



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 23, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 5-B

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SUBJECT:

Madera High-Speed Rail Station Project Update

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

On September 23, 2024, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding will be awarded to construct a high-speed rail station in Madera County. The funding is awarded through an application prepared by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority for the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Program.

The Madera High-Speed Rail Station Project will receive over \$54 million to construct a high-speed rail station for the Merced-Bakersfield California High-Speed Rail Interim Service. The project will design and construct the Madera Station through improvements at the relocated Madera Amtrak Station, including new platforms, trackwork, an overhead contact system, a bus depot, expanded auto parking, an access roadway network, a multi-use path, and a station building.

The competitive Mega Grant program funds major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs and are likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits.

This is the latest among numerous funding partnerships the Madera Station Project has garnered. Prior funding has included the State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, the California Interregional Transportation Investment Program, and Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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