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July 3, 2018

Patricia Taylor  
Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission  
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201  
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Support Madera Region SR 99 Widening Project

Dear Ms. Taylor:

On behalf of the Madera County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express support for the Madera County Transportation Commission's regionally significant project currently under consideration for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program funding.

The Madera County Board of Supervisors fully supports the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) BUILD grant application for the California State Route 99 – Avenue 12 to Avenue 17 in Madera County – widen from 4-6 lanes project. Federal funding for this project will assist in enhancing a vital freight corridor through California. MCTC, representing the Madera Regional Agencies (County and Cities), has also contributed \$2.6 million in local transportation measure funds as demonstration of support for this project.

SR 99 serves as the backbone of the Central Valley's agriculture economy. Identified in the California Freight Plan, this shovel-ready project would strengthen a major goods movement section of SR 99 through the City of Madera and reduce the time it takes for perishable commodities to go from farm to markets throughout the United States and around the world. Renewed investment in this critical route will improve safety, reduce congestion, and better facilitate the flow of goods and services in the San Joaquin Valley. Furthermore, funding this shovel-ready project will stimulate job creation in an area faced with consistently high unemployment.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project application for the BUILD program funding. We appreciate the opportunity to support the Madera County Transportation Commission in their efforts to complete this project.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Tom Wheeler  
Chairman