



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 7-H

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Madera South 41 Expressway Mobility Enhancement – Letter of Support

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Approve and authorize Chair to sign letter of support

SUMMARY:

The County of Madera has prepared a 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the Madera 41 South Expressway – Mobility Enhancement project. Included in your package is a letter of support for the county's grant application.

The County grant application is requesting RAISE funding to widen a 4-mile segment of SR 41 from a two-lane rural highway to a controlled access four-lane facility. The proposed project will:

- Improve safety through reduction of unprotected left turns, new center median, improved sight distance, widened shoulders, refreshed striping, and signing throughout, installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies, and modern pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure at intersections.
- Improve at grade intersection layouts to current Caltrans standards.

This Project is vital to Madera County residents and is a critical infrastructure project that the community has selected as part of the region's preferred Sustainable Community Strategy. This Project is also part of a long-range community vision to help Madera County reduce harmful emissions, improve traveler safety, and support a robust and vibrant economy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.