



EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Madera County Transportation Commission
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Robert Poythress, Chair
Commissioner Robert Macaulay
Commissioner Jose Rodriguez
Commissioner David Rogers
Commissioner Rohi Zacharia

Members Absent: Commissioner Waseem Ahmed, Vice Chair

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members
Shane Gunn, Caltrans District 06

MCTC Staff: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner
Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner
Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Poythress

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited by law from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items that are on today’s agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item that is on today’s agenda when the item is called and should notify the Chair of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by MCTC staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

4-A. Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 Guidelines, Virtual Branch Workshops, and Site Visits

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-B. Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) Revised List of Projects FY 2020-21 and 2021-22

Action: Approve LCTOP Revised List of Projects, Resolution 21-03 Amendment No. 2 and Resolution 22-02 Amendment No. 2

4-C. California Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-D. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 14 – (Type 3 – Formal)

Action: Ratify

4-E. Performance Measure 1: Safety Target Acceptance

Action: Adopt the 2026 Caltrans Statewide Safety Performance Management Targets (SPMTS)

4-F. Madera Transit Station Specific Plan (MTSP) for Madera County is available for public review and comment

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-G. February 2026 edition of *The Commission Vision*

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4G

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Zacharia, to approve the Transportation Consent Items 4A-4G. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Absent
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5-A. State Legislative Update – February 2026

Action: Information and Discussion Only. Direction may be provided.

5-B. 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Development Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

6. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

6-A. Reaffirm All Actions Taken While Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Absent
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – January 21, 2026

Action: Approve January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – Allocation, LTF Resolution 25-07 Amendment No. 2, STA Resolution 25-08 Amendment No. 3

Action: Approve Resolution 25-07 Amendment No. 2, Resolution 25-08 Amendment No. 3

7-C. Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF), State Transit Assistance (STA), and State of Good Repair (SGR) FY 2026-27 Estimates

Action: Information and Discussion Only

7-D. 2026 Changes to Brown Act Impacting Madera County Transportation Commission Policy Board Meetings

Action: Approve Resolution 26-02 authorizing the use of Teleconference for Meetings of the Policy Board and its Committees

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7D

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Zacharia, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7D. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Absent
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8-A. FY 2026-27 Draft Overall Work Program & Budget

Action: Authorize circulation of Draft 2026-27 Overall Work Program and Budget for agency review

8-B. Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) Financial and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025

Action: Accept the MCTC Financial and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Action/Discussion Action on Items 8A-8B

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Zacharia, to approve the Administrative Action/Discussion Items 8A-7B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Absent
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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opportunity for any member of the public to address the Authority concerning the item before action is taken.

9-A. FY 2026-27 Measure T Allocation

Action: Information and Discussion Only

9-B. HdL Newsletter – 3rd Quarter 2025

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Poythress opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Items 9A-9B

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Zacharia, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 9A-9B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Absent
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, made the following comment:

- Director Taylor recognized Natalia Austin and Evelyn Espinosa for their work on the FTIP Mapping Tool. The FTIP Mapping Tool was highlighted in the ESRI ArcGIS Experience Builder Gallery showcasing interactive mapping tools from around the world.

11-B. Items from Caltrans

Shane Gunn, Acting Deputy Director, Caltrans District 06 provided the following comments:

- Staff update: Jason Muao has been appointed Acting Deputy of Maintenance and Operations.

- 2026 BUILD grant applications are due February 24, 2026.
- FY 2026/2027 STPG District 06 grant application recommendations include the Madera County Transit Master Plan 2047 and the MCTC Madera County Short-Range Transit and Coordinated Plans.
- The Fifth Annual Caltrans DBE-SB Summit will be held on March 4, 2026, at the Fresno Convention Center. This free event is an opportunity for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and small businesses to learn about upcoming contracting and procurement opportunities.
- The South Madera Six Lane Project is now set to achieve Right-of-Way (ROW) certification and Ready-to-List (February 19 and 20, 2026) and seek construction allocation at the August 2026 California Transportation Commission meeting, which is the earliest possibility for funding in the 2026/27 fiscal year.
- The North Madera Six Lane Project is in the environmental phase. Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) completion is targeted for April 2028, with Ready-to-List (RTL) in 2031.
- The Downtown Madera Capital Preventative Maintenance Project will begin construction in mid-2026 following the City of Madera's water project.
- Chowchilla State Route 99/233 On January 27, 2026, Caltrans presented alternatives to the City of Chowchilla Council. The Council chose the 2026 Shifted South Alternative with a construction capital cost of \$33.3 million.
- The Madera South Expressway Project was advertised for construction January 12, 2026, anticipated bid opening February 26, 2026. Construction starting late April or early May.
- The Chowchilla Capital Preventative Maintenance Project is in the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right-of-Way (ROW) phases and is expected to be Ready-to-List (RTL) in June 2026.
- The State Route 41 at Road 416 Curve Improvement Project is Ready-to-List (RTL) pending right of way. Construction anticipated December 2026.
- The Austin Quarry Southbound Lane Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) will begin once the Cooperative Agreement is executed.
- The Southbound Auxiliary Lane on State Route 41 at Road 209 Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) will begin once the Cooperative Agreement is executed.

11-C. Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Rodriguez made the following comment:

- Commissioner Rodriguez asked why the Road 26 Overpass High-Speed Rail project is not open to traffic. Director Taylor responded that the County requested changes due to safety concerns. The County has not signed the Maintenance Agreement.

Commissioner Poythress made the following comments:

- Commissioner Poythress reported attending the CalVans Board Meeting and Legislative Lobby Day in Sacramento, noting that Sidd Nag has been appointed as the new CalVans Executive Director.
- Caltrans has contacted Director Nag regarding CalVans and potential mitigation related to the North Madera Six Lane project.
- Commissioner Poythress also attended the Mobility 21 Reception in Sacramento on the evening prior to the CalVans Lobby Day.
- Commissioner Poythress emphasized the importance of participating in events with Caltrans and other officials and advocating for the needs of the local region.

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission