

MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: November 23, 2022
Time: 3:05 pm
Place: Madera County Transportation Commission
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Vice Chair, Diana Palmer, Council Member, City of Chowchilla
Brett Frazier, Supervisor, County of Madera
Cecelia Gallegos, Council Member, City of Madera
Robert Poythress, Supervisor, County of Madera
Jose Rodriguez, Council Member, City of Madera

Members Absent: Chairman Tom Wheeler, Supervisor, County of Madera

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members
Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director

MCTC Staff: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor - Absent
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner
Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner
Nicholas Dybas, Associate Regional Planner
Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst - Absent
Sheila Kingsley, Office Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Palmer**
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 Chairman of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.

No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. POLICY TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Action: Information and Discussion Only

B. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2022 Targeted Airshed Grant Program

Action: Information and Discussion Only

C. 2022 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Final Program Guidelines for General Fund Augmentation and Call for Projects

Action: Information and Discussion Only

D. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Carbon Reduction Program (RP) Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only

E. 2023 Active Transportation Program (ATP), California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff Recommendations

Action: Information and Discussion Only

F. Draft Interim Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) Comment Letter

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- G. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District withdraws the 2018 PM2.5 Plan for 2021 PM2.5 Standard

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- H. State Legislative Update – Election Results

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- I. Assembly Bill 2449 Brown Act Updates

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- J. Update on the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program Round 1

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- K. Continuation of Teleconferenced Meeting – Resolution 21-15 Amendment No. 14

Action: Approve Continuation of Teleconferenced Meetings by Resolution 21-15 No. 14.

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items A-K.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to approve Consent Calendar Items A-K. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. MCTC Policy Board Support of the California Inland Port Project and a Grant Application for Port and Freight Infrastructure Program Funding

The following public comments on this item were made by Madeline Harris, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability:

- The MCTC Board should not support the Inland Port System currently nor support the submittal of a grant application.
- The vision of the Inland Port System is not realistically able to meet its objectives of reducing emissions created in the goods movement process by transitioning more goods movement to rail and away from heavy trucks.
- Inland Port System sites may potentially be located near already burdened communities who may suffer negative side effects because of truck travel associated with the project.
- The Inland Port System project should not move forward unless environmental justice consideration are addressed.
- The process to develop the Inland Port System is not transparent and there has been no meaningful community engagement or engagement with community-based organizations.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos to adopt Resolution 22-18 expressing the MCTC Policy Board's support for the California Inland Port Project and a grant application for Port and Freight Infrastructure Program Funding. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	No
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes

Vote passed 4-1

B. Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Housing Planning Grants Program

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos to approve submittal of the MCTC REAP 2.0 Housing Planning Grant Final Application and Delegate authority to Executive Director to submit a Final Application for the REAP 2.0 Program by adoption of Resolution 22-19. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Yes

Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes
Vote passed 5-0	

C. FY 2023-2024 California State Grant Opportunities

Action: Information and Discussion Only

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos 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 Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes
Vote passed 5-0	

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes – October 19, 2022

Action: Approve October 19, 2022, meeting minutes.

B. Transportation Development Act (LTF-STa) – Allocation, Resolution 22-09 Amendment No. 1, Resolution 22-10 Amendment No.1

Action: Approve Resolution 22-09 Amendment No.1, Resolution 22-10 Amendment No. 1.

C. Reasonable Accommodations Policy for Madera County Transportation Commission Meetings Subject to the Brown Act

Action: Approve the Reasonable Accommodations Policy for Madera County Transportation Commission Meetings Subject to the Brown Act.

Approval Administrative Consent Calendar Action A-C

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 3

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos to approve OWP & Budget – Amendment No. 3.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Action: Information and Discussion Only

B. Continuation of Teleconferenced Meetings – Resolution 21-1 Amendment No. 14

Action: Approve Continuation of Teleconferenced Meetings by Resolution 21-1 Amendment No. 14.

Authority Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Items A-B

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes
Vote passed 5-0	

10. AUTHORITY - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing: Measure T FY 2022-23 Annual Work Program

Vice Chair Palmer opened the floor for public comments.

The following public comments were received by Madeline Harris, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability:

- Requested county staff to specify projects funded by SB1 funds in Fairmead.
- Recommends Measure T to fund street lighting in Fairmead and LaVina.
- Recommends that an equity component be introduced into how the County prioritizes transportation projects in its pavement management system.
- Recommends safe routes to school funding to be prioritized at Sierra Vista Elementary to improve the school drop-off system for children (Ellen Bitter and Commissioner Gallegos provided a response).

- Requested MCTC staff to review prior unmet transit needs comments received from the Leadership Counsel.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Palmer to approve the 2022-23 Measure “T” Annual Work Program and the disbursement of interest earned through June 30, 2022. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Frazier	Absent-Commissioner Frazier left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Chairman Wheeler	Absent
Vice Chair Palmer	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

B. Measure T Election Results – November 8, 2022

The following public comments were received by Madeline Harris, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability:

- Provided opinion and perspective on why Measure T failed: community wasn’t meaningfully engaged; residents and community organizations’ feedback were not addressed; and the Investment Plan was not what the voters wanted.
- Recommended a community-wide discussion on Measure T through an in-person public forum if/when moving forward with a renewal measure and hire a new pro-facilitator that can conduct meaningful community engagement.
- The Leadership Counsel should not be characterized as opposition any longer and recognizes Measure T is a super important funding source to get projects done. Expressed interest in working together to create a community driven transportation future.

Action: Information and Discussion Only

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- Provided a verbal report on the Focus on the Future Conference (November 13-15) – attended by Patricia Taylor, Executive Director; Troy McNeil, Fiscal Supervisor/Deputy Director; Commissioner Poythress, and Commissioner Palmer.
- Alerted the Policy Board to review the FY 2023-24 meeting schedule that was included in the consent calendar, noting the month of October meeting date change.
- Presented Recognition of Service plaques to Commissioner Frazier, Commissioner Palmer, and Commissioner Wheeler.

B. Items from Caltrans

Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director, provided a brief update on State Highway projects in Madera County.

C. Items from Commissioners

This time was reserved for the Commissioners to inquire about specific projects.

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission