



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of September 22, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-E

**PREPARED BY:** Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner

---

**SUBJECT:**

Correspondence to the California Department of Transportation confirming that Lifeline funding will not be used in future Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program Call for Projects

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) determined that Lifeline funding in the Congestion Mitigation (CMAQ) Program is considered a suballocation. FHWA reviewed CMAQ Programs throughout the State as part of the 2021 State Federal Transportation Improvement Program process. Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) staff has prepared a letter to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) confirming that Lifeline funding will no longer be used in the CMAQ Program. MCTC member agencies were informed in 2019 that Lifeline funding was ending with the 2019 CMAQ Call for Projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.