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Caltrans District 6
1352 W. Olive Avenue
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Attn: Lorena Mendibles and Edgar Hernandez

RE: Kings-Tulare HSR Station Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity Plan and Cross Valley Corridor Rail Service Planning Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Mendibles and Mr. Hernandez,

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) would like to offer this letter of support for the City of Hanford's application for the Kings-Tulare HSR Station Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity Plan and Cross Valley Corridor Rail Service Planning (Project). This Project, led by the City of Hanford in partnership with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA), the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG), the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA), will build upon CHSRA's planning for the Kings-Tulare HSR Station and Cross Valley Corridor (CVC) planning (between Porterville and Huron) to progress strategies and recommendations to connect multiple transit services.

The Project will advance a local station-area transit-oriented development (TOD) and connectivity plan for the Kings-Tulare HSR station. Goals for the plan include reducing potential sprawl, preserving agricultural land, and promoting TOD surrounding and associated with the Kings-Tulare HSR Station, as well as increasing connectivity to the Downtown Hanford Core and communities throughout Kings County, Tulare County, and portions of Fresno County. The Project will result in a planning document that enables the City of Hanford to promote TOD, economic development, encourage revitalization in areas surrounding the Kings-Tulare HSR Station. The Project will support enhancing connections to transit, equitable design, and the advancement of CVC Phase 1 bus service implementation. The project will involve stakeholder and the community to develop a vision that is comprehensive of local and regional mobility needs.

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

An important component to the Project is the advancement of the planning for the CVC Rail Project between Porterville and Huron, a vital transit corridor connecting Tulare, Fresno, and Kings Counties to the Kings-Tulare HSR Station. The Project will include CVC Rail station siting analysis, high-level environmental constraints review, UPRR coordination, phasing strategy, and an implementation plan. This effort will provide the planning needed to continue to move the implementation the future CVC Rail Project forward that is critical for providing economic opportunity, sustainable transportation, and TODs for the southern San Joaquin Valley.

The MCTC strongly supports the City's and partner agencies' vision to improve transit opportunities, TOD, and economic development for the King-Tulare HSR Station area, Hanford, and other jurisdictions along the CVC alignment. Should you have any questions, please contact Dylan Stone, dylan@maderactc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission