

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: February 19, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Madera County Transportation Commission

In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Waseem Ahmed

Commissioner Robert Poythress Commissioner Jose Rodriguez Commissioner David Rogers Commissioner Rohi Zacharia

Commissioner Leticia Gonzalez, Alternate

Members Absent: Commissioner Robert Macaulay

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members

Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, 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 Vice Chair Poythress

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3-A. Election of Officers

Action: Elect a Chairperson and Re-affirm Vice Chairperson

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to appoint Commissioner Rodriguez as Policy Board Chairperson. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed Yes
Commissioner Macaulay Absent
Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Commissioner Zacharia Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez, Alternate Yes

Vote passed 6-0

Chair Rodriguez chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmed, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to reaffirm Commissioner Poythress as Policy Board Vice Chairperson. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed Yes
Commissioner Macaulay Absent
Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Commissioner Zacharia Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez, Alternate Yes

Vote passed 6-0

4. 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 Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

5. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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- 5-A. Notice of Funding Opportunities
 - **Action:** Information and Discussion Only
- 5-B. RAISE Grant Solicitation renamed to "BUILD" by U.S. Department of Transportation **Action:** Information and Discussion Only
- 5-C. Performance Measure 1: Safety Target Acceptance

 Action: Adopt the statewide targets for all five Safety Performance Measures for 2025
- 5-D. 2025 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference

Action: Information and Discussion Only

5-E. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 2 – (Type 2 and 3 – Formal)

Action: Ratify

5-F. 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) – March Workshops

Action: Information and Discussion Only

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

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 5A-5F

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Transportation Consent Items 5A-5F. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:



Commissioner Ahmed Yes
Commissioner Macaulay Absent
Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Commissioner Zacharia Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez, Alternate Yes

Vote passed 6-0

6. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6-A. Michael Navarro Appointed Director of Caltrans District 6

Action: Information and Discussion Only

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

6-B. State Legislative Outlook, Draft MCTC State Legislative Platform, and Draft San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Legislative Platform

Action: Information and Discussion Only. Direction May Be Provided.

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

6-C. Initiate FY 2025-26 Unmet Transit Needs Process **Action:** Information and Discussion Only

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

6-D. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Meetings Update **Action:** Information and Discussion Only

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

6-E. Transportation Funding Programs Update **Action:** Information and Discussion Only

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

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

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



Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed Yes
Commissioner Macaulay Absent
Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Commissioner Zacharia Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez, Alternate Yes

Vote passed 6-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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8-A. Executive Minutes – January 22, 2025

Action: Approve January 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes

8-B. Revised Accounting & Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

Action: Approve Revised Accounting & Financial Manual

8-C. Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF), State Transit

Assistance (STA), and State of Good Repair (SGR) FY 2025-26 Estimates

Action: Information and Discussion Only

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

Administrative Consent Action on Items 8A-8C

Upon motion by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 8A-8C. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed Yes
Commissioner Macaulay Absent
Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Commissioner Zacharia Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez, Alternate Yes

Vote passed 6-0



9. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9-A. FY 2025-26 Draft Overall Work Program & Budget

Action: Authorize circulation of Draft 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget for agency review

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

Administrative Action/Discussion on Item A

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to approve the circulation of the Draft 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget for agency review. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed Yes
Commissioner Macaulay Absent
Commissioner Poythress Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez Yes
Commissioner Rogers Yes
Commissioner Zacharia Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez, Alternate Yes

Vote passed 6-0

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

10. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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NONE

11. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

OTHER ITEMS

12. MISCELLANEOUS



12-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comment:

- Director Taylor, accompanied by the State Route 99 Coalition staff, traveled to Sacramento to present state legislators with a comprehensive folder of fact sheets detailing various local projects.
- Director Taylor provided fact sheets specifically highlighting Madera projects to the Commissioners.

12-B. Items from Caltrans

Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06 Director, provided the following comments:

- Caltrans Clean California Chowchilla SR 233 Enhancement Project is working through conflicts with utilities. The project is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed in spring 2025.
- The Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant application deadline was January 22, 2025.
 District 06 received 12 applications including one from Madera County
 Transportation Commission for a Climate Adaptation Planning Grant.
- The State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan is set for completion by June 30, 2025. With the public workshops now concluded, the draft will be available for review in April and presented at the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference from April 9-11.
- The South Madera Six Lane project, Avenue 7 to Avenue 12 project is currently in design, design should be completed in fall 2025. Caltrans is in the process of addressing right-of-way issues with property owners. Construction is scheduled for March 2026.
- The North Madera Six Plan project, Avenue, Avenue 17-22 project environmental process has begun. The environmental review process is expected to take two years.
- The plans for the Downtown Madera Capital Preventative Maintenance project are currently under review with Union Pacific Railroad. Utility certification is expected in May 2025. The project will be ready to list in June 2025, construction anticipated to begin in December 2025.
- The State Route 99/233 Interchange Improvement project60% constructability review meeting is targeted for April 2025. Project ready to list for construction in summer 2026.
- Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement project northbound offramp will be open to the public February 21, 2025. Construction is anticipated to be completed by May 2025.



- The Madera South Expressway project will be ready to list June 2025 and construction anticipated to begin in December 2025.
- The Madera Ranchos Rehabilitation project between Avenue 15 and State Route 145 project is open to traffic. Project completion is anticipated in April 2025.
- The Chowchilla Capital Preventative Maintenance project includes Class II bike lanes, ADA ramps, bulb-outs, enhanced visibility crosswalks, sidewalks, and flashing beacons. The Project Report was approved September 2024, the PS&E right of way phases are underway, and ready to list November 2026.

12-C. Items from Commissioners

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia S. Taylor

Executive Director

Madera County Transportation Commission