

March 3, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Gray  
US House of Representatives  
1230 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Appropriations – Community Project Funding  
Letter of Support for the City of Chowchilla SR 99/233 Multimodal Interchange  
Improvement Project**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Gray,

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) writes to express our support for the City of Chowchilla's request for community project funding in the Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Appropriations process for the City's State Route 99/233 Multimodal Interchange Improvement Project.

The purpose of the Project is to improve multimodal mobility and connectivity at the SR 99/233 interchange while advancing critical safety and infrastructure upgrades. Currently, SR 99 creates a significant barrier to east-west pedestrian and bicycle travel, with access limited to the SR 233/Robertson Boulevard overcrossing. The existing bridge is substandard—too narrow to safely accommodate bicyclists, lacking shoulders, and constrained to a 4-foot sidewalk—with limited connections to adjacent local streets. As the only interchange directly serving the City of Chowchilla, it provides the sole opportunity for pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross SR 99.

The Project will modernize this aging bridge infrastructure by adding roundabouts at the ramp terminals, constructing a 10-foot multiuse path, and providing 8-foot shoulders along the north side of the SR 233 overcrossing. These improvements will enhance safety, improve traffic operations, and deliver reliable multimodal access over SR 99. Collectively, the Project strengthens local and regional connectivity, improves circulation, and supports safe access to businesses, transit, and goods movement along this vital Central Valley corridor.

This Project will provide tremendous benefits to both the local community and the State of California. Thank you for your consideration in championing this project in order to help secure community project funding for the City of Chowchilla.

Sincerely,

  
[Patricia Taylor \(Mar 3, 2026 14:13:26 PST\)](#)  
Patricia Taylor  
Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission

February 24, 2026

The Honorable Adam Gray  
United States Congressman  
602 W 20th Street, Suite B  
Merced, CA 95340

Dear Congressman Gray:

The Madera County Transportation Commission supports the request of the City of Madera for Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Community Project Request for the Paving the Future Road Rehabilitation Project (Project).

This Project represents a timely and strategic investment in essential public infrastructure. MCTC supports this request for the following reasons:

- **Operational Readiness:** The Project utilizes a straightforward design approach that can be completed in-house by City staff, allowing the City to advance quickly upon receipt of funds and deliver near-term community benefits.
- **Environmental Efficiency:** Because the work focuses on rehabilitation of existing roadways, it is anticipated to qualify for categorical exemptions under NEPA and CEQA, allowing for an expedited delivery schedule.
- **Scalability and Fiscal Responsibility:** The Project is structured to maximize the impact of the investment, with the flexibility to adjust the number of roadway segments treated based on the final award amount while maintaining clear, measurable outcomes.
- **Safety, State of Good Repair, and Resilience:** Proactively rehabilitating deteriorating roadway segments before full reconstruction is required is a cost-effective strategy that improves safety, reduces long-term maintenance costs, and supports a more resilient transportation system.

This Project also aligns closely with the goals of the Madera County Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy by prioritizing investments in disadvantaged areas, expanding safe and accessible transportation options, promoting active transportation, and supporting public health improvements.

The Madera County Transportation Commission strongly supports the City of Madera's Paving the Future Road Rehabilitation Project. Thank you for considering this request.

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Patricia Taylor (Feb 25, 2026 13:55:31 PST)

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**Re: Letter of Support for Avenue 9 Widening Project Planning and Right-of-Way Acquisition**

Dear Congressman Gray:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) writes in support of Madera County's request for \$5,000,000 in Community Project Funding during the Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations process for planning and right-of-way acquisition for the Avenue 9 Widening Project in southeast Madera County. This pre-construction effort will position the County to widen Avenue 9 from two to four lanes between Highway 99 and Highway 41, improving safety and capacity along a heavily traveled regional corridor.

Avenue 9 currently carries substantial commuter and goods-movement traffic at speeds that often exceed the posted limit, with limited visibility in evening and inclement-weather conditions. The corridor includes a high-speed rail overpass, a standard railroad crossing, and mostly stop-controlled or uncontrolled intersections, and has experienced a significant number of collisions and fatalities in recent years. Funding will support environmental documentation, project approvals, detailed engineering and design, and the acquisition of necessary right-of-way from adjacent landowners to enable future construction.

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MCTC respectfully requests your support for this essential pre-construction investment. Your assistance will help Madera County move a critical safety and mobility project toward construction and deliver long-term benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors who rely on Avenue 9 every day.

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[Patricia Taylor \(Mar 2, 2026 15:14:56 PST\)](#)

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**Re: Letter of Support for Southeast Madera County Circulation Study**

Dear Congressman Gray:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) writes in strong support of Madera County's request for \$750,000 in Community Project Funding during the Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations process for the Southeast Madera County Circulation Study. This comprehensive planning initiative will address growing transportation, safety, and development challenges in one of the county's most rapidly evolving regions.

The study area encompasses the southeastern portion of Madera County, bounded approximately by Highway 145 to the north, Highway 99 to the west, Highway 41 to the east, and the San Joaquin River to the south and east. This region includes multiple growing communities such as Parkwood, Bonadelle Ranchos, Madera Ranchos, Tesoro Viejo, Riverstone, and Rolling Hills. As these communities continue to expand, the need for coordinated circulation planning has become critical to ensure that infrastructure keeps pace with residential and commercial development.

The Southeast Madera County Circulation Study will provide a data-driven roadmap for addressing current and future transportation needs. By identifying trends, gaps, and safety concerns, this effort will help the County develop targeted countermeasures, prioritize limited transportation dollars, and better align land use decisions with infrastructure capacity.

This project represents a proactive investment in the future of southeastern Madera County. By developing a comprehensive circulation plan now, the County will be better positioned to manage growth, prioritize infrastructure investments, and create safer, more livable communities for current and future residents. The study's findings will guide decision-making for years to come, ensuring that transportation infrastructure supports rather than hinders the region's continued development.

MCTC respectfully urges your support for this important request. Your backing will enable Madera County to take a strategic, evidence-based approach to transportation planning that will benefit thousands of residents and position the region for sustainable long-term growth.

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**Re: Letter of Support for Madera Acres Road Resurfacing Project**

Dear Congressman Gray:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) writes to support Madera County's request for \$3,000,000 in Community Project Funding during the Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations process for road resurfacing in the Madera Acres community. This project will address longstanding pavement deterioration in an unincorporated, disadvantaged community where safe and reliable local roads are essential to daily life.

Madera Acres, located northeast of the City of Madera, has a population of more than 10,000 residents and median household income levels below regional averages. Local streets in this area suffer from potholes, cracking, surface irregularities, and drainage issues that create safety concerns, increase vehicle maintenance costs for residents, and degrade overall quality of life. The proposed project will place new asphalt overlays on existing roadways throughout the community, restoring smooth driving surfaces, improving drainage performance, and extending the service life of this neighborhood street network.

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