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

Dear Adalina Paez:

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), I am pleased to support the CARB STEP Planning Project entitled Community Driven Planning: Expanding Clean Mobility Access in San Joaquin Valley (STEP planning project, hereafter). Each component included in this project furthers the goals of the 2022 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.

The STEP planning project helps advance the community driven goals identified in Madera County's 2022 RTP/SCS. Furthermore, we are encouraged by the project also being able to help implement strategies identified in the Madera County Zero-Emission Vehicle Readiness and Implementation Plan, the Madera County Active Transportation Plan, the Madera County Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan, and the Madera County Short-Range Transit Development Plan.

If you have additional questions or need further information, please contact Dylan Stone at (559) 675-0721 or by email at dylan@maderactc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Taylor', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission