



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of May 29, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-D  
**PREPARED BY:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:**

Madera 41 South Expressway – Letters of Support

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The County of Madera has prepared applications for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity and the Community Project Funding Request (CPF) for the Madera 41 South Expressway project.

The County is requesting \$20 million in funding from the MPDG grant opportunity and \$6 million from CPF Request to enhance approximately 4.5 miles of SR 41, which is essential to modernizing the existing rural highway and efficient traffic operations for the region. The proposed project will improve safety, support smart growth, address current climate risk, improve traffic management with ITS, provide support for zero emission vehicles, provide resiliency against wildfires, and further the goals of the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative.

This project is vital to Madera County residents and is a critical infrastructure project that the community has selected as part of the region's preferred Sustainable Community Strategy. This project is also part of a long-range community vision to help Madera County reduce harmful emissions, improve traveler safety, and support a robust and vibrant economy.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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