



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:


Arnaldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: July 8, 2020

Agenda Number: A-1

SUBJECT:

Letter of support on behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission grant application for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Minute Order to support the Madera County Transportation Commission grant application for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is proposing to submit a grant application for funding under the discretionary Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). The grant application request is for funding for the right-of-way phase of the State Route (SR) 99 widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes from Avenue 7 to Avenue 12 in the County of Madera. MCTC is seeking a support letter from the City to include in their respective grant application.

DISCUSSION:

The MCTC began working in partnership with Caltrans to develop this critical goods movement and safety project in 2012. MCTC has previously committed over \$3 million in matching funds for this crucial segment of SR 99 that will close an existing gap in southern Madera County and help promote the completion of the SR 99 system, benefiting all of California. This project is also part of a long-range collaborative planning effort that has occurred over the past years with the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and the State of California.

As a regionally significant component of the national goods movement network, the widening of this section of SR 99 Project will provide the following benefits:

- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion

- Improve the flow of goods and services for the region and the State and provide the catalyst for regional and local generation of jobs
- Improve greenhouse gas emissions

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Submittal of the support letter to MCTC provides no direct financial impact to the City.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

The information contained herein is not addressed by the Vision Madera 2025 plan, nor is the information in conflict with that plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, the Council may elect to reject submittal of support letter in response to the request by MCTC for the TCEP grant application.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Support Letter from City of Madera



City of Madera

Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

July 8, 2020

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Madera Region State Route 99 – Avenue 7 to Avenue 12 – Widen to 6 Lanes
FY 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement Project (TCEP) Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

On behalf of City of Madera, I am writing to express strong support for the Madera County Transportation Commission's regionally significant project currently under consideration for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Project (TCEP) grant program.

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) began working in partnership with Caltrans to develop this critical goods movement and safety project in 2012. MCTC has previously committed over \$3 million in matching funds for this crucial segment of SR 99 that will close an existing gap in southern Madera County and help promote the completion of the SR 99 system, benefiting all of California. This project is also part of a long-range collaborative planning effort that has occurred over the past years with the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and the State of California.

City of Madera fully supports MCTC's TCEP grant application for the California State Route 99 – Avenue 7 to Avenue 12 in Madera County – Widen to 6 lanes project. State funding for this project will assist in enhancing a vital passenger and freight corridor through California.

SR 99, located near the geographic center of the San Joaquin Valley, is crucial to the economic vitality of the Central Valley of California. This route is heavily used by international shippers, commuters, and recreational travelers. Approximately half of California's goods movement passes through the San Joaquin Valley to reach destinations at multiple ports, major urban centers within California, other states, and other countries. The project increases overall safety and the efficiency of the movement of people and goods, reduces cost of doing business, and improves local and regional freight connectivity to the national and global economy.

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Due to the foregoing reasons, we support the full funding of this application. If you have any questions I can be reached at (559) 661-5405.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Medellin
Mayor
City of Madera