



AGENDA ITEM: 5-D

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SUBJECT:

State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) Update

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The State Route 99 (SR 99) Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) is a two-year (June 2023 through June 2025) planning effort intended to identify a broad range of multimodal opportunities for improving and enhancing the SR 99 corridor and develop a stakeholder-shared vision and implementation plan for the corridor that aligns with state goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and passenger vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and to increase freight reliability and throughput along the corridor for inclusive economic development. The CMCP boundaries include its intersection with US 50 in Sacramento to its merger with Interstate 5 in Wheeler Ridge in Kern County. The CMCP will serve to advance a balanced transportation system consistent with local, regional, and state objectives.

In 2005, Caltrans published the SR 99 Business Plan, which outlined a strategic approach to transforming SR 99 into a safe and efficient trade corridor. A key priority for this work was completing widening projects necessary for SR 99 to be a six-lane corridor. Eight segments in the San Joaquin Valley totaling 35 miles through Merced, Madera, and Tulare counties remain unfinished and still need to be expanded from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. The CMCP builds upon prior SR 99 planning efforts in the San Joaquin Valley including 2020 State Route 99 Business Plan and its prior iterations in 2005 and 2013 which strived to achieve the functional goals of transforming the SR 99 into a safe and efficient trade corridor. The CMCP will update the prior vision of the SR 99 Business Plan, Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs), Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs), and District System Management Plans (DSMPs) to align with current activity and direction, thereby comprehensively addressing the unique challenges of the corridor. The CMCP will be vital for project delivery on State Route 99 including the Madera 99 South project which is directly tied to this study. Allocation of funds for construction is contingent on the completion of the CMCP.

Opportunities identified in the CMCP will be in keeping with statewide plans such as the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050, and the Caltrans Strategic Investment Strategy (CSIS), that guide and recommend investments to meet the state’s ambitious climate goals, and that build on two executive orders signed by the Governor in 2019 and 2020, namely EO N-19-19, which directs the California State Transportation Authority (CalSTA) to leverage state transportation discretionary funding to reduce GHG emissions from mobile sources and adapt to Climate Change, and EO N-97-20, which directs CalSTA to identify near-term actions to improve clean transportation, sustainable freight, and transit options while adhering to a “fix-it-first” approach to California’s transportation system.

The CMCP will be developed adhering to the 2022 Caltrans Corridor Planning Process Guide. This guidebook is part of Caltrans’ focus on instituting a planning to programming cycle for improvements and enhancements to the state highway system.

Three Caltrans Districts are involved in managing this consultant-led effort and form the SR 99 CMCP Corridor Managers, including:

- Caltrans, District 6, which includes Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Madera Counties in the Central Valley. District 6 is managing the consultant-led effort
- Caltrans, District 10, including Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties in the Central Valley
- Caltrans, District 3, including Sacramento County in the norther San Joaquin Valley
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) or Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) representing each of the eight (8) counties involved in the CMCP planning process:
 - Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
 - Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)
 - Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)
 - Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)
 - Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)
 - Stanislaus Council of Governments (Stanislaus COG)
 - San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)
 - Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

There are also many local cities and counties within each of the Caltrans Districts that will be involved to help inform and engage their constituents, residents, and business for the SR 99 CMCP.

Caltrans staff retained Jacobs as the lead consultant to prepare the CMCP. The CMCP development team is currently engaged in three tasks:

- Task 2: Data Assessment and Collection
- Task 3: Public Outreach and Engagement
- Task 4: Baseline Performance and Identification and Analyses of Strategies

The CMCP development team will be hosting a series of workshops in throughout the San Joaquin Valley in June of this year. A workshop has been tentatively scheduled for **the evening of Wednesday, June 12, 2024** in Madera County. Additional details will be made

available for those who wish to attend the workshop or learn more about how to engage with the project.

The current expected engagement includes the following:

Two rounds of virtual public workshops with eight events each for each round

- 1st round at end of baseline task in spring/summer 2024
- 2nd round during strategy prioritization task in fall/winter 2024

Below is the current project schedule:



TASKS		MONTHS							
		Jul - Sep '23	Oct - Dec '23	Jan - Mar '24	Apr - Jun '24	Jul - Sep '24	Oct - Dec '24	Jan - Mar '25	Apr - Jun '25
1	Project Management/Administration								
2	Data Assessment & Collection								
3	Public Outreach & Engagement								
4.1	Baseline Performance Assessment								
4.2	Identification of Potential Solutions								
4.3	Analyze Improvement Strategies								
5	Solution Alternatives & Prioritization								
6	Final Report, Monitoring & Evaluation Plan								

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.