



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of May 18, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 6-K

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SUBJECT:

Letter of Support - Madera High-Speed Rail Station Project Application for the U.S. Department of Transportation 2022 Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant MEGA Competitive Grant Program

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) and California Department of Transportation have prepared an application for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2022 Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) MEGA competitive grant program for the Madera High-Speed Rail Station Project.

The purpose of the Madera High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station Project is to improve and expand the size of the previously relocated Madera passenger rail station and provide a HSR station for California HSR Interim Service to serve Madera County and Northern Fresno County. When HSR Interim Service operations begin in 2029, the Project will meet regional goals to improve passenger rail ridership and connectivity. The Project aligns with the MPDG program criteria by constructing infrastructure improvements that will increase safety, ensure a state of good repair, contribute economic benefits, improve freight movement, create well-paying jobs, mitigate climate change, bolster resiliency, ensure equity, provide multimodal options, and improve quality of life. SR 99 provides direct access to the new Madera HSR Station. Caltrans is studying clean energy enhancements for SR 99 to reduce transportation related pollution including a potential hydrogen facility at this station area. SJJPA is requesting \$87.6 million in MPDG funding for the construction of the Madera HSR Station for Interim Service. The award will be matched by additional State funding for project completion.

MCTC has prepared a letter in support of this project application. The letter of support is attached to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.