

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: December 4, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Madera County Transportation Commission
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Waseem Ahmed
Commissioner Cecelia Gallegos
Commissioner Jose Rodriguez
Commissioner David Rogers
Commissioner Robert Poythress
Commissioner Jordan Wamhoff - Alternate

Members Absent: Commissioner Leticia Gonzalez

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members
Caleb Brock, Caltrans District 06

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

1. CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Gallegos

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.

3:03 pm Commissioner David Rogers and Commissioner Jordan Wamhoff joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor for public comment. The following public comment was received:

Dan Metz, Sierra Citizens for Sensible Government, began a comment regarding Agenda Item 10-A. Mr. Metz was asked to hold his comment until that item is called.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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4-A. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-B. 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-C. CalCOG 2025 Regional Leadership Forum – Regions: Rising to the Occasion

Action: Information and Discussion Only

- 4-D. Regional Perspectives on Housing Webinar Series
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-E. Save the Date: California Active Transportation Program Symposium
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-F. MCTC Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update Workshop
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-G. Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) Draft 2024 Comment Period
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-H. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Round 9 Draft Guidelines
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-I. FY 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-J. FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-K. FY 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Call for Applications
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-L. CalVans Joint Powers Authority Agreement
Action: Adopt and Authorize the MCTC Policy Board Chair to sign
- 4-M. MCTC 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 17 – (Type 1 – Administrative Modification)
Action: Ratify
- 4-N. 2024 Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-O. State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) – Website
Action: Information and Discussion Only
- 4-P. MCTC Comment Letter for the Update to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)
Action: Information and Discussion Only

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4P

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5-A. Election Summary, State Legislative Update, and Gas Tax Successor Discussion

Action: Information and Discussion Only

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

5-B. Authorization to apply for FY 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Competitive Grant funding for a Climate Adaptation Planning project

Action: Authorize staff to proceed with the application process

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Transportation Action/Discussion Action on Item 5B

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmed, seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff, to approve the Transportation Action/Discussion Item 5B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff, 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 Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – October 23, 2024

Action: Approve October 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes

7-B. November 2024 edition of *The Commission Vision*

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7B

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8-A. FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 3

Action: Approve OWP & Budget – Amendment No. 3

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative/Action Discussion on Item 8A

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Administrative Consent Item 8A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

8-B. Proclamation Honoring Diana Gomez, Caltrans District 6 Director

Action: Approve proclamation recognizing Diana Gomez, Caltrans District 6 Director for outstanding public service on her retirement, and to present the proclamation to Ms. Gomez at her retirement luncheon on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 8B

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmed, seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff, to approve the 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment Number 3. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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9-A. HdL Newsletter 2nd Quarter 2024

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Item 9A

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Item 9A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10-A. Public Hearing: Measure T FY 2024-25 Annual Work Program

Action: Approve the 2024-25 Measure “T” Annual Work Program and the disbursement of interest earned through June 30, 2024

Vice Chair Gallegos opened the floor to public comment. The following comment was received:

Dan Metz, resident of Madera County, commented on the FY 2024-25 Annual Work Program. He stated the Annual Work Program was released later than expected, the appendix should only contain prospective projects, and questioned the budget and expenditures.

Administrative Action/Discussion on Items 10A

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff, to approve Item 10A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Absent
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Wamhoff - alternate	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

10-B. Measure T Election Results – November 20, 2024

Action: Information and Discussion Only

10-C. 2024 Focus on the Future Conference Recap

Action: Information and Discussion Only

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- Director Taylor wished everyone Happy Holidays.

11-B. Items from Caltrans

- Caleb Brock, Caltrans District 06, provided an update on the following:
 - Caltrans Clean California Chowchilla SR 233 Enhancement Project will be installing trees, landscaping, upgrading tree wells, improving crosswalks, bulb-outs, median beautification, Gateway Monument, and sidewalk upgrades. The project is currently in construction and anticipated to be completed in early 2025.
 - The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program 2025-26 Grant Guide and Call for Applications was published on October 24, 2024. Caltrans District 06 held a hybrid workshop that was very well attended on November 7, 2024. The application deadline is January 22, 2025. Those considering applications, please submit to District 06 by December 31, 2024 for a review and discussion. District 06 has been very successful in receiving Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant awards.

- State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan is currently in the process of finalizing the draft solutions list and continuing to receive additional information from the MPOs. The project team has held multiple office hour sessions for executive collaboration groups to ask questions and provide input on the draft solutions. The next executive collaboration quarterly progress meeting is December 5, 2024, at 1:30 pm.
- The [CentralValley99](#) website is live, and currently has a live survey until December 31, 2025 and all are encouraged to provide input.
- The South Madera Six Lane project is being combined with the South Madera Rehabilitation Shopp project. The project is currently in the PS&E Right of Way phase with completion of PS&E in September of 2025. Caltrans is working with property owners on first and second hearings to determine property requirements. The start of construction is scheduled for fall 2025. This may be impacted due to multiple partials needing to go through condemnation.
- Caltrans has been working with the County of Madera on zero-emission vehicle charging stations as part of the greenhouse gas emission mitigation. The Chowchilla library has been identified as a viable location.
- The North Madera Six Lane project, Avenue 17 to Avenue 21 currently has \$4.3 million dollars of 2024 STIP funding. The environmental phase was kicked off July 2024. The environmental mapping is expected to be submitted in early December 2024, The PA&ED is currently targeting August 2027.
- The Downtown Madera CAPM project is currently being reviewed by the District 06 Office of Engineers and is currently working with UPRR on the maintenance consent letter. The environmental validation has been completed. Meetings with the various utility companies are underway. RTL is currently targeting January 2025 and construction is targeted for fall 2025.
- The State Route 99/233 Interchange project, Caltrans has been working with the City of Chowchilla and Rancho Calera regarding driveway access. The design has submitted half of the right of way requirements and plans to submit the remainder December 2025. The 60% constructability review meeting is targeting for April of 2025. PL and marketing for summer 2026.
- The Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement project is targeting opening the northbound offramp by December 31, 2024, and construction is anticipated to be completed by spring/summer of 2025 depending on weather.
- The Madera South Expressway project design is scheduled to be completed June 2025 and advertised in September 2025, construction starting in December 2025 and going through June 2027.

- Michael Navarro and John Lou participated in Supervisor Wamhoff's Traffic Open House regarding State Route 41 and Avenue 12. The Open House was very well attended, a lot of feedback and input was received. Michael Navarro will have more information in the ensuing months.
- The Ranchos Rehabilitation project between Avenue 15 and State Route 145 is currently working on the punch list, but due to PG&E energizing, and other loose ends the expected completion should be end of April 2025.
- Commuter Alert information was provided for December 4-5, 2025. The traffic light signals between Avenue 15 and State Route 145 on State Route 41 will be flashing red, one-way traffic control will be in place. Drivers may experience some short delays during these times, but the traffic signals will not be flashing red during daylight hours.
- The Chowchilla CAPM project received \$6.63 million dollars from IJA funding for complete streets, safety, and broadband work. This will be used toward Class II bike lanes, ADA ramps, bulb-outs, enhanced visibility crosswalks, sidewalks, and flashing beacons. The Project Report was approved September 2024, the PS&E right of way phases are underway, and RTL is targeting March 2026.

11-C Items from Commissioners

- This time was reserved for Commissioners to inquire about specific projects.
 - Commissioner Poythress shared that Director Taylor will be honored during the December 10, 2024 Madera County Board of Supervisors Meeting, for her 25 years of service as the MCTC Executive Director. Director Taylor is in her 32nd year with MCTC.
 - Commissioner Ahmed stated the State Route 233 off ramp has multiple potholes due to rain.
 - Vice Chair Gallegos shared the Candlelight Parade will be held December 5, 6:00 pm in downtown Madera on Yosemite. The parade is sponsored by the Madera Evening Lions, the Madera Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Madera.

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission