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## MCTC Funds Regional Air Quality Projects

Have you ever noticed the summer haze that covers the valley sky and obstructs our view of the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountain range? Do you ever wonder what is being done to clean the air?

MCTC is pleased to announce that \$2.8 million in air quality projects have been awarded under its Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Cycle I Regional Grant Program. The CMAQ Program is a federal program that provides funding for projects in states and regions that are designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as non-attainment under the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990. The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin—including Madera County—is designated non-attainment for both Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM) standards.

Although ambient air quality tests have demonstrated that Madera County has not violated the standards the past couple of years, every county in the valley is responsible for improving the air in the region. CMAQ funds are used for transportation related projects that improve air quality and/or relieve traffic congestion.

The MCTC Policy Board approved the list of competitively selected projects during its March 23, 2005 meeting. Projects were scored based on congestion relief; trip reduction; emissions reduction; cost/benefit ratio; and by a subjective criteria as well.



For more information regarding the applications requirements; eligible projects; and/or details of the forthcoming CMAQ Cycle II Program (Summer 2006), please contact MCTC staff member, Derek Winning.

### MCTC CMAQ CYCLE I REGIONAL PROGRAM

AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
CITY OF CHOWCHILLA	Clean Diesel Transit Bus (1)	\$57,525
CITY OF CHOWCHILLA	Video-Teleconference Eqmt. (2 units)	\$26,559
CHOWCHILLA WATER DIST.	CNG Dump Trucks (2)	\$251,425
COUNTY OF MADERA	Shoulder Paving—Ave 15 (11 miles)	\$792,300
COUNTY OF MADERA	Pave Road—Glenn Oaks and Valley View Roads	\$187,800
COUNTY OF MADERA	Clean Diesel Transit Bus (1)	\$57,525
COUNTY OF MADERA	Pedestrian Facility—Road 426 (1 mile)	\$77,482
CITY OF MADERA	Bicycle Path—Fresno River Gateway and UPRR	\$299,200
MADERA IRRIGATION DIST.	CNG Dump Trucks (2)	\$221,325
MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST.	CNG School Buses (6)	\$796,770
		<b>\$2,767,911</b>

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## News Briefs

### *Madera County to initiate a comprehensive transit study; Almond Avenue extension; transit schedules now available online*

#### *Comprehensive Transit Study to be Initiated*

The County of Madera was awarded a planning grant from the California Department of Transportation to develop a Strategic Implementation Plan for Madera County Public Transit Services. The purpose of this project is to provide Madera County with a fiscally sound and effective plan for the delivery of transit services over the next five to ten years. Madera County currently contracts with four different transit service providers to meet demand in unincorporated county areas. Rather than take a piecemeal approach to its delivery of transit services, Madera County will evaluate the potential to consolidate its operations and to develop a cost-effective and well-designed phased implementation plan. The Strategic Implementation Plan will also identify Madera County public transit needs, including operating; capital; financial requirements; regional and inter-regional opportunities for cooperation and collaboration; and the integration of transit services.



#### *Better Access for Businesses Along Almond Avenue*

For those businesses located in the Southwest Industrial Park, access along Almond Avenue and Schnoor Avenue is much improved. The Schnoor Avenue road widening and utility improvements

made available 35 acres of industrially-zoned land, while the Almond Avenue expansion opened another 22 acres of land for business development. The \$1.5 million project was funded through a combination of Measure "A" dollars (the local 1/2 cent sales tax for transportation improvements), the Central Valley Infrastructure Grant, and the State Transportation Improvement Program. Currently, 11 businesses are located in the 190 acre Southwest Industrial Park, employing over 600 workers.



#### *Madera Area Express (MAX) and Madera County Connection (MCC) Schedules Now Online!*

Due to popular demand, the Madera Area Express (MAX) and the Madera County Connection (MCC) transit schedules are now available online. Visit the link listed below to view or print the MAX and MCC schedules. Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed to view the documents, which is also available on the MCTC website for download, free-of-charge. Please visit the Public Transportation page of the MCTC website at: <http://maderactc.org/pubtrans.html> for more details.



# Unmet Transit Needs Hearing: We Need Your Input!

The MCTC is beginning the annual "Unmet Transit Needs" process for 2005 and needs your input. Each year, the Unmet Transit Needs process is held to ensure that public transportation needs are being "reasonably met". If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement of Madera's public transportation system, now is a great opportunity to be involved in the transportation planning process. There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 1:00pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 209 West Yosemite Avenue, Madera, California, 93637. The hearing will also be broadcast to Oakhurst, Chowchilla, and North Fork where residents can participate via video-conferencing.

A Spanish-language interpreter will be available for those who wish to make their public comments in Spanish. Those who would like to participate, but cannot attend the Public Hearing, are encouraged to submit their comments in writing to MCTC, 1816 Howard Road, Suite 8, Madera, California, 93637. Anonymous suggestions are also accepted. The deadline to receive written comments is April 18, 2005. For more information on how to participate or for the locations of the video-conferencing sites in North Fork, Oakhurst and Chowchilla, please contact Lester Koga at 559-675-0721 or [lester@maderactc.org](mailto:lester@maderactc.org).

## MCTC Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing

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Board of Supervisors Chambers  
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## Madera County Transit System Schedules

### CITY OF CHOWCHILLA Chowchilla Area Transit Express (CATX)

Demand-response system:  
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Fare: \$1.00 (Zone 1)  
\$1.50 (Zone 2)  
Reservations: 559-665-8655

### CITY OF MADERA Madera Dial-A-Ride (DAR)

Demand-response system:  
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Fare: \$2.00 (General public)  
Fare (city area): \$1.00 (Seniors/Disabled)  
Fare (county area): \$2.00 (Seniors/Disabled)  
Reservations: 559-661-7433

### Madera Area Express (MAX)

Fixed-route system:  
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Fare: \$0.75  
Information: 559-661-7433

### COUNTY OF MADERA Madera County Connection (MCC)

Intercity fixed-route system:  
Fare: \$2.00  
Children (0-5) Free  
Information: 559-661-7435  
*Eastern Madera County-Madera Route*  
North Fork, Bass Lake, Oakhurst,  
Coarsegold, Yosemite Lakes Park,  
Ranchos, Children's Hospital  
Weekdays: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
*Chowchilla/Fairmead-Madera Route*  
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
*Eastin Arcola/Ripperdan/La Vina-  
Madera Route*  
Wed. & Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Eastern Madera County Senior Bus

Demand-response:  
Oakhurst, Coarsegold, Bass Lake,  
Ahwahnee  
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Fare: \$1.50 (Seniors/Disabled)  
Reservations: 559-658-5555

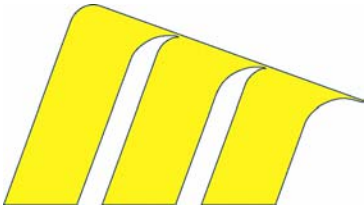
### COUNTY OF MADERA— CONTINUED Eastern Madera County Escort Service

Medical trips to Madera, Fresno,  
Clovis  
Volunteer demand-response:  
North Fork, Bass Lake, Oakhurst,  
Coarsegold, Ahwahnee Areas  
Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Fare: \$10.00  
Reservations: 559-658-5555  
Madera Ranchos Area  
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Fare: \$5.00  
Reservations: 559-673-9173

Schedules Also Available Online At:

<http://maderactc.org/pubtrans.html>





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## Madera County Transportation Authority & Madera County Transportation Commission

# 2005 Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held in the Madera County Government Center Board of Supervisor's Chambers at 209 West Yosemite Avenue, Madera, California. Authority commences at 2:30 p.m. Commission commences at 3:00 p.m.

January	19	July	20
February	23	August	17
March	23	September	21
April	20	October	19
May	18	November	(No Meeting)
June	22	December	7