

MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Time: 3:03 p.m.

Place: MCTC Board Chambers

Members Present: Chairman - Andrew Medellin – Mayor, City of Madera
Vice Chairman -Brett Frazier - Supervisor, Madera County
Waseem Ahmed – Councilmember, City of Chowchilla
Tom Wheeler - Supervisor, Madera County
Max Rodriguez - Supervisor, Madera County
William Oliver – Councilmember, City of Madera

Members Absent: None

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members present and Caltrans Representatives:
Gail Miller, Dist. 06, Planning Director

MCTC Staff Present: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Dylan Stone, Regional Planning Supervisor
Troy McNeil, Fiscal Supervisor
Jeff Findley, Senior Regional Planner
Amelia Davies, Regional Planner
Sandy Ebersole, Grants Analyst
Sheila Kingsley, Office Asst.

MCTC sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. *Initiate 2017-18 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process*

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 2017/18 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 the Commissioner's packet, will be mailed late February 2017.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Wednesday, April 19, 2017 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

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

B. Memorandum of Understanding with Caltrans for Planning and Programming

The Caltrans' Division of Transportation Planning is currently updating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Planning and Programming with the various MPOs throughout the state. This document is an agreement between Caltrans and each MPO that outlines overall planning and programming roles and responsibilities. It was last updated in 2005, and while the update is mostly consistent with the previous agreement, many citations have been corrected and the following sections have been added:

- Coordination in urban areas that cross MPA boundaries
- Resolution of disagreements
- New section on Consultation
- Performance based planning
- Listing of obligated projects

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of the MOU requesting authorization for signature to enter into the MOU.

Action: Approve and authorize MCTC Chair signature for execution.

C. Federal Lands Access Program

Federal Lands Access Program (CA FLAP) is a competitive, discretionary program for states, counties, tribes and local governments. The program provides funds for transportation facilities that provide access to, or are located on or adjacent to Federal lands, with emphasis placed on facilities that improve access to high use recreation sites or Federal economic generators. The Federal lands access transportation facility must be owned or maintained by the state, tribe or local government. Applications are due April 7, 2017. For more information please see:

<https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/ca/>

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

D. National Governors Association Request for Infrastructure Projects

The National Governors Association is collecting priority infrastructure projects throughout the country in response to a request by the Federal government for shovel-ready projects that meet the following criteria:

- A national security or public safety "emergency"
- Be on a path to "shovel-ready" – with at least 30 percent of initial design and engineering work already completed – such that they could be initiated in 2017
- Direct job creator
- Project with the potential for increased U.S. manufacturing

The Commission submitted the SR 99 Avenue 12 to Avenue 17 Widening Project for consideration.

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

E. Draft 2017/18 – 2021/22 Short Range Transit Development Plan

Available on the MCTC website is a copy of the Draft *Madera County Short-Range Transit Development Plan FY2017/18 – FY2021/22 (SRTDP)*. The SRTDP is a 5-year planning document that is intended to serve as a guide for improving public transit agencies within Madera County. The primary objectives of the SRTDP are to:

- Develop transit goals, objectives, and performance standards.
- Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the existing transit systems.
- Develop a 5-year service plan to improve transit services based upon community need and public input.
- Provide marketing and outreach strategies to promote ridership.
- Develop financially feasible capital and operating plans that address existing and future transit needs.

The draft SRTDP will be available to local agency staff, the Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC), and the general public for review and comment. All public comments must be received by Friday, March 3, 2017. Comments may be incorporated into the final SRTDP document pending MCTC staff review. For the complete draft SRTDP please see: <http://www.maderactc.org/projects/transit/>

The final SRTDP will be submitted to the MCTC Policy Board in March for approval.

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

F. State Route 41 Draft Environmental Impact Report – SCH#2015051074

The MCTC Policy Board at its January 18, 2017 meeting requested staff to draft a letter supporting the County of Madera's comments related to the SR 41 Draft EIR. Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of MCTC's comment letter addressed to Caltrans prepared by staff in consultation with MCTC's legal counsel, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP.

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

G. Assembly Bill 174

Assemblyman Bigelow, along with a bipartisan coalition, introduced AB 174, which requires one voting member of the California Transportation Commission to reside in a county with a population of less than 100,000. Currently, the California Transportation Commission consists of 11 voting members. There are no requirements to fill these positions. This bill will ensure the voices of small, rural California counties are heard.

Attached is a fact sheet for your reference. The language of AB 174 can be found here: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB174

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

Transportation Consent Calendar Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Wheeler to approve the Transportation Consent Calendar (Items A-G). A vote was called and the motion carried.

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

A. 12th Annual San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference

The Annual San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference will be hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, representing eight counties within the San Joaquin Valley including Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin. The 2017 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference will take place March 8th through 10th at the Falls Event Center in Fresno.

This forum provides an excellent avenue for our Valley to communicate on regional issues that impact the entire San Joaquin Valley region. Issues such as transportation, air quality and state and federal advocacy for community priorities will be covered at this conference.

Additional details related to the conference can be found at: <http://www.fresnocog.org/12th-annual-san-joaquin-valley-policy-conference>

MCTC extends the invite to its Policy Board members. If you are interested, please contact Sheila Kingsley at sheila@maderactc.org or (559) 675-0721 extension 10.

Action: Information and Discussion Only

B. 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment, Addendum EIR Update

The 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were adopted by the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) Board in June of 2014. Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) introduced a new component of the Regional Transportation Plan involves the development of a sustainable communities strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from vehicle tailpipes through the integration of transportation and land use planning. The California Air Resource Board (ARB) established targets for GHG reductions in the years 2020 and 2035 measured against GHG levels in 2005. The 2014 RTP/SCS preferred planning scenario did not meet the GHG reduction goals established by ARB. SB 375 provides an option for a RTP/SCS which does not meet the targets to develop an Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) which can. MCTC will be amending the 2014 RTP/SCS instead of creating an APS to demonstrate GHG reductions meeting the exceeding the reduction targets established by the ARB.

MCTC Staff is finalizing an amendment to the 2014 RTP/SCS and EIR. This amendment will be the culmination of many staff and consultant hours aimed towards assessing why the preferred RTP/SCS scenario was unable to meet the GHG reduction targets, what steps need to be taken to develop a scenario which does meet the targeted reductions, and actions taken to implement a plan that does meet the GHG targeted reductions. In the steps leading to the decision to amend the plan, staff decided to forgo the creation of an APS to focus on a plan that is both feasible and fiscally constrained as required of an RTP but not an APS.

Staff will convene the Madera County SCS stakeholder committee, hold public workshop, and meet with interested individual groups to provide comprehensive information regarding the amendment of the 2014 RTP/SCS and EIR before officially bringing the amendment before the MCTC board. Staff expects the total outreach and amendment process to be completed this fiscal year and to be acted upon by the MCTC Board in Spring of 2017.

Action: Information and Discussion Only.

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

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Frazier seconded by Commissioner Oliver to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called and the motion carried.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes – January 18, 2017

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of the January 18, 2017 Executive Minutes of the Policy Board.

Action: Approve Executive Minutes of January 18, 2017.

B. 2017-18 Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Estimates

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 2017-18 is **\$3,935,153**. 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 2017-18, there is \$293,792,000 budgeted according to the most current information from the State Controller's Office. The STA allocation estimate for Madera County is **\$581,318**.

MCTC advised prospective LTF claimants of the estimated area apportionments within Madera County.

Action: Information and Discussion only

Administrative Consent Calendar Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Oliver to approve the Administrative Consent Calendar (Items A-B). A vote was called and the motion carried.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. *DRAFT FY 2017/18 Overall Work Program and Budget*

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of the DRAFT 2017-18 MCTC Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget. This document is prepared annually pursuant to Caltrans guidelines and is required to be submitted to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA. The OWP discusses the MCTC, its organizational structure, regional planning issues, and presents work element descriptions and budgets. Following review, the OWP will be brought before the Commission for adoption at its May 2017 meeting.

The Annual Group Meeting, which includes the federal and state agency review group that meets with MCTC staff, was conducted on January 19, 2017 to help prepare for the FY 2017/18 OWP.

The DRAFT 2017-18 MCTC Overall Work Program (OWP) is also available for download at:

Action: MCTC Board authorized circulation of Draft 2017-18 MCTC Overall Work Program for agency review.

MCTC Sitting as the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority

VIII. AUTHORITY – CONSENT ITEMS

None.

IX. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

X. Miscellaneous

A. *Items from Caltrans*

Gail Miller, Dist. 06, Planning Director, provided a brief update on the local projects in Madera County

B. *Items from Staff*

Wye Madera County requested MCTC to support the Wye Madera County Center Point Heavy Maintenance Facility expression of interest to the California High Speed Rail Authority.

C. *Items from Commissioners*

AB1 and SB1 were discussed among the Commissioners and staff.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission