



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of July 20, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A

PREPARED BY: Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing: DRAFT 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), 2022 DRAFT Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), DRAFT Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and DRAFT Corresponding Conformity Analysis

Enclosure: No

Action: Conduct Public Hearing

SUMMARY:

Madera County Transportation Commission staff released the Draft 2023 FTIP, 2022 RTP/SCS, PEIR and Corresponding Conformity Analysis for public review on June 29, 2022. The public review and comment period for each of the documents are as follows:

- 55 days commencing on June 29, 2022, and ending on August 23, 2022, for the 2022 RTP/SCS;
- 45 days commencing on June 29, 2022, and ending on August 13, 2022, for the Draft EIR; and
- 30 days commencing on June 29, 2022, and ending on July 29, 2022, for the 2023 FTIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

The 2023 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Madera County during the next four years.

The 2022 RTP/SCS is a long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy to meet Madera County transportation needs out to the year 2046.

The EIR document provides an analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of the RTP/SCS as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

The corresponding Conformity Analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS meet the air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter.

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft PEIR, potentially significant and un-avoidable direct and cumulative environmental impacts may occur to the following resources areas:

Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Climate Change, Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy and Energy Conservation, Geology/Soils/Mineral Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Planning, and Recreation, Noise and Vibration, Population, Housing, and Employment, Public Utilities, Other Utilities, and Services Systems, Transportation/Traffic, and Wildfire. Although the 2023 FTIP and the 2022 RTP/SCS include areas containing sites that are subject to Government Code 65962.5, neither the 2023 FTIP nor the 2022 RTP/SCS propose site-specific development of any of those locations.

The draft documents are available for review at the MCTC office, located at 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637 and on the MCTC website at www.maderactc.org

Public comments are welcomed at a public hearing to be held on July 20, 2022, at the 3:00PM MCTC Board Meeting, or may be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the aforementioned dates to staff identified below. After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the MCTC Policy Board at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on August 31, 2022. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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