



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 22, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5-D

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SUBJECT:

2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Madera County Transportation Commission will adopt the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in the fall of 2022. The RTP/SCS is a long-range (2046 plan horizon year) planning document developed in coordination with Madera County, the Cities of Madera and Chowchilla, Tribal Governments, Caltrans District 6, transit operators, and citizen groups. The RTP/SCS must improve greenhouse gas emissions and help reduce the regions vehicle miles traveled as mandated by state legislature (Senate Bill 375 and Senate Bill 743).

Additionally, the RTP/SCS must:

- Establish clear goals and objectives for those who live and work in Madera County
- Establish a listing of prioritized fiscally constrained transportation projects and investments
- Consider multiple scenarios for how the region will grow
- Demonstrate Federal air quality conformity
- Consider how to best invest in underserved communities
- Engage with numerous stakeholders

MCTC has retained DKS Associates to assist with outreach activities related to the development of the RTP/SCS. A broad range of individuals, groups, and special interests will be actively engaged in the Plan's development. The outreach effort will ensure these groups will be included and provided with the means, and ample opportunities to share their views, ideas, and concerns as part of the process. Staff is currently forming an RTP/SCS steering committee to help guide the plan development process. Numerous opportunities will be provided for participation through surveys, social media, workshops, newsletters, and meetings. A website for the 2022 RTP/SCS will launch this month with all important information related to the plan and how interested individuals can participate.

MCTC has retained VRPA Technologies to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2022 RTP/SCS in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The development of the PEIR will parallel the development of the RTP/SCS and staff will seek to have the plan certified by the MCTC Board in the fall of 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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