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Keith Helmuth
City Engineer
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Subject: Caltrans Active Transportation Program Grant– Madera Citywide Safe Routes to School Project

Dear Mr. Helmuth:

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), I am pleased to provide a letter in support of the City of Madera's regionally significant project currently under consideration for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 program funding. This grant application is for the Madera Citywide Safe Routes to School Project.

MCTC fully supports the City of Madera's ATP grant application for improvements in the vicinity of 6 elementary schools in Madera.

Improvements, identified by Workshops and Walk Audits held in cooperation with parents and staff and prepared by the Local Government Commission, would work toward improving pedestrian safety around our schools. Improvements will generally include walkability, lighting, and Safe Routes to School.

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 improving public health. The ATP program represents the perfect opportunity to address the needs of students, parents, and residents. It aligns with the program's purposes and goals and those of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).

We are appreciative of the City of Madera'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,

Patricia Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission

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