



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of July 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 5-L
PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Finish the State Route 99 Coalition – Update

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The State Route 99 Coalition continues to meet bimonthly at the staff level to discuss efforts to complete State Route 99. Progress has been made, and it is important that there is continued dialog with our partners on the importance of finishing what we started.

Two important Tulare County projects were recently awarded funding by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The two projects and funding programs are as follows:

- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP): \$37 million for the right of way phase of the SR 99 and Paige Ave interchange improvements project in the City of Tulare.
- Local Partnership Program (LPP): \$15 million for the construction phase of the SR 99/Caldwell Avenue interchange in the County of Tulare.

The Finish the State Route 99 Coalition provided the attached letter in strong support of the CTC's recommendation for the 2022 SB 1 Competitive Grant Programs (TCEP and LPP). The two projects listed above will help finish State Route 99 in Tulare County and the San Joaquin Valley. Also included is a copy of a letter signed by local San Joaquin Valley legislators recommending the CTC support the 2022 SB1 Competitive Grant Programs, specifically the two projects in Tulare County.

The Finish State Route 99 Coalition members are scheduled to meet in Madera on Friday, July 14, 2023. The meeting will focus on a strategy moving forward to complete State Route 99. It is anticipated that the members will travel to Sacramento in early October 2023 to meet with our partners in Sacramento, focusing on the importance of identifying funding for State Route 99 in the state's 2024 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program.

Finally, Caltrans D6 and D10 has retained a consulting firm to develop the State Route 99 Multimodal Corridor Plan. A kickoff meeting with all stakeholders will be scheduled soon.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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