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## EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**Date:** July 17, 2024

**Time:** 3:00 pm

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

**Members Present:** Commissioner Waseem Ahmed  
Commissioner Cecelia Gallegos  
Commissioner Leticia Gonzalez  
Commissioner David Rogers  
Commissioner Robert Poythress

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Jose Rodriguez

**Policy Advisory Committee:** Above Members  
Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director

**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 Gonzalez**

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 Gonzalez 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. Notice of Funding Opportunities

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-C. Parksdale Safe Routes to School Project Letter of Support

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-D. Letter of Support - 2024 Cycle 7 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP):  
Bridging Rail Initiatives, Technology, and Education (BRITE) Project

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-E. Letter of Support for AB 2485 (Carrillo) – Increasing Transparency and Accuracy of the  
Regional Housing Needs Assessment Determination

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-F. 2024 Valley Voice – Washington D.C. Draft Legislative Platform

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

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

**Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4F**

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

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Absent
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Absent
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 4-0

**5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5-A. Final 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment 2, and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis – Resolution 24-08

**Action:** Adopt Final 2025 FTIP, 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment 2, and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis - Resolution 24-08

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comments. No public comment was received.

Commissioner Gallegos joined the meeting.

**Transportation Action/Discussion Items 5A**

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve the Transportation Consent Item 5A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Absent
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

## MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, 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 Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Absent
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

### 7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – June 19, 2024

**Action:** Approve June 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – FY 2024-25 Allocations, LTF Resolution 24-09, STA Resolution 24-10

**Action:** Approve Transportation Development Act (LTF, STA) – Fund Allocations, LTF Resolution 24-09, STA Resolution 24-10

7-C. Award Contract – Auditing Services

**Action:** Authorize staff to negotiate and enter a contract with Price, Paige and Company in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for FY 23-24 with 4 additional optional years to provide auditing services to the Madera County Transportation Commission and the Madera County Transportation Authority

#### **Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7C**

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7C. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Absent
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8-A. FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 1

**Action:** Approve OWP & Budget – Amendment No. 1

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

### Administrative Action/Discussion on Item A

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to approve the circulation of the Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP) – Amendment No. 1. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Absent
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

## 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. Focus on the Future 2024 Conference

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

9-B. Special Meeting Executive Minutes – July 12, 2024

**Action:** Approve July 12, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.

### **Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Items 9A-9B**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 9A-9B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Absent
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 5-0

## **10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10-A. Measure T Renewal Update

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only. Direction may be provided

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor to public comment. The following comment was received:

Andrea Uribe, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, stated the Expenditure Plan put together through Measure T’s outreach process fell short of creating effective and appropriate definitions for disadvantaged communities, clear guidelines for expenditure categories, and a public transportation set aside that was large enough to significantly increase public transportation scheduling. The citizens are concerned the Expenditure Plan they created is now being coopted as a citizens’ initiative and pushed forward with a requirement of 50% plus one vote as opposed to 67%. This process is making it nearly impossible to advocate and make changes to truly create an expenditure plan that is reflective of citizens’ needs.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

11-A. Items from Staff

- Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- Legislative Update
- The Sierra Citizens for Sensible Government filed a complaint with the FPPC alleging violations of the Political Reform Act and Governmental Code. Authority staff learned of this when FPPC contacted staff yesterday afternoon. The complaint challenges the validity of the citizen's initiative, claims a lack of transparency in the process, and requests that the FPPC remove it from the ballot. Sierra Citizens also allege conflicts of interest and assert that there is some sort of subterfuge by the Authority Board or potential use of public resources to support the citizen's initiative. MCTA will provide a response to the FPPC no later than July 25, 2024.

11-B. Items from Caltrans

- Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director, provided a brief update on the following:
  - Caltrans released the Strategic Plan Highway Safety Plan.
  - ATP funding is less than previous years, 29 applications were submitted in District 06.
  - District 06 was awarded 12 of 15 grant applications submitted to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants program.
  - Madera County received a grant award for a Safe Routes to School Plan. District 06 encourages more applications for the next cycle.
  - District 06 will provide letters of support for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
  - State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan finished virtual workshops and are responding to comments, workshops are also scheduled for fall.
  - The Madera South Avenue 7-12 project, construction is scheduled to begin fall 2025.
  - The North Madera Six Lane Avenue 17-22 anticipated kick off meeting in August or September 2024.
  - The Downtown Madera 145 project, construction to begin next year.
  - The Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement will be completed in Spring 2025.
  - Madera County applied for the Multimodal Discretionary Grant for the State Route 41 Madera South Expressway project.
  - The Madera Ranchos Rehabilitation project will be completed by the end of July 2024.

11-C. Items from Commissioners

- This time is reserved for Commissioners to inquire about specific projects.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**NONE**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PST", is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia S. Taylor  
Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission