

Measure T Leverages \$48.4 Million for Madera County

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March 15, 2007 – MADERA, CA -- Measure T, the half-cent transportation sales tax measure passed by Madera County voters last November, has already begun to deliver money for vital transportation projects in the County. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today approved \$1 billion in Route 99 bond projects, including \$48.4 million to reconstruct the congested Avenue 12/Highway 99 interchange south of the City of Madera.

Although Measure T tax dollars will not begin to accumulate until April 1, 2007, passage of the measure was instrumental in leveraging the bond money. The CTC provides special consideration to projects in counties with transportation sales tax measures.

“We owe the citizens of Madera County who voted for Measure T a debt of gratitude,” said Patricia Taylor, Executive Director of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), “Without their support this project would not have been deliverable.”

The Avenue 12/Highway 99 interchange has been subject to numerous high profile traffic accidents over the years, including a 2006 crash that resulted in five deaths. The proposed project will widen the interchange from two to four lanes at a total cost of \$68 million.

Construction is slated to begin in 2012.

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