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Subject: Caltrans Active Transportation Program Grant - La Vina Community Mobility and Safety Enhancements Project

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), I am pleased to provide a letter in support of the Madera County Department of Public Works Cycle 6 of the California Department of Transportation Active Transportation (ATP) grant application. This grant application is for the La Vina Community Mobility and Safety Enhancements Project.

The MCTC fully supports the plan to implement the improvements outlined in the County's 2018 La Vina Mobility Study in this proposed ATP grant project. These needed improvements will provide safer conditions for students, parents, and residents, including walking and biking routes within the La Vina community itself. Most residents currently choose to drive to various destinations within La Vina instead of using more active modes of transportation because the current roadway conditions are so unsafe in that community. We hope that providing residents with safe facilities to walk or bike will enhance safety and promote healthy activity for all the students, staff, parents, and residents in the La Vina community.

This project aligns with the goals and objectives of the Madera County Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy by prioritizing investment in disadvantaged communities, building safe, accessible infrastructure, fostering a modal shift to active transportation and public transit, and improving public health. MCTC staff have met with La Vina residents to discuss their transportation needs. Implementing the La Vina Mobility Study is a key action able that addresses many of the comments we received in those meetings. The ATP program represents the perfect opportunity to address some of La Vina's critical needs. It aligns with the program's purposes and goals and those of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).

**Member Agencies: County of Madera, City of Madera, City of Chowchilla**

We are appreciative of Madera County's efforts to pursue funding for this important project through the ATP program and look forward to the needed benefits this active transportation project will bring.

Sincerely,



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