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# MEETING NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 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.	Caltrans Quarterly Newsletter – October/November/December 2012	Yes	Info/Disc
B.	City of Madera – Awarded 2012-13 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)	Yes	Info/Disc
C.	Transit to National Parks Update	No	Info/Disc
D.	FY 2012-13 California Transit Security Grant Program - California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGBP-CTAF) – Resolution 12-12	Yes	Approve
<b>IV.</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
A.	San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Governance Status	Yes	Info/Disc
B.	Sacramento Valley Voice Trip - San Joaquin Valley Working Draft Legislative Platform	Yes	Info/Disc
C.	San Joaquin Valley’s Proposed Recommendation to ARB for SB 375 Targets	Yes	Info/Disc

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| D. | Caltrans District 06 letter to Madera County BOS regarding Tesoro Viejo Project and future SR 41 Alignment | Yes | Direction |
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| V. | <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 – September 19, 2012 | Yes | Approve |
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**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| A. | FY 2012-13 OWP Amendment No. 2 | Yes | Approve |
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MCTC Sitting as the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority

**VIII. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**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 |

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| XI. | <b>Adjournment</b> | No |  |
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**\*Items listed above as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.**

# Annotated Agenda

## *Madera County Transportation Commission November 14, 2012 Meeting*

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I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Caltrans Quarterly Newsletter – October/November/December 2012

*Summary:* Included in your package is a copy of Caltrans Quarterly Newsletter for the months of October, November and December 2012. (*Caltrans*)

*Action:* Information and Discussion Only

B. City of Madera – Awarded 2012-13 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

*Summary:* The review committee in Sacramento posted their selections of the successful BTA applicants for the 2012-2013 Cycle. The weblink <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btaApprovedProject.htm> . Of the 5 applications received from local agencies in District 6, they selected 2 projects for funding: City of Madera and City of Fowler. (*Taylor*)

*Action:* Information and Discussion Only

C. Transit to National Parks Outreach Update

*Summary:* MCTC staff is currently receiving bids for professional services to conduct a scientific survey within Eastern Madera County regarding the potential public transit service which would connect Fresno to Yosemite Valley along State Route 41 through Madera County in 2014. The intention is to convey data yielded by the survey in an unbiased and consistent manner to the Madera County Board of Supervisors and Madera County residents.

Staff is also developing informational materials to promote awareness about the project, what advantages or disadvantages participation might entail and how members of the community can contribute their feedback regarding the matter.

The initiation of the survey and distribution of informational material will coincide with outreach at mountain community events and gatherings. (*Stone*)

*Action:* Information and Discussion Only

D. FY 2012-13 California Transit Security Grant Program - California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) – Resolution 12-12

*Summary:* Proposition 1B places \$1 billion in the Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account (TSSSDRA). The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) administers the TSSSDRA as the California Transit Security Grant Program - California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF). The state legislature has discretion to appropriate this funding to transit operators. For FY 2012/13, the legislature has appropriated \$60 million. The allocation and guidelines apply only to the 2012/13 funding year, and there is no guarantee of future funding levels.

Allocations will be proportional to the share of State Transit Assistance allocated to each agency in FY 2004/05, 2005/06, and 2006/07. Projects must be submitted Cal EMA to determine project eligibility.

The State Controller's office calculates and distributes the Section 8879.58(a3) funding based on the Section 99314 revenue formula. The Section 8879.58(a2) funding is distributed to the MPOs per Section 99313 by population. For FY 2012/13, the MCTC has received an eligible allocation of \$115,664 to be suballocated to

local agencies by population:

City of Chowchilla:	\$ 9,188
City of Madera:	\$47,546
County of Madera:	\$58,930

Included in your package is a resolution specifying the amounts suballocated to each agency and designating the MCTC Executive Director and Deputy Director as agents authorized to execute any actions necessary for each application and a copy of the draft program guidelines for FY12-13.

The deadline for FY12-13 investment justifications is January 15, 2013. (*McNeil*)

**Action:** Approve California State Transit Assistance Fund FY12-13 Prop. 1B 6561-0002 Suballocation and Authorized Agent Designation – Resolution 12-12

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

##### **A. San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Governance Status**

**Summary:** On September 29th, the “Intercity Passenger Rail Act of 2012” authored by Assemblymember Cathleen Galgiani was signed by the Governor. Assembly Bill 1779 reauthorizes regional government agencies’ ability to form a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the San Joaquin Corridor.

Following the model of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, AB 1779 is permissive legislation which would enable regional governance/management of the existing San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service between Bakersfield-Fresno-Stockton-Sacramento-Oakland.

The Regional Governance Initiative (RGI) for the San Joaquin Intercity Rail Service Working Group met on October 26<sup>th</sup> to review a Draft Joint Powers Authority document. The group also discussed the contents of a comment letter to Caltrans Division of Rail regarding the Draft State Rail Plan scheduled to be released in February of 2013.

The next steps on the RGI Schedule are to finalize and execute the JPA during the months of December and January. Once and JPA has been executed, evaluation and selection of a managing agency will commence. (*Stone*)

**Action:** Information and Discussion

##### **B. Sacramento Valley Voice Trip - San Joaquin Valley Working Draft Legislative Platform**

**Summary:** The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council is formulating a Legislative Platform for the Sacramento Valley Voice Trip (March 13-14, 2013). The working draft platform is being prepared by the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee. The areas that have been identified as priorities will focus on issues related to funding in the San Joaquin Valley for transportation projects, community revitalization, job creation and air quality. The Directors of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies will further discuss the draft legislative platform on December 4, 2012, and the SJV Policy Council is anticipated to approve the legislative platform at its December 14, 2012, meeting in Madera. (*Taylor, Findley*)

**Action:** Information and Discussion

##### **C. San Joaquin Valley’s Proposed Recommendation to ARB for SB 375 Targets**

**Summary:** In September 2010, the ARB Board took action to establish Senate-Bill 375 (SB-375) targets for the eight metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) of the San Joaquin Valley. The ARB board action acknowledged the amount of change ARB anticipated over the next two years (2010 to 2012) in data, modeling, and decisions to be made in the Valley and established valley-wide “placeholder” provisional targets of 5% in 2020 and 10% in 2035. The definition of valley-wide target was left ambiguous as part of the September 2010 ARB board action.

The ARB board action also requested a report on expected model improvements in 2012 (anticipated January 2013) and indicated the “placeholder” provisional targets would not be “officially” considered for ARB board action until 2014.

Although no “official” action will be taken by the ARB board in 2012 (anticipated January 2013), the ARB board requested updates on any model improvements, or other information relevant to targets for the eight Valley MPOs; regional target recommendations based on any new modeling and scenario information; and a response to how the eight MPOs intend to address the statutory option to work together to develop one or more multi-county Sustainable Community Strategies.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies’ Directors’ Committee will recommend to the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies’ Policy Council at its December meeting the California Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted valley-wide targets of a 5% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per capita from 2005 by 2020 (5% in 2020) and a 10% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per capita from 2005 by 2035 (10% in 2035) be maintained. Additional work continues toward the development and adoption of Sustainable Community Strategies by each of the San Joaquin Valley MPOs.

Initial Model Improvement Plan greenhouse gas emissions reduction estimates resulting from the San Joaquin Valley target setting efforts are summarized in the enclosed memo. Although it appears the scenarios and baseline meet the SB-375 targets of 5% in 2020 and 10% in 2035, the valley MPOs are committed to making investments in projects that move the valley forward toward ambitious SCS scenarios that meet the intent of SB-375. It is important to note, the valley MPOs are still working through SCS/RTP development to find additional greenhouse gas emissions reductions, where possible.

MCTC has developed a Hybrid Scenario based upon principles of both the Low and Moderate Change Madera County Blueprint Scenarios that potentially results in a 4.72% GHG reduction in 2020 and a 10.30% GHG reduction in 2035. Combined with a potential 2% - 4% reduction from off model transportation control measures, Madera County is poised to develop an SCS that meets the ARB targets. The Hybrid Scenario used for this target setting evaluation is consistent with the Madera County Blueprint is described in more detail below. Although the actual SCS scenarios have yet to be developed and will be developed through a process that seeks to obtain consensus between local agencies, interest groups, and the public.

The Low Change Blueprint Scenario was developed as a variant of status quo prevailing trends. Demand for different housing types would shift slightly towards higher densities, and the lot sizes would reduce by 15-20% for single-family and multi-family parcels. The transportation infrastructure remains similar to status quo, but an enhanced transit system based upon the existing regional transit network is utilized. Preservation of agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive land are also given more consideration.

The Moderate Change Blueprint Scenario further shifts demand for housing towards higher densities. In addition to the housing shift, it also assumes a change in the distribution of employment from retail to more service and industrial oriented jobs. The transportation infrastructure increases at a city and intercity level. Preservation of agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive lands are given similar consideration to those within the Low Change Scenario.

In the Hybrid Scenario, Low Change Blueprint Scenario principles are utilized in less populated portions of the County and in the City of Chowchilla. Moderate Change Blueprint Scenario principles are applied in the Rio Mesa Planning Area and the City of Madera where higher densities and expanded transit systems are more feasible options.

The COG Directors have consistently recommended and the SJV Policy Council has directed the eight Valley MPOs work together to achieve the ARB targets, and therefore the percent reductions listed for each county are not considered a sub target but rather an honest assessment of likely reductions based upon scenario development to date. The eight Valley MPOs are committed to working together to develop individual SCS Scenarios that will collectively achieve the SB375 target as we move forward. (*Winning*)

**Action:** Information and Discussion only

**D. Caltrans District 06 letter to Madera County BOS regarding Tesoro Viejo Project and future SR 41 Alignment**

*Summary:* Enclosed is a Caltrans District 06 letter addressed to the Madera County BOS dated November 2, 2012 regarding the Tesoro Viejo Specific Plan and the future freeway realignment on SR 41 north of Ave 12. District 06 questions the planned widening of SR 41 from Ave 12 to Ave 15 to 4 lanes as proposed by Madera County Road Impact Fee Program, the Madera County 2011 Regional Transportation Plan and the Tesoro Viejo Specific Plan as inadequate to address projected travel demand in the Rio Mesa area.

County Planning, MCTC, and Tesoro Viejo contend that the planned freeway extension and new interchange at Ave 12 and corresponding 4-lane expressway between Ave 12 and Ave 15 is adequate to address future travel patterns through at least the year 2040 and that any future SR 41 freeway alignment should accommodate the Tesoro Viejo project consistent with the Madera County General Plan and Madera County Blueprint by considering the utilization of current SR 41 alignment for ultimate design of any freeway expansion north of Ave 12. And that long range plans should incorporate bus rapid transit solutions along the SR 41 corridor to mitigate any congestion beyond 2040 instead of a policy continued freeway expansion. *(Winning)*

*Action:* Direct MCTC Staff to draft a letter supporting Madera County interests on the SR 41 Corridor.

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

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Executive Minutes of September 19, 2012**

*Summary:* Included in your package is a copy of the September 19, 2012 Executive Minutes of the Policy Board.

*Action:* Approve Executive Minutes of September 19, 2012

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. FY 12-13 OWP Amendment No. 2**

*Summary:* Included in your package is a letter to Caltrans requesting the amendment, copy of the amended budget, amended OWP spreadsheet, and amended work elements. The revised Budget is \$1,447,792 (increase of \$32,000 from last amended budget.) Attached is a copy of the amended budget, amended OWP spreadsheet and amended Work Elements. The amendment reflects costs for a website update, outreach costs for the proposed Yosemite transit service, higher conference call costs for Valley Coordination efforts than originally estimated, and a reflection in changes in allocations from various funding sources.

The amendment is recognized in the following:

Revenues – (Increase \$32,000)

- FHWA PL – decrease \$56,680
- FHWA PL Carryover – increase \$58,451
- FTA 5303 – increase \$7,468
- FTA 5303 Carryover – increase \$854
- STIP Carryover – increase \$229
- TDA Planning – increase \$6,678
- Other – increase \$15,000

Indirect Costs – (Increase \$15,000)

- Website Update – increase \$15,000

Other Direct Costs – (Increase \$17,000)

- Public Participation Program – increase \$15,000

- Valley Coordination Participation – increase \$2,000

The amendment is reflected in the following OWP Work Elements: 130 – Public Transportation; 904 – RTPA Coordination.

*(McNeil)*

**Action:** Approve FY 2012/13 Overall Work Program – Budget Amendment No. 2

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**VIII. AUTHORITY – CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

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

None.

**X. Miscellaneous**

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

**XI. Adjournment**

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