

FY 21-22 Unmet Needs Response to Comment

This letter is to complement the response to comment # 15 received during the FY 21/22 Unmet Transit Needs Process. Refer to the “Analysis of Comments Received During the FY 21/22 Unmet Transit Needs Process” Matrix for the full comment and original response.

MCTC staff has gathered transportation funding information for the last two fiscal years for funds that MCTC administers or has at least some involvement in some capacity. Information on funds that go directly to the local agencies such as gas taxes (HUTA, SB-1), etc. are not available to MCTC and are not captured with this report. That information can be requested directly from the local agencies. Also, please note that projects that use the funding sources listed in this report are determined by the local agencies and not by MCTC.

CMAQ- federal funding apportioned to agencies. Eligible projects include transportation related projects that improve air quality by reducing emissions and dust particulates. Recent projects in Madera County have included shoulder paving projects, transit vehicle purchases, traffic signal coordination, electric charging stations, and a roundabout. Projects are awarded CMAQ funds through a competitive grant process every 2-3 years.

RSTP-STBG- federal funding apportioned to agencies. Eligible projects include street and road projects on the federal-aid system, street maintenance, transit, and pedestrian projects. Agencies in Madera County primarily use these funds for street maintenance activities.

Section 5307- federal funding for urbanized areas. Eligible projects include transit operations and capital.

Section 5311- federal funding apportioned for rural transit agencies. Eligible projects include transit operations and capital.

Section 5339- federal funding apportioned to urbanized areas. Eligible projects include transit capital.

CARES Act, CRSSAA, American Rescue Plan- federal funding made available due to COVID-19 pandemic response. Primarily for transit expenditures.

LTF- state funding program derived from statewide sales tax (.25%). Eligible projects include transit, rail, planning, and street & road projects. Agencies in Madera County primarily use street funds on street maintenance activities.

STA- state funding program derived from sales tax on diesel fuel. Eligible projects include transit operations and capital.

LCTOP- state funding program under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Eligible projects include transit capital.

SGR- state funding program under SB-1. Eligible projects include transit capital.

Measure T- half-cent sales tax in Madera County dedicated for transportation purposes. Sunsets in 2027. Programs include regional projects, local rehab, street maintenance, ADA related projects, transit enhancement projects, and environmental enhancement projects.