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**California Transportation Commission Approves Construction Funds for Madera South SR 99 Widening Project**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Madera, CA)** –At its Wednesday, March 16, 2022 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the State Transportation Improvement Program, which included \$33.5 million construction funding for the Madera South SR 99 (Avenue 7-12) Widening Project.

The project is on State Route 99 (SR 99) in Madera County from south of Avenue 7 to north of Avenue 12. Enhancement of this section of SR 99, which travels through southern Madera County, is needed to improve truck freight mobility and travel time reliability, preserve acceptable facility operation, improve safety, and reduce congestion.

As a regionally significant component of the national goods movement network, the widening of this section of SR 99 will provide the following benefits:

- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion
- Improve the flow of goods and services for the region and the State and provide the catalyst for regional and local generation of jobs
- Improve greenhouse gas emissions

Six years ago, the Madera County region was hit hard by a funding shortfall from the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program. The gas tax revenue established by SB 1 allowed the CTC to restore many projects that were cut, including the SR 99 mobility projects in Madera County. According to Madera County Supervisor Robert Poythress, a long-time supporter of securing funding for this project, “The citizens of Madera and the greater San Joaquin Valley region are thrilled by the approval of the widening project on SR 99 in Madera County. This funding commitment is one more step toward completing SR 99 widening in Madera, Tulare, and Merced Counties”.

A link to the CTC Staff Report is available on the Commission’s website, here (Tab 24): [CTC Staff Recommendation](#)

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is comprised of the cities of Chowchilla, Madera, and Madera County. MCTC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, and the Transportation Authority for the Madera Region. MCTC addresses regional transportation issues.

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