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The Honorable Laura Friedman
Assembly Transportation Committee, Chair
1020 N Street, Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 942 (Newman) Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: Free or Reduced Fare Transit Program – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Friedman:

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), I am writing in support of SB 942 (Newman), which will provide public transit operators in California with the flexibility to use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for free or reduced fare transit programs on an ongoing basis.

SB 942 will provide multiple simultaneous benefits of expanding mass transit usage, reducing congestion on our streets and roads, and offering an avenue for economic improvement for families who have been negatively impacted by the effects of the pandemic over the last two years.

For these reasons, we ask for your support of SB 942 when it is heard in your Assembly Committee on Transportation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our legislative advocate, Gus Khouri, at (916) 605-8975 or gus@khouriconsult.com

Sincerely,

Patricia Taylor
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee
The Honorable Josh Newman, Senator, 29th District
The Honorable Frank Bigelow, Assembly Member, 5th District
The Honorable Anna Caballero, Senator, 12th District
The Honorable Adam Gray, Assembly Member, 21st District

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