



July 11, 2023

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: FY 2019/20 RSTP Exchange Funds

Dear Tricia,

The City of Madera respectfully requests an extension for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 RSTP Exchange Funds that are lapsing on August 20, 2023 per the Master Agreement. The projects scheduled to utilize those funds have incurred substantial delays prohibiting the City's ability to finalize bid documents in time to award contracts this year. Modifying the application to include other eligible projects would create a net loss of funds because the funding for the alternate project (transportation impact fees identified specifically for bridges) could not be used on the projects initially slated to receive RSTP funds.

The FY 2019/20 RSTP Exchange Funds application proposed two projects:

- Olive Avenue Widening, City Project R-10
- Lake/4th/Central Intersection Improvements Project, City Project R-57

The Olive Avenue project has been stalled due to approvals needed from UPRR for both the current utility undergrounding project and the ultimate widening of the UPRR crossing. Approximately \$200,000 of the utility undergrounding project remains encumbered while we wait for approvals from UPRR to complete the installation of the electrical conduit for conversion from overhead to underground. A portion of the overall project is to be split off and bid separately as the Olive Avenue/Knox Street Improvements that will include road widening and a new traffic signal. That project is scheduled to go out to bid this fall.

The Lake/4th/Central Intersection Improvement project is also funded with CMAQ funds and Local Transportation Funds to match. We have recently received the Authorization to Proceed with the right of way phase. There were delays associated with the environmental reviews that caused delays in submitting the Request for Authorization for the right of way phase to Caltrans.

We do not foresee an issue meeting the expenditure requirements for both the FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 RSTP Exchange funds next year. There are two additional projects that will be moving forward with expenditures planned for FY 2023/24. The table below captures claims to date, encumbrances, and projected expenditures in FY 2023/24.

FY 2023/24 RSTP Exchange Fund Expenditure Schedule		
	FY 19/20 RSTP Funds	FY 20/21 RSTP Funds
RSTP Funds provided via Master Agreement	\$791,212	\$933,957
Claimed to date	\$129,032	-0-
Encumbered for Olive Avenue Utility Undergrounding, Lake/4 th /Central	\$139,494	-0-
Olive/Knox Street Improvements 23/24 Expenditures	\$494,846	\$205,154
Olive Avenue Widening Project 23/24 Expenditures	unknown	\$108,803
Lake/4 th /Central 23/24 Expenditures	\$28,000	\$20,000
Lake/Sherwood Traffic Signal 23/24 Expenditures		\$500,000
Almond Avenue Extension 23/24 Expenditures		\$100,000

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to Ellen Bitter, Deputy City Engineer, or myself.

Sincerely,

Keith Helmuth
City Engineer

- C: Ellen Bitter, Deputy City Engineer
Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor, MCTC