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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Clean California Local Grant Program – City of Chowchilla Support Letter**

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 Chowchilla Downtown Beautification and Pedestrian Safety Project which is being prepared by the City of Chowchilla Public Works Department for the Clean California Local Grant Program from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

MCTC fully supports the City's plan to implement the beautification and pedestrian improvements outlined in the State Route 233 Corridor Planning Study and Chowchilla Multimodal Study. The improvements in this project were prioritized and selected directly by the residents of Chowchilla during the development of the Study.

This infrastructure project consists of installing pedestrian improvements such as sidewalk, intersection bulbouts, enhanced crosswalks, rapid flashing beacons and lighting in the area to create a safer pedestrian network. With the location being on State Route 233 through downtown Chowchilla. These improvements are needed to slow traffic and provide pedestrians with better access while providing much needed beautification of the area. The project will strengthen connectivity between neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for area residents while beautifying the downtown core. The project will result in transforming an economically sensitive, auto-centric thoroughfare into a vibrant multi-modal corridor.

It is our hope that this project will help beautify a disadvantaged community while enhancing safety and promoting healthy activity for the residents of Chowchilla. We look forward to the benefits this beautification and active transportation project will bring to the community.

This project will help the region meet its goals and objectives outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). 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.

For these reasons, MCTC supports the City of Chowchilla's efforts to secure funding under the Clean California Local Grant Program request application.

Sincerely,

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission

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