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Subject: Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program – La Vina Mobility and Beautification Enhancements Project

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), it is my pleasure to provide a letter of support for the La Vina Mobility and Beautification Enhancements Project which is being prepared by the Madera County Public Works Department for the Clean California Local Grant Program from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

MCTC fully supports the County's plan to implement the bicycle and pedestrian improvements outlined in the La Vina Mobility Study planning document that will constitute a complete streets project involving the construction and installation of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, lighting, street improvements, as well as landscaping and community beautification efforts on public right-of-way from the Avenue 9/Road 24 intersection, along Avenue 9 through La Vina to Road 23, and to La Vina Elementary School. The improvements proposed in this project were prioritized and selected directly by the residents of La Vina during the development of the Mobility Study.

This project is a crucial part of the Madera County Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) as well as the Madera County Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The project will align with many goals and objectives of the RTP/SCS including supporting equitable access to effective transportation options for all and protecting the environment and health of residents by improving air quality and encouraging active transportation. Elements of the project are positioned to directly benefit the La Vina community as envisioned in the ATP by providing better transit access for residents, directly benefiting vulnerable populations, improving walking and biking safety, and providing increased modal choice.

The importance of this project has been highlighted by La Vina residents at MCTC's outreach events related to the development of the RTP/SCS and ATP including at our most recent RTP/SCS development workshop held on December 1, 2021.

Member Agencies: County of Madera, City of Madera, City of Chowchilla

It is our hope that this project will help beautify a disadvantaged rural community while enhancing safety and promoting healthy activity for all the students, staff, parents, and residents. We look forward to the benefits this beautification and active transportation project will bring to the La Vina community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PTJ', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission