



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of April 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4-H

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Request for State Route 99 (SR 99) Investments in the 2024 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), jointly submitted a letter to Director Tony Tavares, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), urging Caltrans to include support for vital projects on SR 99 in the development of the 2024 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (2024 ITIP). Included in your package is a copy of the letter, dated March 24, 2023.

Included in the letter, the three agencies respectfully requested that the 2024 ITIP provide funding for environmental and design for the Madera SR 99 (Avenue 17-21 ½) project. Additionally, depending on the outcome of the 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program grant awards, the Tulare Delano to Pixley project may require 2024 ITIP funding for right-of-way. As noted in the letter, both projects will improve safety, reduce congestions, increase connectivity, and improve travel-time reliability of time sensitive goods on SR 99.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.