

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: January 17, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Locations: Madera County Transportation Commission and
Regional Council of Rural Communities
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Waseem Ahmed
Commissioner Cecelia Gallegos
Commissioner Leticia Gonzalez
Commissioner Jose Rodriguez
Commissioner David Rogers

Virtual: Commissioner Robert Poythress

Members Absent: None

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
Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. **CALL TO ORDER by Chair Ahmed**

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 Ahmed opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. **TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

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4-A. California Transportation Commission (CTC) 2023 Annual Report to the California Legislature

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-B. Broadband for All Update: Draft State Digital Equity Plan Released; Public Comment Period Open

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-C. Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) 2024 Winter Public Workshops

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-D. Call for Applicants for Interagency Equity Advisory Committee

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-E. Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- 4-F. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Contingency Measures for the Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in the San Joaquin Valley Deferment
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-G. Pacific Gas & Electric Distributed Resource Planning (DRP) Data & Maps
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-H. Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-I. 2024 San Joaquin Valley Spring Policy Conference
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-J. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Madera County Regional Growth Forecast Study
Action: Authorize circulation of the Madera County Regional Growth Forecast Study RFP
- 4-K. Draft 2024 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) Letters of Support
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-L. Letter of Support – reappointment of Lee Ann Eager to the California Transportation Commission
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-M. Letter of Support for FY 2024-25 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Program, Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant Application for Madera County
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-N. Letter of Support for FY 2024-25 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Program, Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant Application for the San Joaquin Valley High-Speed Rail, Passenger Rail, and Transit Connectivity and Transit Oriented Development Action Plan
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-O. Letter of Support - Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, Climate Adaptation Category, Application for the Valley Transport Resiliency Advancement for Neighborhoods' Sustainable Freight Movement (V-TRANSFRM) Study
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-P. California Transportation Commission (CTC) January Meeting Reception
Action: Information and Discussion Only

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4P

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5-A. State Legislative Update – Governor’s FY 2024-25 State Budget

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 Rogers seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, 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 Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – November 29, 2023

Action: Approve November 29, 2023, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – Allocation, Resolution 23-09 Amendment No. 3, Resolution 23-10 Amendment No. 2

Action: Approve Resolution 23-09 Amendment No. 3, Resolution 23-10 Amendment No. 2

7-C. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Compliance Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022: County of Madera

Action: Accept TDA Compliance Audit Report: County of Madera

7-D. Revised Accounting & Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

Action: Approve Revised Accounting & Financial Manual

Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7D

Upon motion by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7D. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed Yes

Commissioner Gallegos Yes

Commissioner Gonzalez Yes

Commissioner Poythress Yes

Commissioner Rodriguez Yes

Commissioner Rogers Yes

Vote passed 6-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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9-A. Measure “T” Fund Compliance Audit Report for FY ending June 30, 2022: Madera County

Action: Accept Measure T Compliance Audit Report for FY ending June 30, 2022: Madera County

Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Item 9A

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to approve Administrative Consent Item 9A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10-A. Measure T Renewal Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11-A Election of Officers

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to appoint Commissioner Gonzalez as Chair. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to appoint Commissioner Gallegos as Vice Chair. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes

Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Vote passed 6-0

11-B. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- Director Taylor thanked Commissioner Ahmed for his service as Chair for 2023.
- Director Taylor alerted the MCTC Policy Board that they may be requested at an upcoming Board or Council meeting to nominate two elected officials for the MCTC Policy Board to consider as nominees for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. MCTC is expected to receive six names to consider, two from each local jurisdiction. The MCTC Policy Board, at its February meeting, will narrow the names down from six to three by board action. MCTC staff will then submit the three names for consideration to the California Partnership. All three recommended nominees will be required to fill out an application online along with a resume on the Governor's Appointments website. Ultimately, only one will be selected to fill the Madera County vacancy.
- MCTC will be testifying at the upcoming northern STIP hearing to be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2024, regarding approval of the projects in the Madera County region, included in the Draft ITIP.
- All commissioners are invited to the California Transportation Commission reception hosted by the Stanislaus Council of Governments, January 25, 2024, in Modesto.
- State Route (SR) 99 Coalition met recently. The discussion included the following:
 - Successes to date
 - The need to continue with its partnerships
 - Current status of the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) and Managed Lanes Study
 - The need and strategy to complete SR 99 by closing the remaining gaps
 - Upcoming potential grant opportunities, including future ITIP and SHOPP funding

11-C. Items from Caltrans

- Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director, wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- The Clean California program will not be extended, all active projects will be completed through 2026.

- Update on State Route (SR) 99 Corridor Plan, discussion regarding managed lanes, feasibility recommendations for truck lanes, and public outreach and engagement.
- CSIS public workshops January 30 and 31 will focus on urban and rural areas, CSIS Guidance will be adopted June 2024.
- Madera Downtown project construction will begin early 2025.
- Cottonwood Creek project is in winter suspension until April 2024.
- Ranchos Rehabilitation project is in winter suspension until April 2024, completion July 2024.

11-D. Items from Commissioners

- Commissioner Poythress was appointed to the Regional Council of Rural Counties ad hoc committee pertaining to California roadway infrastructure.
- Commissioner Gallegos thanked fellow Commissioners for supporting Lee Ann Eager for reappointment to the California Transportation Commission.
- Commissioner Gallegos shared student ideas from the Madera High School AP class for planning sustainable cities and transportation.

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PST", is written above the name Patricia S. Taylor.

Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission