



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A

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SUBJECT:

MCTC 2023 Public Participation Plan Update – Public Hearing

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Conduct Public Hearing. Adopt MCTC 2023 Public Participation Plan

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is committed to a transparent decision-making process that is informed by meaningful public consultation and community engagement. MCTC remains committed to a process to give the public ample opportunities for early and continuing participation in important projects, plans, and decisions, and to provide full public access to key decisions. This Public Participation Plan defines an approach for public engagement and participation, along with the processes for communicating with the public about MCTC’s programs, plans, projects, and policy decisions.

MCTC has prepared an update of the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The goal of MCTC’s PPP is to ensure continuous public notification and participation in major actions and decisions by the MCTC Policy Board. The update to the plan includes a variety of new outreach strategies to utilize in engagement for planning activities, additional stakeholders and groups to target for more meaningful participation, and a new section focusing on ensuring the outreach process considers social equity and inclusion.

MCTC staff update the PPP every two to three years. The updates build upon what MCTC staff have learned from stakeholder and community members and results from prior outreach activities and incorporates new mandates or requirements.

A 45-day public review period began Friday, July 14, 2023 and concluded on Monday, August 28, 2023. A public hearing will be held on September 20, 2023 at the MCTC board meeting for this update. Staff will consider and address comments received during the public review process before requesting the MCTC Policy Board approve the updated plan as Final at the September 20, 2023 MCTC Policy Board meeting.

The PPP can be viewed on the MCTC webpage at:

<https://www.maderactc.org/administration/page/public-participation-plan>

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.