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James Perrault, District 6 Local Assistance Engineer
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RE: Letter of Support – Clean California Local Grant Program

Dear Mr. Perrault;

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is pleased to support the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority's (SJJPA) application for the Madera Station Relocation Project (Project).

SJJPA requests \$3 million in Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) funds. The Project will relocate the existing station near Avenue 12 to better meet regional goals of improving ridership and connectivity. The station relocation will provide significant benefits to the community. The station is easily accessible from State Route 99, providing an alternative commute to vehicle travel. The new station will improve access to bicycle riders in southern Madera County. The Project is located within and will serve underserved communities within the Central Valley. Construction of the project will also support anticipated transit-oriented development in southeast Madera County adjacent to the station and the future High-Speed Train Station.

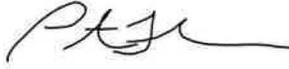
Another significant benefit of the Project is the creation of a new community space. The new train station will be accessible to all users regardless of income and ability. The Project will include drought tolerant landscaping, lighting, passenger amenities such as benches and trash receptacles, restrooms, and shade structures over the train platform and parking lot. The train station will beautify the area, reduce the heat island effect, and anchor planned transit-oriented development that will build out around the Project.

The MCTC supports the Project application for the CCLGP funding to implement the Project. The Project is consistent with CCLGP goals to reduce debris, install beautification measures in public spaces, mitigate the heat island effect, and enhance community placemaking, and advance equity for underserved communities.

Member Agencies: County of Madera, City of Madera, City of Chowchilla

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission