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### **California Transportation Commission Approves State Funding for State Route 99 South Madera Project, State Route 99 North Madera Project and High-Speed Rail Station**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Madera, CA)** – At Thursday’s March 21-22, 2024 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved State Route 99 (SR 99) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding to fully fund the safety and gap closure project on SR 99 in Madera County from Avenue 7 to Avenue 12. As a result, the Madera County region will receive an additional \$5.5 million in State funds for this critical project, improving traffic congestion, goods movement, and safety. Additionally, \$4.3 million in State funds were awarded to begin environmental work on the SR 99 from Avenue 17 to 21 safety and gap closure project. State funding in the amount of \$80 million was also approved for the Madera High-Speed Rail Station Project at Avenue 12.

“The CTC approval of over \$89.8 million dollars for three projects in the Madera Region is a game changer by creating safer driving conditions, improving goods movement and beginning the process of developing a High-Speed Rail Station. These projects will enhance transportation options for businesses and residents statewide,” said Madera County Supervisor Robert Poythress. “I appreciate the efforts of Caltrans, the CTC, the Madera County Transportation Commission, and most importantly the citizens of our great State to advance this project.”

The SR 99 South Madera Project funding and description is as follows:

- The Project is on SR 99 north of the Madera County line, south of Avenue 7 to north of Avenue 12 (8 miles).
- This project will improve goods movement and passenger travel along SR 99 by closing an existing gap and finishing 6 lanes. This project closes the 8-mile gap and provides for a continuous 70-mile 6-lane Freeway facility starting in the south in Tulare County and continuing through Fresno and ending in Madera County.
- The project will rehabilitate approximately 23 lane-miles of pavement, upgrade drainage, construct drainage basins, add median barrier, add an auxiliary lane, and increase vertical clearance at one structure.

- This project will also incorporate electric vehicle charging infrastructure that will further support greenhouse gas reduction targets in a non-attainment air quality area.
- The gap closure of SR 99 from four-lanes to six-lanes will be accomplished by adding a lane each direction, primarily within the existing median in both the northbound and southbound direction of travel.

Funding for the project is comprised of the following local and state funding sources:

Local Funds – Measure T:	\$9,000
Local Funds – Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act:	\$832,000
Prop 1B State Route 99 Bond Program Savings:	\$3,060,000
SB-1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program:	\$4,659,000
State Funds: Interregional Improvement Program:	\$48,813,000
State Funds: State Highway Operation and Protection Program:	\$54,700,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$112,073,000</b>

A link to the California Transportation Staff Report is available on the Commission’s website, here: <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/ctc-meetings/2024/2024-03/18-4-5-a11y>

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is comprised of the cities of Chowchilla, Madera, and Madera County. MCTC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the Transportation Authority for the Madera Region. MCTC addresses regional transportation issues.

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