

## EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**Date:** October 22, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** Madera County Transportation Commission  
In person and Zoom

**Members Present:** Commissioner Jose Rodriguez, Chair  
Commissioner Robert Macaulay  
Commissioner David Rogers  
Commissioner Rohi Zacharia

**Member Appearing Remotely** Commissioner Robert Poythress, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Waseem Ahmed

**Members Absent:** None

**Policy Advisory Committee:** Above Members  
Shane Gunn, Caltrans District 06

**MCTC Staff:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director  
Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor  
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner  
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner  
Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner  
Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner  
Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst  
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

**1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rodriguez**

**Action:** Approval of Commissioner Poythress and Commissioner Ahmed attending remotely under just cause circumstances due to travel on behalf of a public agency.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, Seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to acknowledge remote attendance of Commissioner Poythress and Commissioner Ahmed.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited by law from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items that are on today's agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item that is on today's agenda when the item is called and should notify the Chair of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

## **MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

**4. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

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**4-A. Current Grant Opportunities**

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

- 4-B. Authorization to apply for FY 2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding to update the Short-Range Transit Plan and the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan  
**Action:** Authorize staff to proceed with the application process
- 4-C. Regional Climate Adaptation and Resilience Framework – Request for Proposals  
**Action:** Authorize release of Request for Proposals for Regional Climate Adaptation and Resilience Framework
- 4-D. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 9 – (Type 1 – Administrative Modification)  
**Action:** Ratify
- 4-E. San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Letter to Congressional Delegation on Transportation Conformity  
**Action:** Information and Discussion Only
- 4-F. San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Policy Council 2025 Valley Voice Meetings Summary  
**Action:** Information and Discussion Only
- 4-G. State Legislative Outlook: Final Legislative Bill Matrix  
**Action:** Information and Discussion Only
- 4-H. Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) Workshop: Refinements to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) Alignment Metrics Focus on Freight Metric  
**Action:** Information and Discussion Only
- 4-I. Draft 2026 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)  
**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

#### **Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4I**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Zacharia, to approve the Transportation Consent Items 4A-4I. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

## 5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 5-A. PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-27 Unmet Transit Needs

**Action:** Receive Public Comments Regarding Unmet Transit Needs for FY 2026-27

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

### 5-B. CalVans Update

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. The following public comment was received:

- Loren Mendibles, Caltrans District 06, reported that Caltrans is working with CalVans on a potential transportation project for North Madera's State Route 99 mitigation. The project may include transportation services to the casino or college. In a recent meeting, Chukchansi showed interest.

### 5-C. State Route 145 Corridor Plan – Final

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

## MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## 6. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

### 6-A. Reaffirm all Actions Taken While Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – September 17, 2025

**Action:** Approve September 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

**Administrative Consent Action on Item 7A**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to approve the Administrative Consent Item 7A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8-A. FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 2

**Action:** Approve Overall Work Program & Budget – Amendment No. 2

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

**Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 8A**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to approve Item 8A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Commissioner Zacharia  
Vote passed 6-0

Yes

## MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### 9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by MCTC staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Authority or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the items will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Authority concerning the item before action is taken.

#### 9-A. 2024 Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

#### **Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Item 9A**

Upon motion by Commissioner Macaulay, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Item 9A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez  
Commissioner Poythress  
Commissioner Ahmed  
Commissioner Macaulay  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Zacharia  
Vote passed 6-0

### 10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 10-A. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Implementing and Imposing a Transaction and Use Tax to be Administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration – Ordinance No. 2025-01

**Action:** Waive second reading and adopt an Ordinance of the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority imposing a transaction and use tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration by title only (Initiative Measure)

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

### **Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 10A**

Upon motion by Commissioner Zacharia, seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to approve Item 10A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Poythress

Commissioner Ahmed

Commissioner Macaulay

Commissioner Rogers

Commissioner Zacharia

Vote passed 6-0

10-B. Measure T Renewal Update

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **11-A. Items from Staff**

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comment:

- The California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting was held in Merced on October 16–17. Three Commissioners expressed interest in visiting the Road Diet Project on State Route 145 in Madera. Caltrans District 06 coordinated a tour and provided an informational packet highlighting projects in Merced and Madera Counties, including the State Route 99/233 Roundabout project and the State Route 99 Avenue 17 to Avenue 21 project. Questions regarding future development were addressed. At the State Route 145 site, members of the Madera Downtown Association, TJ's Restaurant owner, city staff, and chamber met with the Commissioners, the Caltrans District 06 Director, and other participants to discuss the project and partnerships working together. The group walked the project location, and toured the site of the Madera Housing project. The Commissioners were encouraged to return in Spring 2026 to attend the State Route 145 Downtown Madera Capital Preventive Maintenance Project groundbreaking ceremony.
- Agenda Item 4-I, Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), has not yet been released but is expected soon. MCTC anticipates that the North Madera State Route 99 Six-Lane project will be recommended for design and right-of-way funding. Two ITIP hearings are scheduled: one in the southern region on September

30 and one in the northern region on November 7. MCTC will provide support for the projects included in the ITIP and anticipates potential discussion of an additional managed lanes project.

- Caltrans has appointed a new Director, Dina El-Tawansy. MCTC met with Director El-Tawansy virtually to share regional priorities, extend an invitation to visit the region, and emphasize the strong partnership with Caltrans District 06.
- The next MCTC meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

#### 11-B. Items from Caltrans

Shane Gunn, Acting Deputy Director, Caltrans District 06 provided the following comments:

- On behalf of Caltrans District 06 Director Michael Navarro, Mr. Gunn expressed appreciation for the coordination between MCTC and the City of Madera for the California Transportation Commission tour. The tour was well received and highlighted the strong partnership between Caltrans and MCTC on the Downtown State Route 145 project.
- The Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) is now set to be released.
- Caltrans and CalSTA are forming a sub-working group in preparation for the expiration of IJA in September 2026. The meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2025, to establish a collective voice. Additional information is available on the CalSTA website.
- Caltrans recently hosted a webinar on the Interim Final Rule for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The webinar recording is available on the California Local Technical Assistance Program (CALTAP) YouTube channel.
- The next Caltrans Local Assistance Day quarterly webinar will be held on November 4, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include the Buy America Final Rule, the DBE Interim Final Rule, and updates from the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance.
- The final office hours for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program will be held on October 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
- The State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) will be available by the end of October 2025. A Caltrans representative will be available to present the plan at a future Policy Board meeting.
- The South Madera Six Lane Project is currently in the design phase, with completion anticipated in October 2025. The right-of-way process is in its final stage, awaiting railroad approval. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2026. Caltrans has selected the Madera Maintenance Station for Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) charging



stations as part of greenhouse gas mitigation efforts. TCEP funding for the right-of-way phase has been extended to November 2026.

- The North Madera Six Lane Project is in the environmental phase. Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) completion is targeted for April 2028, with Ready-to-List (RTL) in 2031.
- The Downtown Madera Capital Preventive Maintenance Project is ready to list and will be advertised in fall 2025. Construction is targeted to begin in May 2026, following completion of the City of Madera's water main project.
- The State Route 99/233 Supplemental Project Report will be released by the end of October 2025.
- The Madera South Expressway Project will be ready to list in fall 2025.
- The Chowchilla Capital Preventive Maintenance Project is in the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right-of-Way (ROW) phases and is expected to be ready to list in spring 2026.

#### 11-C. Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Poythress made the following comment:

- Commissioner Poythress attended the State Route 99 Coalition Meeting on Friday, October 17. The meeting, which focused on various projects and issues, was highly productive.
- The carpool for the CALCOG California Housing Law and Policy Update will meet at the County Parking Garage at 6:45 am, October 27.

#### 12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PST", is written above the name Patricia S. Taylor.

Patricia S. Taylor  
Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission