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## EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**Date:** June 19, 2024

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** Madera County Transportation Commission  
In person and Zoom

**Members Present:** Commissioner Waseem Ahmed  
Commissioner Cecelia Gallegos  
Commissioner Leticia Gonzalez  
Commissioner Jose Rodriguez  
Commissioner David Rogers

**Virtual** Commissioner Robert Poythress

**Members Absent:** None

**Policy Advisory Committee:** Above Members  
Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director

**MCTC Staff:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director  
Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor  
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner  
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner  
Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner  
Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner  
Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst  
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. **CALL TO ORDER by Chair Gonzalez**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited by law from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items that are on today’s agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item that is on today’s agenda when the item is called and should notify the Chair of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

## **MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

4. **TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

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4-A. Notice of Funding Opportunities

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-B. Unmet Transit Needs FY 2024-25 Analysis and Recommendations Report

**Action:** Accept the Unmet Transit Needs FY 2024-25 Analysis and Recommendations Report

4-C. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Appointments

**Action:** Approve the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council applications for appointment

4-D. Letters of Opposition – AB 6 (Friedman) Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-E. Sustainable Community Strategy Consistency – Community Driven Planning: Expanding Clean Mobility Access in San Joaquin Valley

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

4-F. Support Letter for Joint Legislative Budget Plan Proposal for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

#### **Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4F**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to approve the Transportation Consent Items 4A-4F. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

### **5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5-A. Public Hearing: DRAFT 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 2, and DRAFT Corresponding Conformity Analysis

**Action:** Conduct Public Hearing

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

5-B. State Legislative Update

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

5-C. Award Contract – Madera County Regional Growth Forecast

**Action:** Authorize staff to negotiate and enter a contract with PlaceWorks in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to provide services for the Madera County Regional Growth Forecast

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

#### **Transportation Action/Discussion Items Action on Item 5C**

Upon motion by Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Transportation/Action Discussion Item 5C. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

5-D. Award Contract – 2026 Sustainable Communities Strategy Development

**Action:** Authorize staff to negotiate and enter a contract with LSA Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$456,000 to provide services for the 2026 Sustainable Communities Strategy Development

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

#### **Transportation Action/Discussion Items Action on Item 5D**

Upon motion by Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve the Transportation/Action Discussion Item 5D. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

### **MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

#### **6. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes

Commissioner Rodriguez      Yes  
Commissioner Rogers         Yes  
Vote passed 6-0

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

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7-A. Executive Minutes – May 29, 2024

**Action:** Approve May 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023: City of Chowchilla

**Action:** Accept TDA Compliance Audit Report for FY ended June 30, 2023: City of Chowchilla

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

**Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7B**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed         Yes  
Commissioner Gallegos       Yes  
Commissioner Gonzalez       Yes  
Commissioner Poythress      Yes  
Commissioner Rodriguez      Yes  
Commissioner Rogers         Yes

Vote passed 6-0

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**NONE**

**MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

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9-A. Measure “T” Fund Compliance Audit Report for FY ending June 30, 2023: City of Chowchilla

**Action:** Accept Measure T Compliance Audit Report for FY ending June 30, 2023: City of Chowchilla

9-B. Measure T Citizens’ Oversight Committee Annual Report

**Action:** Accept the Measure T Citizens’ Oversight Committee Annual Report

9-C. Measure T FY 2024-25 Draft Annual Work Program

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

9-D. Special Meeting Executive Minutes – June 12, 2024

**Action:** Approve June 12, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

**Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Items 9A-9D**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 9A-9D. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

**10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10-A. Consider Adoption, Second Reading of an Ordinance to renew Measure T Sales Tax – Before the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority, Ordinance No. 2024-01

**Action:** Waive reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-01

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

**Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 10A**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, to approve Item 10A. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

10-B. Request call for Special Election, to be consolidated with the General Election, by the Board of Supervisors, and request extension of the Authority’s term – Resolution 2024-02

**Action:** Approve Resolution 2024-02, requesting a call for a Special Election by the Board of Supervisors on a retail transaction and use tax ordinance, consolidation of the election with statewide General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, and requesting the extension of the Authority’s term and certain related matters

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. The following public comments were received.

Esther, resident of La Vina, submitted the following written comment. I would like them to put more “routes” to town with buses. We have appointments and can't go to our appointments. If you have your appointments at 8 in the morning, you wouldn't be able to get the bus to arrive earlier. Funds for disadvantaged communities are too few. The funds are not enough to cover the bus routes, nor to fix the roads or sidewalks. They say there is not enough use of the buses, but there is not enough use because the buses cannot be used. If you spend too much time getting your errands done, then you can't get back on the bus and you'll be stuck in town. For these reasons I ask that you continue working on Measure T so that there can be improvements in public transportation and so that there are more benefits in communities like La Vina. We are people too, don't abandon us.

Mike Estrada, Measure T Renewal Steering Committee Member, stated the Steering Committee in forming the draft Expenditure Plan discussed the definition of disadvantaged communities, disadvantaged communities are determined by multiple factors and not income based only.

Andrea Uribe, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, stated language in the Expenditure Plan should be clear in defining disadvantaged communities and funding should only be used in the most disadvantaged communities. Funding should not be used for regional projects.

### **Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 10B**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Item 10B. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

10-C. Amend Contract – Measure T Sales Tax Extension Public Outreach and Education

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Approve amended contract with DKS Associates

Chair Gonzalez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

### **Administrative Action/Discussion on Item 10C**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, to approve Item 10C. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Gallegos	Yes
Commissioner Gonzalez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

11-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- Director Taylor recognized Evelyn Espinosa for completion of the California Academy for Regional Leaders (CARL), Natalia Austin is a new applicant for the CARL program and Troy McNeil is an alumnus.



11-B. Items from Caltrans

- Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 06, Deputy Director, provided a brief update on the following:
  - The Clean California program will be sunseting in June.
  - City of Madera ribbon cutting for a Clean California project on the Vernon McCoullough Fresno River Trail.
  - Madera County applied for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) for the State Route 41 South project.
  - Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant applications are due June 18.
  - Caltrans District 06 can assist with Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 12 grant applications.
  - Public Engagement period has begun for the State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan.
  - The North Madera Six Lane project is in the environmental phase.
  - The Downtown Madera CAPM project is in the design phase.
  - The State Route 99/233 Interchange is in the right of way and design phase.
  - Cottonwood Creek Bridge replacement is on schedule for completion in spring 2025.
  - The Chowchilla rehabilitation project is holding public engagement meetings, the environmental phase will be completed August 2024.

11-C. Items from Commissioners

- Commissioner Rodriguez shared the City of Madera will be hosting a Fourth of July fireworks show at the Madera Fairgrounds.
- Commissioner Gallegos thanked Caltrans for attending the Vernon McCoullough Fresno River Trail Clean California project ribbon cutting.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**NONE**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PST", is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia S. Taylor  
Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission