



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 23, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4-J

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SUBJECT:

Letter of Support – City of Madera Rail Crossing Elimination Application

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) staff have provided a letter of support for the City of Madera’s Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program application. This funding will support a planning study to improve safety and mobility at critical key crossings in Madera: Cleveland Avenue (DOT No. 019189U) and Yosemite Avenue (DOT No. 019192C), with focus on the Cleveland Avenue intersection. This area represents a major hub for vehicular traffic, freight movement, and pedestrian activities, involving key corridors such as State Route 99, W. Cleveland Avenue, N. Gateway Drive, Sharon Avenue, Country Club Drive, and the Union Pacific Railroad.

MCTC has strongly urged the Federal Railroad Administration to approve the City’s request for this critical project. With \$1.1 billion in RCE program reserves available, securing these funds would have a transformative impact on both the efficiency of the UPRR network and the safety and quality of life in Madera.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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