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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Mr. Mike Healy  
Executive Director  
Mariposa County Local  
Transportation Commission  
4639 Ben Hur Road  
Mariposa, CA 95338-2039

Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for providing Caltrans the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study/ Negative Declaration (IS/ND), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the *adoption* of the Mariposa County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) proposed by the Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission. Under the RTP, the Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission (MCLTC) would implement proposed transportation policies, actions and funding recommendations to meet the needs of Mariposa County residents over the next 25 years (2017 – 2042). The RTP is intended as a guidance document with the ultimate vision of a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system for Mariposa County. While there is a conceptual and proposed project list contained within the RTP (Appendix D), specific development is not being proposed under this CEQA action, and adoption of the CEQA document would not authorize any development. MCLTC's RTP is a programmatic document that proposes goals and policies pertaining to the future of transportation in Mariposa County.

Based on our review, the Department would like to provide the following comments, suggestions and questions for your consideration.

**The Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission is commended for:**

- Developing a well-rounded introduction reflecting the vision and nine main goals for the 2019 RTP and the purpose of the CEQA action.
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission section and the County's citing potential applicable GHG reduction strategies.

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### **Project Description**

The overview of the document is clear and concise, yet, a brief sentence or two within this section explaining the significance of the RTP as it pertains to the state's California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2040 would provide insight to the interrelationship between the region's transportation goals and how they should align with the state's long-range transportation policies & objectives.

There should be an early mention within the document that while there are no incorporated cities, there are a certain number of 'Town Planning Areas' or 'growth areas' in the County, which will assist in underlying the importance of visioning, planning, and implementing the RTP.

### **CEQA Checklist Responses**

The questions are repeated following the response section. Please clarify if that is intentional.

### **Chapter 4: Persons and Agencies Consulted**

Please consider expanding this section, as appropriate, to include other entities (private sector, public sector, industry, public agencies, local, state, federal, Tribal, academia, etc).

### **Appendices**

Appendix A reads 'Active Transportation Plan' and the cover reads 'Regional Transportation Plan'. Please align appendix with the Table of Contents.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact me at (209) 948-7325 (email: [gregoria\\_ponce@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gregoria_ponce@dot.ca.gov)). We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Rural Planning

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Executive Director  
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