



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of April 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 4-J

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SUBJECT:

Letter of Support - Rail Infrastructure Improvements for Sustainable Exports Project (RIISE)

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission has written a letter in support of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (Rail Commission), in partnership with the Port of Stockton, for Fiscal Year 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for Rail Infrastructure Improvement for Sustainable Exports Project (RIISE). The components of the RIISE project include the San Joaquin Rail Bridge replacement, Long Lead Double Track, New West Complex McCloy Yard, and the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation.

The RIISE project aims to upgrade rail infrastructure, increase efficiency, and reduce congestion. A key focus is the resolution of the Stockton Diamond bottleneck, California's most congested rail corridor, improving capacity and operational flexibility at the Port. Together, these components will significantly enhance the Port's capacity and efficiency, ensuring it remains a leading net export facility and mitigating the need for cargo redirection to other ports, thereby saving costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.