



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of August 31, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 5-B

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SUBJECT:

Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis – Resolution 22-13

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Adopt Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), 2023 FTIP and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis - Resolution 22-13

SUMMARY:

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency and Metropolitan Planning Agency for Madera County, the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is required to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years. The RTP/SCS is a long-range planning document with a planning horizon year of 2046.

The RTP identifies Madera County’s regional transportation goals, existing and future transportation system and project costs equal to projected revenues and as required by Senate Bill 375 (SB375), and a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) designed to reduce CO2 pollution through the integration of land use and transportation planning strategies.

A SCS supports the State’s climate action goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission by better integrating land use, housing, and transportation planning through coordinated planning with local agencies. A SCS identifies existing or planned land use strategies that help reduce vehicular travel with the goal of more sustainable communities. If feasible, the SCS must forecast a pattern of development for Madera County that, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, reduces greenhouse gas emissions from light trucks and cars, to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a short-term document detailing projects and their federal funding sources that are scheduled for implementation in Madera County over the next four years. Only projects with federal funding, or those

considered regionally significant that require a federal action, are included in the FTIP. Most non-federal projects are not included in the FTIP.

A federal Air Quality Conformity Analysis corresponding to the 2022 RTP/SCS and the 2023 FTIP was prepared. The Conformity document indicated the region's ability to meet Federal and State Air Quality requirements for criteria pollutants, ozone and particulate matter should the RTP/SCS and FTIP be implemented.

MCTC staff released the Draft 2023 FTIP, 2022 RTP/SCS, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis for public review on June 29, 2022. The public review and comment period for each of the documents were as follows:

- 55 days commencing on June 29, 2022, and ending on August 23, 2022, for the 2022 RTP/SCS.
- 30 days commencing on June 29, 2022, and ending on July 29, 2022, for the 2023 FTIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Public comments were welcomed during a public hearing held on July 20, 2022, at 3:00PM during the MCTC Policy Board Meeting or in writing during the public review period.

The complete Draft, Final documents and response to comments are available at:

<https://www.maderactc.org/transportation/page/your-madera-2046-rtpscs>.

<https://www.maderactc.org/programming/page/federal-transportation-improvement-program-ftip-and-air-quality-planning>

FISCAL IMPACT:

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