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**Subject: Caltrans ITIP Programming for State Route 99 in Madera and Tulare Counties**

Chair Grisby and Director El-Tawansy:

We respectfully submit this letter in strong support of including the SR 99 North Madera 6 Lane and SR 99 South Madera 6 Lane projects in Madera County, as well as the SR 99 Corridor and Paige Avenue Multimodal Interchange Enhancements in Tulare County, in the Draft 2026 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

SR 99 serves as the primary transportation backbone for Madera County and the San Joaquin Valley and is a critical north-south goods movement corridor for the State of California. The route plays an essential role in supporting freight mobility, safety, and economic connectivity throughout the Valley and statewide.

For these reasons, ongoing investment in SR 99, through projects such as these, is vital to meeting current and future mobility, safety, and goods-movement needs in Madera and Tulare Counties, the San Joaquin Valley, and the State of California.

- The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) is the highest producing agricultural region in the United States. In 2022, \$39 billion of California's \$56 billion of agricultural goods came from the San Joaquin Valley. If it were a state, the SJV would be the top agricultural producer in the country.
- These projects have been identified as a priority project in the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Plan and the Caltrans State Route 99 Business Plan.

- These projects combined with on-going locally funded interchange and other corridor improvements are part of a systematic effort to improve safety, goods movement and economic opportunity in the San Joaquin Valley. Madera and Tulare Counties are among the most disadvantaged counties (by almost any economic or demographic indicator) in the State.

Additionally, MCTC supports the Madera High Speed Rail Station Project managed by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA).

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Patricia Taylor at (559) 675-0721 or [patricia@maderactc.org](mailto:patricia@maderactc.org).

Sincerely,

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