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Subject: Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant – Intersection Improvements Project

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), it is my pleasure to provide a letter in support of the Intersection Improvements Project which is being planned by the Madera County Department of Public Works for Cycle 11 of the California Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant.

MCTC fully supports the plan to implement the proposed roadway safety and intersection improvements located in Madera County on Avenue 12 from Road 32 to Road 36, the intersection of Avenue 12 and Road 35, the intersection of Avenue 21 and Road 28 1/2, and the intersection of Avenue 15 and Road 36. These intersections were identified by the County's Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSARP) as being among the top intersections for frequency of crashes in Madera County and collectively saw 28 collisions resulting in 2 fatalities and 26 injuries of all types. The countermeasures proposed in this project - which generally include construction of left-hand turn pockets on Ave 12 to Rd 35 and on Ave 21 to Road 28 1/2; installation of new edge-line rumble strips, and pavement markers on Ave 12 from Rd 34 to Rd 36; as well as transverse rumble strips and flashing beacons on Ave 15 and Rd 36 - are expected to be able to be designed and constructed expeditiously and result in a reduced number of crashes in the project area.

A key regional objective identified in the 2022 Madera County Regional Transportation Plan is to foster a secure, safe, and reliable transportation system. The county is encouraged to prioritize projects, programs and policies that address safety concerns. This project will help the region meet that objective by investing in safety measures to reduce traffic fatalities and incidents.

MCTC hopes that by providing local residents with safe roadway facilities, Madera County will be able to improve safety for all users. We look forward to the benefits this roadway safety improvement project will bring.

Sincerely,

Patricia Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission