



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 23, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4-H

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SUBJECT:

Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) – Request for Accelerated Completion

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), are requesting that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) accelerate the development and finalization of the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) for State Route 99 (SR 99). There are several State and Federal funding opportunities forthcoming, and it is critical that the State confirms its commitment to finish SR 99 to six lanes so that the agencies can remain competitive in seeking funding.

The 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) conditioned funding for the South Madera 6 Lane Project on completion of the CMCP. With this project nearing ready to access funds for construction, time is of the essence. Moreover, the CMCP represents an opportunity for the state to reaffirm its commitment to improvements along the corridor to address growing safety, access, and congestion issues.

The current CMCP schedule indicates delivery of a final CMCP by June 2025, but the project has experienced delays. Caltrans is requested to keep the CMCP on track, if not accelerate early delivery of the plan with a Draft out for public review by April 2025. We invite Caltrans to present the Draft CMCP at the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference in Merced on April 10-11, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.