

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: September 20, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Madera County Transportation Commission
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Cecelia Gallegos
Commissioner Jose Rodriguez
Commissioner Robert Poythress
Commissioner Jeff Troost (Alternate)

Members Absent: Commissioner Waseem Ahmed
Commissioner Leticia Gonzalez
Commissioner David Rogers

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

MCTC Staff: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner
Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner
Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER by Jose 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. The following public comments were received:

La Vina resident requested updates regarding the Transportation and Mobility Study.

Fairmead resident requested educational workshops regarding mobility in Fairmead. Fairmead is a disadvantaged community needing ramps and sidewalks. Residents would like something done.

No further comment was presented. Public comment was closed.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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4-A. Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) Amended List of Projects FY 2022-23

Action: Approve LCTOP List of Projects - Resolution 23-03 Amendment No. 1

- 4-B. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Revised State of Good Repair (SGR) Project List
Action: Approve Resolution 22-11 Amendment No. 1, adopting a Revised FY 2022-23 SGR project list to be submitted in the amount of \$61,180
- 4-C. Fiscal Year 2023-24 State of Good Repair (SGR) Project List
Action: Approve Resolution 23-11, adopting the FY 2023-24 SGR project list to be submitted in the amount of \$257,366
- 4-D. 2023-24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant awarded to Madera County
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-E. Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-F. FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program (TCP)
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-G. Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-H. FY 2023 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-I. SB 125 Transit Program
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-J. Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) 2.0
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-K. 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Update
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-L. Call for Projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-M. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Vacancy
Action: Information and Discussion Only

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4M

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to approve the Transportation Consent Items 4A-4M. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Troost	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5-A. MCTC 2023 Public Participation Plan Update – Public Hearing

Action: Conduct Public Hearing. Adopt MCTC 2023 Public Participation Plan

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

A member of the public suggested simultaneous interpretation during meetings, hold meetings in the evenings, additional ways to connect with the community can be attending community public outreach events, and other public meetings.

Andrea Uribe, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, requested a longer window of time to request an interpreter for MCTC public meetings.

No further comment was presented. Public comment was closed.

Transportation Action/Discussion Item 5A

Upon motion by Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Troost, to approve the Transportation/Action Discussion Item 5A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Troost	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

5-B. 2023 State Budget and Legislative Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-C. 2023 Valley Voice – Washington D.C. Recap

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-D. Madera County Zero-Emission Vehicle Readiness and Implementation Plan

Action: Approve

Transportation Action/Discussion Item 5D

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to approve the Transportation/Action Discussion Item 5D. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
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Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Troost	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, 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 Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Troost	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – July 19, 2023

Action: Approve July 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – Allocation, Resolution 23-09 Amendment No. 1, Resolution 23-10 Amendment No. 1

Action: Approve Resolution 23-09 Amendment No. 1, Resolution 23-10 Amendment No. 1

7-C. Transportation Development Act (STA) – Apportionment, Resolution 23-07 Amendment No. 1

Action: Approve Resolution 23-07 Amendment No. 1

7-D. Triennial Performance Audit Request for Proposals (RFP)

Action: Authorize release of RFP

7-E. FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 2

Action: Approve OWP & Budget – Amendment No. 2

Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7E

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Gallegos Yes

Commissioner Poythress Yes

Commissioner Rodriguez Yes

Commissioner Troost Yes

Vote passed 4-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by MCTC staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Authority or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the items 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 Authority concerning the item before action is taken.

9-A. Executive Minutes – July 31, 2023 Special Meeting

Action: Approve July 31, 2023, Meeting Minutes

9-B. HdL Newsletter 1st Quarter 2023 – Measure T Sales Tax Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only

9-C. Focus on the Future 2023 Conference

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Administrative Consent Action on Items 9A-9C

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Gallegos Yes

Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Troost Yes
Vote passed 4-0

10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10-A. Measure T Renewal Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only. Direction may be provided.

Kendall Flint, DKS Associates, presented an update on the public outreach for a potential renewal of Measure T.

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

Member of the Public stated the time for the last ballot initiative was rushed. Consider it takes time for authentic outreach and input.

Fairmead resident stated Fairmead is a disadvantaged community and wants to know why money does not go to Fairmead. Would like to know what improvements have been made to La Vina and Fairmead.

La Vina resident would like a barrier between the homes and almond orchards to reduce the amount of dust to improve air quality.

Andrea Uribe, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability suggested recorded meetings, targeted locations with multiple rounds of outreach. Concerned that this is a rushed process.

Barbara Nelson, member of Fairmead and Friends, stated Fairmead has been left behind. Fairmead still has dirt roads, and they must cut down their own weeds. Fairmead needs help and wants a voice for their community.

No further comment was presented. Public comment was closed.

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11-A. Items from Staff

- Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, welcomed new staff member Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner
- There was a reminder about the October 18-19 California Transportation Commission meeting being held in Madera.

- There was a request to move the November Board Meeting date to November 29.
- Patricia publicly thanked staff for all their recent efforts.

11-B. Items from Caltrans

- Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director, provided a brief update on the Oakhurst Study, State Route 99 kick-off meeting was well attended, Caltrans is looking for ZEV options on the State Route 99 corridor, Cottonwood Creek project update, Madera Ranchos Rehabilitation project update, and Chowchilla CAPM project update.

11-C. Items from Commissioners

- Commissioner Gallegos announced the September 30th Annual Old Timer's Day Parade and Booths in the Park.
- Commissioner Rodriguez discussed ways to accommodate the public regarding meetings.

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PST", is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission