



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 28, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 5-C

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Finish the SR 99 – Status and Letter of Support for SR 99 Tulare City Safety and Goods Movement Multimodal Interchange Improvement Project – 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Grant Application

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Authorize Chair to sign Letter of Support for SR 99 Tulare City Safety and Goods Movement Multimodal Interchange Improvement Project – 2022 TCEP Grant Application

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission has been working in coordination with TCAG and the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) over the past several years to strategize on multimodal options as part of the solution to completing SR 99. Finishing SR 99 throughout the San Joaquin Valley is a critical part of the transportation solution. A six-lane SR 99 corridor is essential to support jobs, the economy, goods movement, farm-to-market needs, reduce air quality and climate impacts, and most importantly – to protect the lives and livelihoods of the traveling public and the 4.4 million Californians that call the San Joaquin Valley home.

The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is submitting a grant application through the 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for its SR 99 Tulare City Safety and Goods Movement Multimodal Interchange Improvement Program. The SR 99 Tulare City Project will close one of eight remaining gaps on SR 99 thereby eliminating a key bottleneck on the corridor, increasing safety, reducing congestion, increasing connectivity, improving travel-time reliability of time-sensitive goods, and preserving acceptable facility operation on SR 99.

Included in your package is a draft letter of support for the TCAG TCEP application. Staff is requesting authorization of Chair to execute the letter of support.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget