BEFORE
THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF MADERA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of **FINDINGS OF THE FY 2024-25 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS HEARING**	Resolution No.: **24-05**

WHEREAS, The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, The Madera County Transportation Commission adopted the following definitions by Resolution No. 22-01 for its Unmet Transit Needs process:

A. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS: An unmet transit need is an expressed or identified need that is not currently being met through existing public transportation services. An unmet transit need also is a need required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
B. REASONABLE TO MEET: The term "reasonable to meet" shall apply to public or specialized transportation services that meet the following minimum criteria:
    1. Feasibility
        - The proposed service can be provided with available Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding and/or other funding sources (per State law, the lack of available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet per PUC § 99401.5 (c).
        - Sufficient ridership potential exists for new, expanded or revisited transit services.
        - The proposed transit service will be safe and comply with local, state and federal law.
    2. Community Acceptance
        - The proposed service has community support from the general public, community groups, and/or community leaders.
    3. Benefit to Population
        - The proposed transit service serves a significant number of residents where it is needed and would benefit the general public and/or senior and disabled persons as a whole.

4. Cost-Effective
   - The proposed transit service will not affect the ability of the overall system of the implementing agency or agencies to meet applicable transit system performance objectives or the State TDA farebox ratio requirement after any exemption(s) period(s) if the service is eligible for an exemption(s) per CCR 6633.2.
   - The proposed transit service, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of LTF, STA, FTA funds, and fare revenues and local support.
5. Consistent with Intent of Existing Transit Service(s)
   - Once established, the proposed transit service will not abuse or obscure the intent of existing transit service(s).
   - The proposed transit need should be in conformance with the goals included in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and consistent with the intent of the goals of the adopted Short Range Transit Plan.

WHEREAS, The Madera County Transportation Commission has given consideration to the requirements pursuant to Public Utilities Code, Section 99401.5.; and

WHEREAS, The Madera County Transportation Commission has determined that there are no public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan which are not being implemented and/or funded; and

WHEREAS, The Madera County Transportation Commission, pursuant to Public Utilities Code, Section 99401.5 has noticed and held a public hearing on April 24, 2024, to receive testimony on unmet public transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, The Madera County Transportation Commission has considered the testimony received at said hearing and through other methods of receiving public feedback pursuant to Public Utilities Code, Section 99238.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Madera County Transportation Commission finds that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in FY 2024/25 within the jurisdiction of the City of Madera, there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in FY 2024/25 within the jurisdiction of the City of Chowchilla, and that there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet in FY 2024/25 within the jurisdiction of the County of Madera.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Madera County Transportation Commission staff and the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council recommend the following:

1. That the Madera County Transportation Commission finds that there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in FY 2024/25 within the jurisdiction of the County of Madera.

- Testimony was received regarding the need for more lighting at bus stops and to provide schedules with lighting at the bus stops that show if the bus is running on time, particularly in La Vina. These were found to be unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. The Transit App (by Swiftly) provides the location of the bus in real-time. The schedules are also accessible on the app. The County has plans to install new schedule holders that have a solar light at bus stops throughout the county, including in the community of La Vina. Together with the app and the lighted schedule holders, this unmet transit need will be met.

2. That the Madera County Transportation Commission finds that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in FY 2024/25 within the jurisdiction of the City of Chowchilla.
3. That the Madera County Transportation Commission finds that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in FY 2024/25 within the jurisdiction of the City of Madera.
4. Maintain existing transit systems in Madera County: The Madera County Connection (MCC) provides inter-city transportation from Chowchilla, Fairmead, Madera, La Vina, Madera Ranchos and Eastern Madera County to Children's Hospital Central California where a connection can be made to Fresno via the Fresno Area Express (FAX) while the Senior Bus Program and the Escort Service provide transportation to the Eastern Madera County Communities, Madera Metro and the Madera Dial-A-Ride provide transportation services that cover the entire City of Madera, and the Chowchilla Area Transit Express (CATX) provides transportation services that cover the entire City of Chowchilla as well as Valley State Prison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Madera County Transportation Commission finds that the existing transit system meets a continuing transit need and it is reasonable to continue the funding for the existing transit systems.

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 29th day of May 2024 by the following vote:

Commissioner Ahmed	_____
Commissioner Gallegos	_____
Commissioner Gonzalez	_____
Commissioner Poythress	_____
Commissioner Rodriguez	_____
Commissioner Rogers	_____

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Chair, Madera County Transportation Commission

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Executive Director, Madera County Transportation Commission