



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 7-J

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

State Route 41 South Expressway Project – awarded \$25 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program and \$1.95 million through Community Project Funding

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Congressman Costa secured \$26.95 million in funding to go to the State Route 41 South Expressway project. The \$25 million grant award is through the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, and \$1.95 million in Community Project Funding through the FY 2023 government funding bill:

- [Costa Announces \\$25 million grant for Highway-41 | Congressman Jim Costa \(house.gov\)](#)
- [Costa secures \\$24 million in Local Projects | Congressman Jim Costa \(house.gov\)](#)

Project Description: This Project is a collaborative effort between Caltrans, Madera County, and the local property owners along SR 41. The Project will upgrade approximately four miles of the Madera 41 South Expressway from a two-lane rural highway to a four-lane limited-access expressway. In addition to the construction of the four-lane expressway, the project will improve the local network by widening the Lateral 6.2 canal crossing near Avenue 15, constructing storm water detention basins, raising the height of the new roadway and constructing at-grade intersection at Avenue 12 and Avenue 15, reserving right-of-way for a future interchange at Avenue 12, and adding a widened and raised median between the canal and Avenue 15.

Project Benefits: The project will improve safety by upgrading travel lanes and road shoulders to meet Caltrans standards for freeways. The project's structural design will account for the higher-than-average volume of heavy truck traffic along the corridor to reduce peak-hour congestion and related emissions. The project scope also includes several environmental benefits, including new energy-efficient lighting. It will also include ways to capture and treat stormwater runoff and use green practices and materials to control erosion. Additionally, the

project will link commercial, residential, and mixed-use development to alternative modes of transportation, like cycling and rideshare. It will also enhance freight movement and improve access to nearby Yosemite National Park for tourists and park employees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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