

July 10, 2025

Grant Review Committee

Re: Madera County Zero Emission Bus Application to Low or No Emission and Bus & Bus Facilities Grant Opportunity

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is writing to express our support for the County of Madera application for the Low-No and Bus & Bus Facility funding programs. The County currently provides vital transportation services for underserved populations within many parts of Madera County. Their various services address transportation needs for the low-income, disabled and elderly residents primarily in rural areas where transportation is a vital need.

The County has already taken steps to provide clean, zero-emission bus service with their previous vehicle purchases; however, their existing electric fleet is limited to routes that operate in lower elevations and on shorter routes. The application before you will fund larger capacity, longer range buses that will meet the requirements of all their routes, including the one that travels 140 miles uphill from 300 feet to over 3000 feet roundtrip at least five times per day.

The County is determined to meet federal and state zero emission fleet regulations; however, without this grant they currently have insufficient funds to acquire the zero emission buses needed to meet those requirements. This grant will ensure that not only will they meet the federal and state transit fleet rules, but our communities will benefit greatly from the improved air quality and reliable bus services offered by the County.

Again, MCTC wishes to demonstrate our support for the County of Madera's application for Low-No and Bus & Bus Facility funds. If you have any questions about this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jose Rodriguez
Jose Rodriguez (Jul 10, 2025 12:14 PDT)

Jose Rodriguez, Chair
Madera County Transportation Commission