

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: January 22, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Madera County Transportation Commission
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Waseem Ahmed
Commissioner Cecelia Gallegos
Commissioner Macaulay
Commissioner Robert Poythress
Commissioner David Rogers

Member Appearing Remotely: Jose Rodriguez

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members
Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director

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
Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Gallegos

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3-A. Election of Officers

Action: Elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Election of Officers Action on Item 3A

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to appoint Commissioner Gallegos as Policy Board Chair. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

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

Vote passed 5-0

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to appoint Commissioner Poythress as Policy Board Vice Chair. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

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

Vote passed 5-0

Commissioner Rogers joined the meeting at 3:05 pm.

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

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

5. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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5-A. California Transportation Commission (CTC) 2024 Annual Report to the California Legislature

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-B. The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) 2024 Accomplishments Report

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-C. 2024 California State Rail Plan

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-D. 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-E. Caltrans District 6 Local Assistance Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Training

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-F. Build America Bureau Fiscal Year 2024 Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-G. State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan - Virtual Community Meeting

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-H. 2025 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Call for Nominations

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-I. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 1 – (Type 1 – Administrative Modification)

Action: Ratify

5-J. Supplemental Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Award of Projects List

Action: Approve Supplemental MCTC CRP Program Award List – City of Madera Pine Street Pedestrian Facility Project

5-K. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Award – City of Madera

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-L. Award Contract – Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Action: Award Contract in an amount not to exceed \$125,000

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 5A-5L

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve Transportation Consent Items 5A-5L. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

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

6. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6-A. State Legislative Update – Governor’s FY 2025-26 State Budget

Action: Information and Discussion Only

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

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, 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
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Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

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

8. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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8-A. Executive Minutes – December 4, 2024

Action: Approve December 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

8-B. Transportation Development Act (LTF) – Allocation, Resolution 23-09 Amendment No. 6

Action: Approve Resolution 23-09 Amendment No. 6

8-C. Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – Allocation, Resolution 24-09 Amendment No. 2 and Resolution 24-10 Amendment No. 2

Action: Approve Resolution 24-09 Amendment No. 2 and Resolution 24-10 Amendment No. 2

8-D. MCTC Policy Board Committee Appointments

Action: Reaffirm Committee Appointments

Administrative Consent Action on Items 8A-8D

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 8A-8D. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-A. Appointment of two Ad-Hoc Committee members for Executive Director Contract Renewal

Action: Approve the appointment of two members of the Policy Board to serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Executive Director Contract Renewal

Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 9A

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to appoint Commissioner Rodriguez and Commissioner Poythress to serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Executive Director Contract Renewal. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

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

9-B. Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) Financial and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024

Action: Accept the MCTC Financial and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024

Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 9B

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to approve the Administrative Action/Discussion Item 9-B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

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

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

10. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE 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 Authority or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the items 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 Authority concerning the item before action is taken.

10-A.HdL Newsletter – 3rd Quarter 2024

Action: Information and Discussion Only

10-B. Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee Vacancy

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Items 10A-10B

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 10A-10B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

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

Commissioner Rogers left the meeting at 3:20 pm.

11. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11-A. Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee Member Recognition

Action: Recognize outgoing member for service – Mr. Max Rodriguez, District 4

11-B. 2024 Measure T Renewal Election Results and Next Steps

Action: Information and Discussion Only

OTHER ITEMS

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comment:

- Staff, in collaboration with Khouri Consulting, is in the process of developing a legislative platform and aims to schedule a trip to Sacramento in late February or early March, contingent on the legislative calendar.

12-B. Items from Caltrans

Michael Navarro, Deputy Director Caltrans District 06, provided the following comments:

- Diana Gomez retired December 26, 2024, Harpreet Binning has been appointed as the Interim Director.
- Jeff Wiley is the new Deputy Director of External Affairs.
- The Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application deadline is January 22, 2025.
- The State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan will be completed by June 30, 2025, the draft will be ready for review in April and presented at the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference April 9-11, 2025. Fresno and Madera County public workshops will be held February 11-12, the south valley public workshop will be held February 19.
- The South Madera Six Lane Avenue 12-17 project is currently in design, design should be completed fall 2025. Caltrans is in the process of addressing right-of-way issues with property owners. Construction is scheduled for fall of 2025.
- The North Madera Six Lane project, Avenue 17 to Avenue 22 project environmental review process has begun. The environmental review process is expected to take two years to complete.
- The plans for the Downtown Madera Capital Preventative Maintenance project are currently under review, with utility certification expected in May. The project is scheduled to be listed for construction in June, with construction anticipated to begin in December 2025.
- The State Route 99/233 Interchange Improvement project 60% constructability review meeting is targeting for April 2025.

- Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement project is targeting opening the northbound offramp in February 2025. Construction is anticipated to be completed by spring/summer of 2025.
- The Madera Ranchos Rehabilitation project between Avenue 15 and State Route 145 targeted completion is April 2025.
- The Madera South Expressway project consultant and county are coordinating with Caltrans for the 95% constructability review. As a result of Supervisor Wamhoff's transportation open house, Caltrans will be providing interim improvements at the intersection of Avenue 12 and State Route 41.

12-C. Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Poythress provided the following comment:

- Commissioner Poythress, serving on the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Roadway Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee for 2024, engaged in discussions with the California Trucking Association, Lori Wilson—Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, and Toks Omishakin—Secretary of Transportation. As a result of the committee's efforts, amendments were made to transportation policies for rural counties, including the rollback of certain electric truck requirements

Commissioner Macaulay provided the following comment:

- Commissioner Macaulay, a newly appointed member of the MCTC Policy Board, also serves on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Board and the YARTS Board. He looks forward to continuing his advocacy for Madera County.

Commissioner Rodriguez provided the following comment:

- Commissioner Rodriguez congratulated Chair Gallegos and Vice Chair Poythress on their appointments to the MCTC Policy Board.

13. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission