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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Place: Madera County Transportation Commission
 Conference Room
 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
 Second Floor – Citizens Business Bank Bldg.

Agenda

Item	Description	Enclosure	Action
MCTC sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee			
I.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE		
II.	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 Chairman of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.		
III.	TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by MCTC staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.		
	A. Initiate 2013-14 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process	Yes	Info/Disc
	B. Valley Voice – Sacramento 2012 Trip – March 13-14, 2013	No	Info/Disc
	C. Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (FTA 5310), Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) (FTA 5316), New Freedom (FTA 5317) and Rural Transit & Intercity Bus (FTA 5311) – Call for Projects	No	Info/Disc
	D. San Joaquin Valley – Plug-In Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council	Yes	Info/Disc
IV.	TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS		
	A. 2014 RTP Schedule and SB 375 Process - PowerPoint Presentation	Yes	Info/Disc
	B. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council – Appointment Alternate	No	Appoint

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| C. | California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) Appointment and Regional Issues Forum | Yes | Appoint |
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MCTC Sitting as the Madera County Transportation Commission

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| V. | REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE | No | Reaffirm |
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VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. | 2013-14 Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Estimates | Yes | Info/Disc |
| B. | Transportation Development Act (STA) – Allocations, STA Resolution 12-10 Amendment No. 2 | Yes | Approve |

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. None

MCTC Sitting as the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority

VIII. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. | FY 2011-12 MCTA Audit Report | Yes | Accept |
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IX. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. None

X. Miscellaneous

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| A. | Items from Caltrans | No | Info/Disc |
| B. | Items from Staff | No | Info/Disc |
| C. | Items from Commissioners | No | Info/Disc |

XI. Adjournment

No

***Items listed above as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.**

Annotated Agenda

Madera County Transportation Commission February 20, 2013 Meeting

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Initiate 2013-14 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process

Summary: The State Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that the MCTC Policy Board determine that public transportation needs within Madera County will be reasonably met in FY 2013/14 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for streets and roads. The MCTC's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Madera County. The request for comments letters, included in your package, will be mailed late February 2013.

MCTC's Unmet Transit Needs public hearing is scheduled as follows:

- PUBLIC HEARING – Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
Location: Madera County Transportation Commission Board Room
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA

First Transit will provide free demand response service to the hearing. A Spanish language interpreter will also be available for those who wish to testify in Spanish. A public notice will be printed in the local newspapers and flyers will be distributed throughout the community publicizing the hearing. *(Thompson)*

Action: Information and Discussion Only

B. Valley Voice – Sacramento 2013 Trip – March 13-14, 2013

Summary: The annual San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Valley Voice trip to Sacramento will take place on March 13-14, 2013. Elected officials and MPO staff from each of the eight San Joaquin Valley counties will meet with representatives from the Assembly, Senate, and statewide agencies to advocate for the priority issues identified in the Valley Legislative Platform.

This item serves as a reminder. At this time, Mayor Poythress, Supervisor Wheeler, Patricia Taylor, and Jeff Findley will be attending. *(Taylor)*

Action: Information and Discussion only

C. Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (FTA 5310), Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) (FTA 5316), New Freedom (FTA 5317) and Rural Transit & Intercity Bus (FTA 5311) – Call for Projects

Summary: **Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (FTA 5310)** – The Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program was established by the Federal Transit Administration for meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities in areas where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. It allows for the procurement of accessible vans and busses; communication equipment; and computer hardware and software for eligible applicants.

Approximately \$13 million is available for the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 utilizing the remaining funding from Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

A Grant Application Workshops will be held in Modesto on Thursday, January 24th.

Application due date to regional planning agency is *on or before* **March 11, 2013**.

Application due date to Caltrans is *on or before* **May 13, 2013**.

Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) (FTA 5316) - The Job Access and Reverse Commute program (JARC) goals are to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for low-income individuals and welfare recipients and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

Approximately \$1.08 million in federal funds (including Toll Credits) are available for this cycle to be applied to urbanized areas 50,000 to 199,999 in population.

Approximately \$795 thousand in federal funds (including Toll Credits) are available for this cycle for non-urbanized areas less than 50,000 in population.

Application due date to regional planning agency is *on or before* **March 29, 2013**.

Application due date to Caltrans is *on or before* **April 19, 2013**.

New Freedom (FTA 5317) - The New Freedom program goals are to provide new public transportation services to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation into society while expanding the transportation mobility options available to persons with disabilities beyond requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Approximately \$950 thousand in federal funds (including Toll Credits) are available for this cycle to be applied to urbanized areas 50,000 to 199,999 in population.

Approximately \$481 thousand in federal funds (including Toll Credits) are available for this cycle for non-urbanized areas less than 50,000 in population.

Application due date to regional planning agency is *on or before* **March 29, 2013**.

Application due date to Caltrans is *on or before* **April 19, 2013**.

Rural Transit & Intercity Bus (FTA 5311) - Section 5311 is a non-urbanized area formula funding grant program. This federal grant program provides funding for public transit in non-urbanized areas with a population fewer than 50,000 as designated by the Bureau of the Census. The California State Department of Transportation Division of Mass Transportation is the delegated grantee.

5311 funding is apportioned as follows:

- **75% Regional Apportionment** -- is distributed to non-urban areas based on population through Transportation Planning Agencies whose county or region contains a non-urbanized area as identified by the United State Census Bureau. This Regional Apportionment is based on the population.
- **15% Intercity Bus Program** -- is apportioned to the Intercity Bus Program (FTA 5311(f) which promotes intercity transit in the non-urbanized areas of the state.
- **10% State Administrative Expenses**-- is distributed to administer both the 5311 & 5311(f) grant funding programs.

An estimated \$25.1 million will be allocated to enhance public transportation in rural areas during this cycle. This amount excludes the amount allowable for program administration and 5311(f) discretionary funding.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) repealed the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program. However, JARC-like projects can now be funded under the Section 5311 Program.

Application due date to Caltrans is *on or before* **April 5, 2013**. All FFY 2013 projects must be programmed prior to the Division's submittal to FTA. (*Stone*)

Action: Information and Discussion Only

D. San Joaquin Valley – Plug-In Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District approved the funding of two grants, one from the California Energy Commission and the US. Department of Energy, totaling \$275,000, to increase zero-emission and clean vehicle awareness and deployment in the San Joaquin Valley. These two grants funded the formation of the San Joaquin Valley Plug-in Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council (SJV PEVCC) and the strategic planning for PEVs and public and private charging infrastructure, also known as Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) in the San Joaquin Valley. The SJV PEVCC will be comprised of representatives from local governments, public agencies, utilities, local universities and community colleges, industry and the nonprofit sector. *(Stone)*

Action: Information and Discussion Only

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2014 RTP/SCS Update – Power Point Presentation

Summary: The **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** The RTP is a 25-year planning tool prepared by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation and development of a regional intermodal transportation system that will serve the mobility needs of goods and people.

A **Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)** element is now required by SB 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008. SB 375 mandates regional GHG reduction targets for passenger vehicles. Pursuant to this act, the California Air Resources (CARB) has established 2020 and 2035 GHG reduction targets for each region covered by one of the state's metropolitan planning organizations. As the MPO for the Madera County, MCTC is required to prepare an SCS that demonstrates how GHG reduction target will be met through integrated land use, housing, and transportation planning. For the first time, this will entail the development of alternative RTP growth/land use scenarios in coordination with and relative to the typical RTP infrastructure-based funding allocations scenarios.

The target date for adoption of MCTC 2014 RTP/SCS is October, 2013. Work is underway on various fronts. The RTP/SCS Roundtable held its first meetings in November and January and will continue to meet on a monthly basis throughout the RTP/SCS process. Round 1 of the RTP/SCS public outreach is almost complete with four (4) meetings held in Madera County. Parallel to the outreach process, MCTC staff is coordinating with consultants a development of the CUBE LAND model and preparing all necessary background information for the scenario development. It is anticipated that the final scenarios will be released in May of 2013. *(Winning)*

Action: Information and Discussion Only

B. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council – Appointment Alternate

Summary: The creation of the SJV Regional Policy Council is a key partnership that exemplifies the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies' approach to working on regional issues. The sixteen member Regional Policy Council was established to discuss and build regional consensus on issues of Valley importance. The council consists of two elected officials and one alternate appointed from each of the regional planning agencies policy board. The Council is positioned to have a unique and potential pivotal position in further Valley collaborative efforts and improving the quality of life for all Valley residents. The Policy Council provides guidance on common interregional policy issues and also represents the San Joaquin Valley at public forums such as the California Transportation Commission, the Governor and his administration as well as State and Federal legislative bodies that require a common voice from the San Joaquin Valley.

Madera County Transportation Commission's representation is as follows: Mayor Rob Poythress (Vice Chair of the SJV Regional Policy Council); Supervisor Tom Wheeler; and Supervisor Frank Bigelow as the alternate. Frank Bigelow was successful on his election to the Assembly; therefore, the Policy Board is requested to appoint an alternate as his replacement. *(Taylor)*

Action: Appoint an Alternate to serve on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

D. California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) Appointment and Regional Issues Forum

Summary: The Madera County Transportation Commission's is a member of the California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG). Supervisor Frank Bigelow was appointed by the MCTC Policy Board to service on the CALCOG Board of Directors. Supervisor Bigelow was successful on his election to the Assembly; therefore, the Policy Board is requested to appoint a MCTC Commissioner to serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors.

The CALCOG Regional Leadership Forum will be in Monterey on April 3-5, 2013. Included in your package is a copy of the draft Conference Schedule. The first day will include a New Board Member Orientation in the afternoon.

Background:

The California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG) works to ensure the success of its members by facilitating communication and information sharing between its members, other local officials, state and federal agencies, and the public. Most members are formed as councils of governments (COGs), meaning they represent joint powers agreements of cities and counties, while others are transportation commission's created by statute, such as MCTC. All members are governed by locally elected officials chosen by their peers.

COGs and Transportation Commissions engage in regional planning and program implementation on a wide variety of issues, including transportation, housing, the economy, energy, and the environment. As such, they are uniquely positioned to build consensus across political boundaries and create important efficiencies for local governments.

Members (included in your package):

The interests and character of the 35 individual members vary widely. They range from the Lake County/City Area Planning Council (population 64,000) to the Southern California Association of Governments (population 18 million). Some are transportation providers, Orange County Transportation Agency, and others are COGs that take on any issue that the local agencies agree can best be addressed regionally, Association of Bay Area Governments. Some members benefit from self help revenue, when a county has passed a sales tax measure to support transportation, and 18 of its members are federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) responsible for developing regional transportation plans under federal law and sustainable communities' strategies under state law (MCTC).

This "small number, diverse interest" character of its membership creates a unique forum that CALCOG members value. They may not always agree, but CALCOG provides a safe place to have important policy discussions.

Each member may appoint a local elected official from their board to serve on the CALCOG board. In addition, to reflect the level of partnership between regional and local agencies, both the California State Association of Counties and League of California Cities may appoint a representative to the CALCOG board.

Additional information concerning CALCOG can be found on its website at: <http://www.calcog.org/>
(Taylor)

Action: Appoint a MCTC Commissioner to serve on the California Association of Council of Governments Board of Directors

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

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. 2013-14 Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Estimates

Summary: Local Transportation Fund (LTF): Prior to February 1 of each year, the county auditor provides MCTC an estimate of monies to be available for apportionment and allocation during the ensuing fiscal year. The estimate for FY 2013-14 is **\$3,866,471**. The estimate includes monies anticipated to be deposited in the fund during the ensuing fiscal year. The county auditor makes an estimate from such data including those which may be furnished by the State Board of Equalization. The county auditor will furnish a revised or updated estimate of funds available when requested by MCTC staff.

State Transit Assistance (STA): Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99312.7, the State Controller is directed to send a preliminary estimate of STA Funds to each transportation planning agency. For fiscal year 2013-14, there is \$391,972,000 budgeted according to the most current information from the State Controller's Office. STA allocation estimate for Madera County is **\$791,017**.

MCTC advised prospective LTF claimants of the estimated area apportionments within Madera County. Applicants must file LTF and STA applications with MCTC by April 1, 2013. (*McNeil*)

Action: Information and Discussion only

B. Transportation Development Act (STA) – Allocations, STA Resolution 12-10 Amendment No. 2

Summary: Included in your package is a STA allocation amendment from the County of Madera. The County has requested to reallocate their STA apportionments. (*McNeil*)

Action: Approve Transportation Development Act (STA) – Fund Allocations, STA Resolution 12-10 Amendment No. 2

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None

MCTC Sitting as the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority

VIII. AUTHORITY – CONSENT ITEMS

A. FY 11-12 MCTA Audit Report

Summary: MCTA has received the Measure “T” Compliance Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012 for the Madera County Transportation Authority. This report was done in accordance with Section 99245 of the Public Utilities Code by Price, Paige, and Company.

We are pleased to report that there are no adverse findings. (*McNeil*)

Action: Accept the Madera County Transportation Authority June 30, 2012 Measure “T” Audit Report

IX. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None

X. Miscellaneous

- A.** Items from Caltrans
- B.** Items from Staff
- C.** Items from Commissioners

XI. Adjournment
