



**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-H

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**SUBJECT:**

Sustainable Communities Strategy for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan – Request for Proposals

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Approve release for Sustainable Communities Strategies for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan – Request for Proposals

**SUMMARY:**

MCTC staff have prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The SCS project will comprehensively approach establishing a robust planning document with the goal of fulfilling the requirements of the Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) as a component of the 2026 RTP and adhere to the 2024 Regional Transportation Guidelines for consultation and coordination by all interested parties. This program contributes to Caltrans’ mission and overarching objectives for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Formula Grant resources: sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health, and social equity.

This project will further the ability for strategies with Madera County’s RTP/SCS to reduce the State’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, meet the GHG reduction targets established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Objectives outlined in Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program Grant Application Guidelines.

This project is anticipated to take several years to complete, commencing in quarter four of FY 23/24 and completion in quarter three of FY 26/27. MCTC anticipates utilizing a portion of FY 23/24 SB 1 Sustainable Communities Formula Grant, and all of the FY 24/25, and FY 25/26 SB 1 Sustainable Communities Formula Grant funds to complete this project. The intent of the Sustainable Communities Formula Grants is to carry out the objectives of the region’s RTP SCS and the state’s RTP Guidelines.

MCTC will procure professional assistance to complete all the elements of this project. A full listing of all anticipated activities and their projected timeframe are included in the MCTC Overall Work Program.

Anticipated deliverables for this project include:

- Public Outreach Plan (FY24-25)
- Public Outreach Report (FY25-26)
- SCS Technical Methodology (FY25-26)
- Performance Measures Analysis (FY25-26)
- GHG and Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction Analysis (FY25-26)
- Forecasting and Travel Model Scenario Activities (FY25-26)
- Final SCS for 2026 RTP/SCS (FY26-27)
- SCS Submittal Package for CARB (FY26-27)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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