EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date:	April 23, 2025
Time:	3:00 pm
Location:	Madera County Transportation Commission In person and Zoom
Members Present:	Commissioner Waseem Ahmed Commissioner Robert Poythress Commissioner Jose Rodriguez Commissioner David Rogers Commissioner Rohi Zacharia
Member Absent:	Commissioner Robert Macaulay
Policy Advisory Committee:	Above Members James Perrault, Caltrans District 06
MCTC Staff:	Patricia Taylor, Executive Director Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner - Absent Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner - Absent Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst - Absent Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rodriguez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited by law from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items that are on today's agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item that is on today's agenda when the item is called and should notify the Chair of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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4-A. Notice of Federal Funding Opportunities
Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-B. Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 9 Notice of Funding Availability Released
Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-C. FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-D. Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 Technical Assistance
Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-E. Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Phase 3 of the Madera Station Relocation Project

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-F. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 5 – (Type 1 – Administrative Modification)
Action: Ratify

4-G. Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) List of Projects FY 2024-25
Action: Approve LCTOP List of Projects, Resolution 25-01

4-H. State Legislative Letters of Support and Opposition
Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-I. Letter of Support - Rail Infrastructure Improvements for Sustainable Exports Project (RIISE)
Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-J. Approve Social Services Transportation Advisory Council applicant for reappointment
Action: Approve the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council application for reappointment: Olga Garcia to represent a Local Social Service Provider for Older Adults

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4J

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve the Transportation Consent Items 4A-4J. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5-A. PUBLIC HEARING: 2025-26 Unmet Transit Needs
Action: Receive Public Comments Regarding Unmet Transit Needs for FY 2025-26

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. The following public comment was received:

The Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability submitted a letter including the following comments:

- There is a need to broaden and refine the categories for what constitutes an "unmet transit need"
- MCTC must conduct assessments of the needs of small unincorporated communities and share the specific findings for each community
- The solutions for unmet transit needs must go beyond what is a "simple fix"

5-B. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference Recap
Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

6. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – March 19, 2025
Action: Approve March 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Proposed FY 2025-26 Member Assessment Fees
Action: Approve proposed 2025-26 Member Assessment Fees Schedule and direct staff to contact the local jurisdictions to incorporate the fee in its respective jurisdiction budget

7-C. Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – Allocation, Resolution 24-09 Amendment No. 3 and Resolution 24-10 Amendment No. 3
Action: Approve Resolution 24-09 Amendment No. 3 and Resolution 24-10 Amendment No. 3

7-D. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Compliance Audits for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024: City of Chowchilla and City of Madera
Action: Accept TDA Compliance Audit Reports for FY ended June 30, 2024: City of Chowchilla and City of Madera

7-E. FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 4
Action: Approve OWP & Budget – Amendment No. 4

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7E

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7E. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8-A. FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Line-Item Budget
Action: Approve 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Line-Item Budget – Resolution 25-02

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Action/Discussion on Item A

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve Item 8A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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9-A. Measure T Audit Report Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024: City of Chowchilla and City of Madera
Action: Accept the Measure T Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024: City of Chowchilla and City of Madera

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Item 9A

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 9A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- The San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) invites the public to an open house meeting for the Madera High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station Full-Build Project Phase 3. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and to respond to general questions about the environmental analysis.

  The meeting will include a presentation and informational boards summarizing the Project and the Draft EIR. SJJPA staff will be available to answer questions of a general nature.

  Meeting Information:
  Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025
  Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  (Presentation scheduled from 5:50 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.)
  Location: Madera County Community College, Room TM-11
  30277 Avenue 12, Madera, CA 93638

- Tony Tavares, Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be retiring May 7, 2025.

11-B. Items from Caltrans

Jim Perrault, Caltrans District 06 provided the following comments:

- Michael Navarro is the new Director of Caltrans District 06, Shane Gunn has been appointed as the Interim Planning Director.
- The Madera South Expressway project, FHWA informed Caltrans that the $25 million in RURAL grant funds were at risk. Through collaboration between FHWA, Caltrans, and the County of Madera, the funds were successfully obligated.
- The Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant application was due January 22, 2025. District 06 received a grant application from Madera County Transportation Commission for a Climate Adaptation Planning Grant. The grant awards will be announced mid to late summer.
- The State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) is set for completion by June 30, 2025. With public workshops now concluded, the draft will

be available by April 30 for public review and was presented at the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference.

- The South Madera Six Lane project, Avenue 7 to Avenue 12, is in the process of addressing right-of-way issues with property owners. The right of way certification has been moved to October 1, 2025.
- The North Madera Six Lane project, Avenue 17-22 project environmental process has begun. The environmental review process is expected to take two years, targeted completion is April 2028. The contract to bid for construction is expected to begin in November 2030.
- The Downtown Madera Capital Preventative Maintenance project utility certification is expected in June 2025. Construction anticipated to begin early 2026.
- The State Route 99/233 Interchange Improvement project 60% constructability review meeting is targeted for June 2025. Project ready to list for construction in summer 2026.
- Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement project northbound offramp is open to the public. Construction is anticipated to be completed June 2025.
- The Madera Ranchos Rehabilitation project between Avenue 15 and State Route 145 project is open to traffic. Project completion is anticipated in April 2025.
- The Chowchilla Capital Preventative Maintenance project includes Class II bike lanes, ADA ramps, bulb-outs, enhanced visibility crosswalks, sidewalks, and flashing beacons. The Project Report was approved September 2024, the PS&E right of way phases are underway, and ready to list November 2026.
- During the March meeting, Supervisor Macaulay posed questions to Caltrans, which were subsequently answered via email.

11-C. Items from Commissioners

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

12-A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)). Position: Executive Director

12-B. Report of Closed Session Actions. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1 and 54957.7 any required reports of Closed Session actions will be made at this time)

Policy Board reported satisfactory evaluation of Executive Director.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission