



AGENDA ITEM: 4-E

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SUBJECT:

Sustainable Community Strategy Consistency – Community Driven Planning: Expanding Clean Mobility Access in San Joaquin Valley

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) has prepared a letter of Sustainable Community Strategy Consistency in support of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) STEP Planning Project entitled Community Driven Planning: Expanding Clean Mobility Access in San Joaquin Valley. Each component included in this project furthers the goals of the 2022 Madera County Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Specifically, the project contributes to implementing these specific strategies if an underserved community in Madera County is recruited to participate in this project:

- **Healthy Communities and Environmental Justice:** The STEP planning project will supplement efforts by local agencies to expand access to essential services and opportunities to residents in underserved communities. The targeted in-depth engagement activities proposed in the STEP planning project will explore and evaluate community support and the viability of new shared mobility services. The shared mobility alternative will focus on electric and active travel projects that reduce air pollution impacts in underserved communities. The final community plan will lay the groundwork for applying for funds to implement high-priority projects in underserved communities.
- **Transit, Active Transportation, and ZEV Infrastructure:** The STEP planning project will support transit, active travel, and ZEV infrastructure. The project will evaluate shared mobility alternatives that expand the reach of existing and proposed transit projects and capitalize on investments in mobility hubs and improved bicycle facilities. The shared mobility alternatives will include electric vehicle carsharing, which would introduce new electric charging infrastructure if implemented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.