



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 22, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A

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SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-27 Unmet Transit Needs

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Receive Public Comments Regarding Unmet Transit Needs for FY 2026-27

SUMMARY:

This time is reserved for public comments related to “Unmet Transit Needs” within Madera County. For those wishing to provide comments in Spanish, an interpreter will be provided.

Under the California Transportation Development Act (TDA), this hearing is held annually by the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) to receive public input on potential unmet transit needs within the region. The MCTC Policy Board must determine which transit requests are unmet needs and, if so, whether they are reasonable to meet. After all, “reasonable” needs have been met through the expansion of existing services, or the creation of new transit systems, the MCTC may release remaining TDA funds for street and road purposes (repair, reconstruction, etc.).

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will meet to review the comments received from this hearing, online surveys, comment forms, and community meetings/events, and will make their recommendation along with MCTC staff at the MCTC Policy Board meeting on January 21, 2026. At that time, the MCTC Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Madera County will be reasonably met in FY 2026-27, prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for street and road purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.