

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL**
205 W. 4th Street, Madera, California 93637

NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Monday, April 25, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL: Mayor Robert L. Poythress
Mayor Pro Tem Charles F. Rigby
Council Member Andrew J. Medellin
Council Member Donald E. Holley
Council Member Derek O. Robinson Sr.
Council Member William Oliver**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Mayor has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

A. WORKSHOP

There are no items for this section.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

There are no items for this section.

C. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS

There are no items for this section.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

D-1 Consideration of a Request from the Madera County Transportation Commission for a Letter in Support of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program Application (Mayor Poythress)

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There are no items for this section.

F. COUNCIL REPORTS

G. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT – Next regular meeting May 4, 2016

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 - Regular meetings of the Madera City Council are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
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 - The meeting room is accessible to the physically disabled, and the services of a translator can be made available. Request for additional accommodations for the disabled, signers, assistive listening devices, or translators needed to assist participation in this public meeting should be made at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the meeting. Please call the Human Resources Office at (559) 661-5401. Those who are hearing impaired may call 711 or 1-800-735-2929 for TTY Relay Service.
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I, Sonia Alvarez, City Clerk for the City of Madera, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above agenda for the special meeting of the Madera City Council for April 25, 2016, near the front entrances of City Hall at 3:00 p.m. on April 22, 2016.



Sonia Alvarez, City Clerk

Return to Agenda**Sonia Alvarez**

From: Sandy Ebersole <sandy@maderactc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Rob Poythress ; Sonia Alvarez; Brian Haddix; Craig Locke; Robin Roman ; Rick Farinelli; Robert Jeffers; Bobby Kahn (bkahn@maderacountyedc.com); Lois Leonard; Debi Bray (dbray@maderachamber.com); Jerome Jackson; Gail Miller (gail.miller@dot.ca.gov); Michael Navarro (michael.navarro@dot.ca.gov); Michael Sigala; Jennifer Bryan-Sanchez (jennifer.bryan-sanchez@dot.ca.gov); Mika Petrucci (mika.petrucci@asm.ca.gov); Daniel Cisneros (daniel.cisneros@mail.house.gov); Senator Anthony Canella Assistant (jeff.macedo@sen.ca.gov); Cannella Legislative Assistant (tyler.munzing@sen.ca.gov); Tom Berryhill Office (matthew.gallagher@sen.ca.gov); Patricia Taylor
Subject: Support for TIGER Grant Funding for Widening of SR 99 from Avenue 12 to Avenue 17
Attachments: Letter of Support Template.doc

Good Afternoon,

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is proposing to submit a grant application for funding under the **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program**. The grant application request is for funding for the construction phase of the State Route 99 widening from 4 lanes to 6 lanes from Avenue 12 to Avenue 17 in the city of Madera. We are reaching out to you for your support in writing a letter of support of our **TIGER** grant application.

Attached is a template letter of support for your consideration. The MCTC respectfully requests your support. If you are inclined to provide us with a letter, we ask that you please place the letter on your organization's letterhead and address the highlighted areas of the letter to personalize the message based on your relationship and interaction with the Madera County region. Finally, we ask that you please send a letter directly to our offices via email and USPS. **We ask that letters be submitted by April 22 .**

Thank you for your consideration and attention to our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Sandy Ebersole on my staff at sandy@maderactc.org.

Background:

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program.

TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area or a region. The 2016 TIGER grant project will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities both urban and rural.

SR99 widening in Madera is on the National Freight Highway System is a significant project that fits the criteria outlined in the grant program. Without a doubt the most significant project in our region is the expansion of SR99. SR99 is not only a major thoroughfare for commuters through our county, it is also the backbone of the Central Valley's agriculture economy.

Thank you again for your time and assistance,

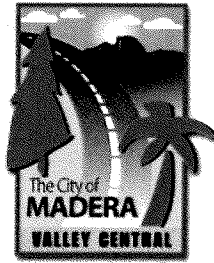
Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission

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Council Member William Oliver, District 3



April 25, 2016

Patricia Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Support Madera Region SR 99 Widening Project

Dear Ms. Taylor:

On behalf of City of Madera, I am writing to express support for the regionally significant project in Madera County currently under consideration for TIGER program funding.

The City of Madera fully supports the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) TIGER grant application for the State Route (SR) 99 Widening Project from Avenue 12 to Avenue 17. Federal funding for this project will assist in enhancing a vital freight corridor through California.

California, specifically the San Joaquin Valley, has been greatly affected by the potential deletion of \$754 million in funding for critical transportation improvements from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Current law required the California Transportation Commission to revise the Fund Estimate for the STIP due to lower forecasted state gas tax revenues. The revenues are decreasing because Californians are buying less gas due to fuel efficiency gains and cheaper prices (due to drop in price of gasoline).

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has directed MCTC to delete \$2.7 million from the Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and Caltrans is also required to delete projects in the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP). The deletion of these funds would defund all STIP projects in the Madera region. MCTC Staff has worked diligently with Caltrans District 6 Staff to work on alternatives to meet the required STIP reduction by attempting to provide additional funding to one of the regional projects that has completed environmental clearance. MCTC has contributed an additional \$2.6 million in local transportation measure funds to the remaining STIP project on SR 99 from Avenue 12-17 replacing IIP funds.

The City of Madera recognizes that the San Joaquin Valley is a key contributor to agricultural goods and products to the nation. This project provides a major goods movement section for SR 99 through the City of Madera and is identified in the California Freight Plan.

As a regionally significant component of the national goods movement network, the widening of this section of SR 99 Project will provide the following benefits:

- Improve safety.
- Reduce congestion.
- Accommodate the traffic demand at or above LOS (Level of Service) 'D' by 2025.
- Improve the flow of goods and services for the region and the State, and provide the catalyst for regional and local generation of jobs.
- Leverage additional benefits from the State's investment on SR 99.

The Avenue 12 to Avenue 17 corridor is an anticipated major growth area for Madera County. There is planned residential, industrial and commercial development at the Avenue 12 interchange. Continued development of the State Center Community College campus east of SR 99 on Avenue 12 will generate additional regional scale travel.

There is also planned commercial development at the Avenue 17 interchange. The proposed sites of development are on both the west and east sides of SR 99. These projected development projects will provide employment opportunity benefits for the county.

Furthermore, the widening of SR 99 between Avenue 12 and Avenue 17 is consistent with the goals and intents of the Regional Transportation Plan for Madera County.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project application for TIGER program funding. We appreciate the opportunity to support the Madera County Transportation Commission in their efforts to complete this project.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. POYTHRESS
Mayor