabilitation

Road 224 from Ave 2 to Ave 8



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Springville Road Rehabilitation

River View Drive at River Island Drive



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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Springville Road Rehabilitation

Meadow Drive at Tule Oak to End



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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2024 SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM PROJECT

BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS

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2024 Slurry Seal Program

Tulare (Lewis Lane)



Before Improvements



After Improvements



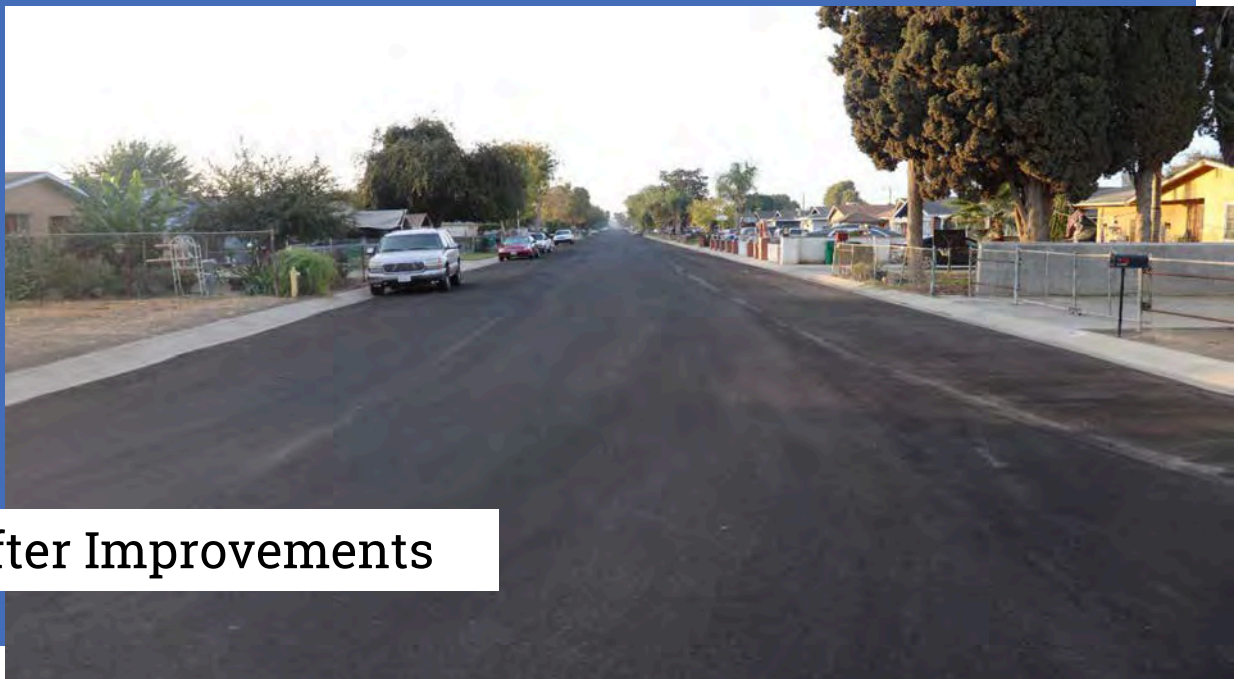
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2024 Slurry Seal Program

Tulare (Avenue 228)



Before Improvements



After Improvements



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2024 Slurry Seal Program

Orosi (Avenue 419)



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Before Improvements



After Improvements



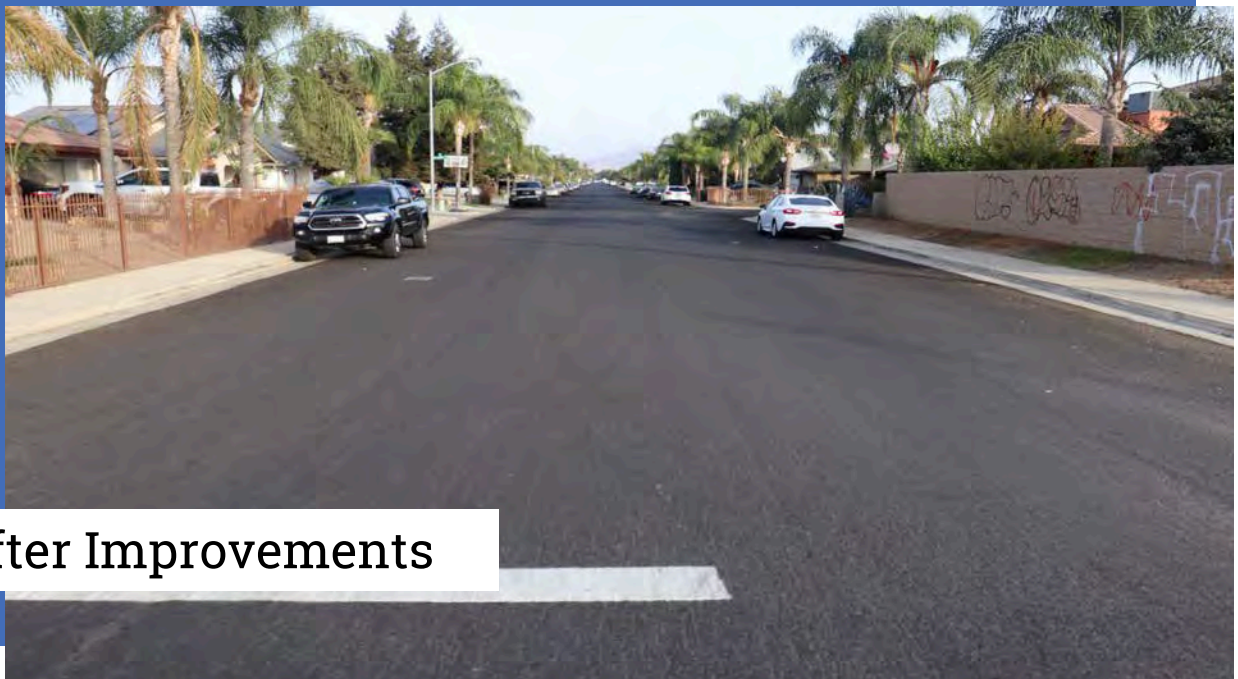
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2024 Slurry Seal Program

Orosi (Aceves Avenue)



Before Improvements



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2024 Slurry Seal Program

Lindsay (Lafayette Avenue)



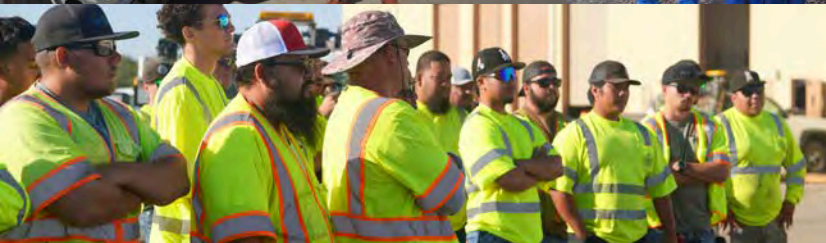
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7th Largest
County in California
4,823.9
Square Miles of Land



The RMA
Maintains Nearly
3,000
Miles of Road
Yearly



The RMA Approves
3-4,000+
Building Permits
Yearly



The RMA
Completed
\$54 million
In grant funding in
the last 3 years



The RMA Supports
40+
Tulare County
Communities



The RMA
Collaborates with
All 8 Tulare County
Cities

RMA Leadership Team

The Resource Management Agency (RMA) does big work in our community. We are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of Tulare County residents while preserving our valuable environmental resources. RMA is committed to delivering excellent customer service and reliable project support to residents, developers, and business owners.



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ABOUT THE TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) oversees critical operations that support infrastructure, land use, and economic development across nearly 5,000 square miles. From the road maintenance of nearly 3,000 miles of roadway to permitting and long-range planning, as well as business support, and the proactive pursuit of grant funding and forest health oversight, RMA helps shape a safe, resilient, and business-ready Tulare County.

The RMA carries out its mission through three key branches:

Public Works Branch

Manages and maintains essential infrastructure in unincorporated communities in close coordination with all eight incorporated cities.

Key functions include:

- Maintenance of nearly 3,000 miles of county roads
- Flood control and stormwater systems
- Airports, traffic signals, and signage
- Sewer and water systems
- Subdivision mapping and engineering services

Divisions: Roads, Engineering, County Surveyor, and Flood Control

Economic Development & Planning Branch

Guides development, supports business growth, and secures funding for countywide investment.

Core responsibilities:

- Land use planning, zoning, CEQA, and community/general plans
- Building permits, inspections, and code enforcement
- Business attraction, retention, and expansion (Grow Tulare County)
- Tourism promotion (Discover Tulare County)
- Film production coordination (Tulare County Film Commission)
- Pursuit and administration of local, state, and federal grants and Forest Health programming

Fiscal & Administrative Services Branch

Provides internal operational support to keep all agency programs running smoothly.

Services include:

- Budget and financial management
- Payroll and HR services
- Procurement and reimbursements
- Safety coordination and administrative support

Whether you are a resident, visitor, developer, builder, or business owner, we are here to support you as we accomplish our mission of protecting the health and safety of our residents, and preserving the environmental resources of our County.



The Tulare County Resource Management Team involved with this project included:

Public Works

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Claudia Sanchez, PE, Engineer IV

Karla Arteaga, RMA Management Coordinator I

Road Crew

Anthony Boland, Transportation Services Coordinator

Engelbert Cabeje, Road Superintendent (Road District 1)

Ernie Saucedo, Road Superintendent (Road District 2)

Shawn Hansen, Road Superintendent (Road District 4)

Karl Noland, Road Superintendent (Road District 5)

Steven Noland, Heavy Equipment Superintendent

Signs Team

Amy Farrell, Traffic Control Superintendent

Fiscal and Administrative Services

Valeri Holbrook, Staff Services Analyst III

Special Thanks to our teams and professional partners for the collaboration in completing the Road Rehabilitation and Slurry Seal Program Project.



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Thank you for your advocacy for Tulare County residents and visitors.