

June 24, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – City of Chowchilla Safety Enhancement Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), it is my pleasure to provide a letter in support of the City of Chowchilla Safety Enhancement Project 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application. The funding being pursued through the U.S. Department of Transportation will provide critical resources to implement much needed safety improvements. These enhancements will support a safer, more accessible environment for both pedestrians and motorists, encouraging a culture of active and secure transportation.

Chowchilla is a close-knit community of diverse families that has been deeply impacted by both fatal and injury-related accidents within the project area. Residents, including children, commuters, and local service providers, must currently navigate unsafe corridors where the lack of proper infrastructure forces compromises in daily life. Community members have clearly voiced the urgent need for streets that can be safely traveled—regardless of destination or mode of transportation.

The proposed project will bring significant benefits to both residents and visitors by improving roadway safety for all users and encouraging active modes of transportation. As a disadvantaged community, Chowchilla lacks the resources needed to independently make the types of infrastructure investments that will reduce vehicle emissions, promote healthier lifestyles, and improve safety. The City of Chowchilla has demonstrated a strong commitment to responsible planning and public safety through its proactive studies and alignment with the City's 2022 Local Roadway Safety Plan; however, the resources necessary to implement these critical improvements are urgently needed.

This project also aligns closely with the goals of the Madera County Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy by prioritizing investments in disadvantaged areas, expanding safe and accessible transportation options, promoting active transportation, and supporting public health improvements.

MCTC commends the City of Chowchilla for its commitment to responsible planning and public safety and fully supports its efforts to secure SS4A funding. We look forward to the transformative impact this project will have on the community.

Sincerely,



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