

# MEETING NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Madera County Transportation Commission  
Conference Room  
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201  
Second Floor – Citizens Business Bank Bldg.

## Agenda

Item	Description	Enclosure	Action
MCTC sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee			
<b>I.</b>	<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>		
<b>II.</b>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> 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 Chairman of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.		
<b>III.</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS</b> All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by MCTC staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.		
A.	Initiate 2012-13 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process	Yes	Info/Disc
B.	Valley Voice – Sacramento 2012 Trip – March 7-8, 2012	No	Info/Disc
C.	2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment No. 8 (Administrative Modification)	Handout	Ratify
D.	Madera County Energy and Conservation Strategy – Letter of Support	Yes	Info/Disc
E.	House and Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bills – Status	Yes	Info/Disc
F.	Draft – MCTC Public Participation Plan Update	No	Info/Disc
G.	Call for Projects - FTA Section 5316 and 5317	No	Info/Disc
H.	Call for Projects - FTA Section 5316 and 5317	No	Info/Disc
I.	Cycle 10 Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program – Call for Projects	No	Info/Disc
J.	FY 2012-2013 Transportation Planning Grants Application	No	Info/Disc

**IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| A. | Exploring Regional Governance of the San Joaquin’s Intercity Rail Service                                 | Yes | Direction          |
| B. | <b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution 10-12 Amendment No. 9 | No  | <b>ITEM PULLED</b> |
| C. | 2014 RTP Schedule and SB 375 Process - Presentation   | Yes | Info/Disc          |

MCTC Sitting as the Madera County Transportation Commission

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| <b>V.</b> | <b>REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE</b> | No | Reaffirm |
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**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

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| A. | Executive Minutes of January 18, 2012  | No  | Approve   |
| B. | 2012-13 Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Estimates | Yes | Info/Disc |
| C. | Strategic Growth Council: San Joaquin Valley Energy Planning Grant Proposal  | Yes | Info/Disc |

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| A. | FY 2012/13 Draft Overall Work Program | Yes | Circulate for Review |
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MCTC Sitting as the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority

**VIII. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

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- A. None

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

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| A. | None | Yes | Approve |
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**X. Miscellaneous**

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| A. | Items from Caltrans      | No | Info/Disc |
| B. | Items from Staff         | No | Info/Disc |
| C. | Items from Commissioners | No | Info/Disc |

**XI. Adjournment**

No

**\*Items listed above as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.**

# Annotated Agenda

## Madera County Transportation Commission February 22, 2012 Meeting

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT
- III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Initiate 2012-13 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process

**Summary:** The State Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that the MCTC Policy Board determine that public transportation needs within Madera County will be reasonably met in FY 2011/12 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for streets and roads. The MCTC's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Madera County. The request for comments letters, included in your package, will be mailed late February 2012.

MCTC's Unmet Transit Needs public hearing is scheduled as follows:

- PUBLIC HEARING – Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Madera County Transportation Commission Board Room  
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA

First Transit will provide free demand response service to the hearing. A Spanish language interpreter will also be available for those who wish to testify in Spanish. A public notice will be printed in the local newspapers and flyers will be distributed throughout the community publicizing the hearing. (Stone)

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

- B. Valley Voice – Sacramento 2012 Trip – March 7-8, 2012

**Summary:** The annual San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Valley Voice trip to Sacramento will take place on March 7-8, 2012. Elected officials and MPO staff from each of the eight San Joaquin Valley counties will meet with representatives from the Assembly, Senate, and statewide agencies to advocate for the priority issues identified in the Valley Legislative Platform.

This item serves as a reminder. At this time, Councilmember Poythress and Patricia Taylor will be attending. (Taylor)

**Action:** Information and Discussion only

- C. 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment No. 8 (Administrative Modification)

**Summary:** Enclosed for your review is Amendment No. 8 (Type 1 Administrative Modification) to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Amendment No. 8 updates the SHOPP Program to reflect 100% federal funds and amends the City of Chowchilla CATX Section 5311 operating assistance for FY 2011/12.

Amendment No. 8 meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93. These projects and/or project phases are consistent with the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which was adopted by the Madera County Transportation Commission on July 21, 2010.

The MCTC Public Participation Plan does not require a public review and comment period for Type 1 Administrative Amendments. The MCTC Policy Board has delegated MPO approval of Type 1 Administrative Amendments to its Executive Director. State approval has also been delegated to the MCTC Executive Director. (Winning)

*Action:* Information and Discussion Only

**D. Madera County Energy and Conservation Strategy – Letter of Support**

*Summary:* The County of Madera requested the MCTC to support its Energy and Conservation Strategy Grant Proposal to the Strategic Growth Council. Included in your package is a copy of the letter of support. Also included in the letter, MCTC staff recognizes that the agency will provide technical assistance in ensuring consistency with the Valley Blueprint. *(Taylor)*

*Action:* Information and Discussion Only

**E. House and Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bills – Status**

*Summary:* Included in your package is a copy of the most recent House and Senate Transportation Reauthorization Bills – side by side comparison. It is unlikely a compromise will be made prior to the extension expiration of March 31, 2012. Another extension will be likely. *(Taylor)*

*Action:* Information and Discussion Only

**F. DRAFT - MCTC Public Participation Plan Update**

*Summary:* The Public Participation Plan is a document that demonstrates and guides MCTC's commitment to public involvement in the transportation planning process. The plan outlines how the public is engaged with timely public notice; accurate and complete information; access to key decisions; and opportunities for early and continuous involvement in the transportation planning process.

A 45-day public review and comment period will commence on March 5, 2012 and conclude the day of the public hearing on these matters. The draft documents will become available for review at the MCTC office, located at 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637 or on the MCTC Website at <http://www.maderactc.org>.

Public comments are welcomed at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing by 3:00 PM, April 18, 2012 to the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the MCTC Policy Board at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 23, 2012. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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*(Stone)*

*Action:* Release DRAFT - MCTC Public Participation Plan for 45-day review and comment period.

**G. Call for Projects - FTA Section 5316 and 5317**

*Summary:* The California Department of Transportation's Division of Mass Transportation is pleased to announce a call for projects for federal fiscal year 2011 and 2012.

- Estimated federal funding is \$13.5 million for JARC-Small Urban and JARC Non-Urban (Rural).
- Estimated federal funding of \$5.8 million for New Freedom Small Urban and New Freedom Non-Urban (Rural).
- Applications from non-MOU small urbanized areas and rural areas are due to Caltrans on or

before **Friday, March 23, 2012.**

Additional information is available at the Caltrans JARC and New Freedom Websites as well as the fresnocog.org.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5317.html>

(Stone)

**Action:** Release Information and Discussion only

#### **I. Cycle 10 Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program – Call for Projects**

**Summary:** The guidelines and application forms have been released for Cycle 10 of the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S). Cycle 10 of the State SR2S program has \$45 million available statewide for this coming fiscal year. The application deadline is March 30, 2012 and should be submitted to the attention of your Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer, Jim Perrault.

The following website link provides program updates; guidelines and application forms:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/sr2s\\_gaf.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/sr2s_gaf.htm). (Stone)

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

#### **J. FY 2012-2013 Transportation Planning Grants Application**

**Summary:** Caltrans is currently accepting applications for transportation planning grants. Details are online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

Transit Planning includes:

1. Partnership Planning
2. Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies
3. Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies
4. Environmental Justice
5. Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants
6. Transit Planning Student Internship

Applications are due via email by 5:00pm on Monday, April 2, 2012. Hard copies will NOT be accepted. (Stone)

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

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

#### **A. Exploring Regional Governance of the San Joaquin's Intercity Rail Service**

**Summary:** Dan Leavitt from the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission will be in attendance to present its report concerning the exploration of Regional Governance of the San Joaquin's Intercity Rail Service. Included in your package is a copy of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission's White Paper.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Commission is requesting our attendance at the next Central Valley Rail Working Group (CVRG) meeting in Merced at 10:00am on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting should last approximately two hours. In addition to staff attendance it is requested that a representative from each jurisdiction also attend for the purpose of furthering the discussion of the Regional Governance of the San Joaquin rail service. (Taylor)

**Action:** Direction may be provided

#### **B. PUBLIC HEARING: 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution 10-12 Amendment No. 9 – ITEM PULLED**

**Summary:**

**The 2011 FTIP Amendment No. 9 was pulled from the February agenda, it but will be subsequently considered for approval at the March 21, 2012 MCTC Policy Board Meeting following a 7-day public comment period as required by the MCTC Public Participation Plan.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
DRAFT AMENDMENT #9 TO THE 2011 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) will hold a public hearing on February 22, 2012 at 3 p.m. at the MCTC Board Room at 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637 regarding the Draft Amendment #9 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments.

- The 2011 FTIP is a listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Madera County during the next four years that are eligible to proceed without a conformity determination.
- The Draft Amendment #9 to the 2011 FTIP is a Type 3 amendment that contains project phases and/or projects that have been determined to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed per 40 CFR 93.126, 93.127, or 93.128. Because the projects are exempt, no further conformity determination is required.

A concurrent 7-day public review and comment period will commence on February 16, 2012 and conclude February 22, 2012 at 3:00pm. The draft documents are available for review at the MCTC office, located at 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637 and on the MCTC website at <http://www.maderactc.org/>.

Public comments are welcomed at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing by 3:00pm on February 22, 2012 to Derek Winning at the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the Madera County Transportation Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on February 22, 2012. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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(Winning)

**Action:** Approve the Madera County 2011 FTIP Resolution 10-12 Amendment No. 9.

**C. 2014 RTP Schedule and SB 375 Process – Presentation**

**Summary:** Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 - SB 375, enhances California's ability to reach its AB 32 goals by promoting good planning with the goal of more sustainable communities.

Sustainable Communities requires ARB to develop regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for passenger vehicles. ARB is to establish targets for 2020 and 2035 for each region covered by one of the State's 18 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

Each of California's MPOs then prepare a "sustainable communities strategy (SCS)" that demonstrates how the region will meet its greenhouse gas reduction target through integrated land use, housing and transportation planning. Once adopted by the MPO, the SCS will be incorporated into that region's federally enforceable regional transportation plan (RTP). ARB is also required to review each final SCS to determine

whether it would, if implemented, achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction target for its region. If the combination of measures in the SCS will not meet the region's target, the MPO must prepare a separate "alternative planning strategy (APS)" to meet the target. The APS is not a part of the RTP.

Sustainable Communities also establishes incentives to encourage implementation of the SCS and APS. Developers can get relief from certain environmental review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if their new residential and mixed-use projects are consistent with a region's SCS (or APS) that meets the target.

Enclosed is the proposed 2014 Regional Transportation Plan schedule and timeline for developing SB 375 Targets and Sustainable Communities Strategy. (*Winning*)

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

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

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Executive Minutes of January 18, 2012**

**Summary:** A copy of the January 18, 2011 Executive Minutes will be provided to you as a handout.

**Action:** Approve Executive Minutes of January 18, 2012

**B. 2012-13 Transportation Development Act (TDA): Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Estimates**

**Summary: Local Transportation Fund (LTF):** Prior to February 1 of each year, the county auditor provides MCTC an estimate of monies to be available for apportionment and allocation during the ensuing fiscal year. The estimate for FY 2012-13 is **\$3,490,172**. The estimate includes monies anticipated to be deposited in the fund during the ensuing fiscal year. The county auditor makes an estimate from such data including those which may be furnished by the State Board of Equalization. The county auditor will furnish a revised or updated estimate of funds available when requested by MCTC staff.

**State Transit Assistance (STA):** Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99312.7, the State Controller is directed to send a preliminary estimate of STA Funds to each transportation planning agency. For fiscal year 2012-13, there is \$420,363,131 budgeted according to the most current information from the State Controller's Office. STA allocation estimate for Madera County is **\$851,406**.

MCTC advised prospective LTF claimants of the estimated area apportionments within Madera County. Applicants must file LTF and STA applications with MCTC by April 1, 2012. (*McNeil*)

**Action:** Information and Discussion only

**C. Strategic Growth Council: San Joaquin Valley Energy Planning Grant Proposal**

**Summary:** The eight regional planning agencies of the San Joaquin Valley, in association with various private and public sector partners, propose a regional energy and economic development planning process that will result in the development of an energy economy roadmap, and support for jurisdictional efforts to implement policies, investments and strategies to create and maintain energy related economic development. This project will draw on local, statewide and national talent to map energy investments and opportunities, which will provide economic development decision-makers with long term, sustainable and coordinated growth options for our future. Project partners include all eight Workforce Investment Boards and Economic Development Corporations in the Valley, as well as the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Office.

The Valley is applying for a \$1 million grant from the Strategic Growth Council to implement this planning process. The Madera County Community Transportation Commission is the fiscal agent and applicant on behalf of the Valley. There are no local matching funds committed to the project. (*McNeil*)

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. 2012/13 Draft Overall Work Program**

*Summary:* Included in your package is a copy of the DRAFT 2012-13 MCTC Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget. This document is prepared annually pursuant to Caltrans guidelines and was required to be submitted to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA. The OWP discusses the MCTC, its organizational structure, regional planning issues, and presents work element descriptions and budgets. Following review, the OWP will be brought before the Commission for adoption at its May 2011 meeting.

The Annual Group Meeting which includes the federal and state agency review group is scheduled to meet with MCTC staff on March 12, 2012 to review the OWP. *(Taylor)*

*Action:* Authorize circulation of Draft 2012-13 MCTC Overall Work Program for agency review

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**VIII. AUTHORITY – CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. None**

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

**A. None**

**X. Miscellaneous**

- A.** Items from Caltrans
- B.** Items from Staff
- C.** Items from Commissioners

**XI. Adjournment**

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