



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 21, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 5-F

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SUBJECT:

Senate Bill 1 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants – Project Updates

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was signed into law on April 28, 2017. This legislative package invests \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit and safety. These funds will be split equally between state and local investments. See where the money is going.

A portion of these funds (\$25 million annually) have been made available for local or regional level planning activities. Sustainable Communities grants are intended for regional multi-modal transportation and land use planning projects which support regional sustainable community strategies and help achieve California's greenhouse gas reduction targets. Grants are awarded both competitively and by formula to eligible projects.

Beginning in July of 2020, MCTC Staff began working on two new SB-1 Planning Projects: The Madera County Project Prioritization Study and State Route 41/Avenue 9 Sustainable Corridor Study

Madera County Project Prioritization Study

The Madera County Project Prioritization Study will identify and prioritize transportation projects that best help the region meet its various goals related to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction, reducing vehicle mile traveled (VMT), better accommodating diverse modal

choice, increasing traffic safety, supporting economic vitality and decreasing adverse health effects related to travel throughout the Madera Region.

The overall process will be one that continues to advance MCTC's overarching goal of further promoting social equity in transportation project delivery.

The project is currently in a data collection stage. Project information is being collected from a variety of sources including local, regional, and state plans. Measures are being taken to identify new projects not currently in existing plans including public and stakeholder surveying and utilization of travel forecasting tools. This stage of the project will conclude with the creation of a detailed project database then move on to prioritization activities.

State Route 41/Avenue 9 Sustainable Corridor Study

Fresno Council of Governments, in partnership with MCTC, is conducting a study to determine the future transportation needs of the SR 41 corridor in the City of Fresno and the southern segment of SR 41 in Madera County. In addition, the study will analyze the future transportation needs of the Avenue 9 corridor in Madera County between SR 41 and SR 99.

The study will identify existing and future issues along the two corridors related to safety, mobility, congestion, etc., and recommend sustainable improvements that will address the transportation needs of the residents in both counties through multi-modal approaches. Issues to be addressed include mobility, access, safety, and connectivity for all modes of travel including automobiles, transit, walking, and bicycling.

Thus far data has been gathered from an array of local, regional, or state plans focused on the corridor. The project development team is currently preparing to roll out public outreach tools to survey the values and needs of the differing areas of the study area to better establish a sustainable vision for the future of the corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.