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Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
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RE: SCH# 2021030268

The Madera Area of the California Highway Patrol received the "Notice of Completion" of the Environmental document for the proposed Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), for State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 2021030268. After review, we have concerns with the potential impacts this project could have on traffic related calls for service.

Our concerns relate to the construction phase of the proposed infrastructure improvements to multiple sections of State Route 99 within Madera County. The proposed project, to include the realignment, narrowing, and adjustment of traffic lanes throughout the entirety of the construction phase will have a negative impact on Madera Area's operations. There will be a significant increase in traffic congestion, vehicle crashes, and calls for service directly related to this project, which will necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures. During the previous two-year (2019-2021) SR-99 Realignment construction project, the CHP Madera Area provided 2,076 motorist services, issued 2,020 citations, responded to 2,448 calls for service, and investigated 996 crashes, all directly related to the construction project. It should also be noted that 53 of the crashes investigated were DUI related. These numbers are projected to increase.

Working directly with Caltrans and the implementation of COZEEP, in addition to Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) services during this proposed construction project, should help mitigate some of these potential issues and limit the overall traffic impact of this proposed project.



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If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact me at (559) 507-8120.

Sincerely,



H. MADRIGAL, Lieutenant
Commander

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2021030268

Project Title: MCTC 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Lead Agency: Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) Contact Person: Dylan Stone, Principal Reg. Plnr.
Mailing Address: 2001 Howard Rd., Ste. 201 Phone: (559) 675-0721, Ext. 3
City: Madera Zip: 93637 County: Madera

Project Location: County: Madera City/Nearest Community: Madera and Others
Cross Streets: N/A Zip Code: N/A
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): N/A ° ' " N / N/A ° ' " W Total Acres: N/A
Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A Section: N/A Twp.: N/A Range: N/A Base: N/A
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 99 and Others Waterways: San Joaquin River and Others
Airports: Madera Municipal and Others Railways: UP and BNSF Schools: Madera Community

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [x] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[] Mit Neg Dec Other:

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [x] Other: Reg. Plan

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[x] Other: Regional Transportation Plan

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[x] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [x] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation
[x] Agricultural Land [x] Flood Plain/Flooding [x] Schools/Universities [x] Water Quality
[x] Air Quality [x] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [x] Water Supply/Groundwater
[x] Archeological/Historical [x] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Biological Resources [x] Minerals [x] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [x] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [x] Noise [] Solid Waste [x] Land Use
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Population/Housing Balance [x] Toxic/Hazardous [x] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [x] Public Services/Facilities [x] Traffic/Circulation [x] Other: SE and Wildfire

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

N/A

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)
See attached Project Description

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #5S |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>State of California Attorney General</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>California Transportation Commission</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 29, 2022 Ending Date August 13, 2022

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>VRPA Technologies, Inc.</u>	Applicant: <u>MCTC</u>
Address: <u>4630 W. Jennifer, Ste. 105</u>	Address: <u>2001 Howard Rd., Ste. 201</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Fresno, CA 93722</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Madera CA 93637</u>
Contact: <u>Georgiana M. Vivian, President</u>	Phone: <u>(559) 675-0721, Ext. 3</u>
Phone: <u>559 259-9257</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: June 29, 2022

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

ANNEX B

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT EVALUATION/RESPONSE CHECKLIST FOR AREAS/SECTIONS

Reference: General Order 41.2		
	Action	Reference GO 41.2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review memorandum for the due date(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Determine if the proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety. Examples include: housing developments, large commercial projects, large recreational developments or expansions, landfill or quarry operations, hazardous materials storage and/or dump sites, highway construction/improvement projects, new schools, airport improvements, annexations/incorporations, off-highway vehicle facilities, and Indian gaming facilities.	Page 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review environmental impact documents to identify issues or concerns with possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, telecommunications, public safety).	
Responses		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>If comments are advisable:</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence should focus primarily on traffic safety, congestion, or other impacts to the CHP's mission; however, Areas shall not indicate to the lead agency that additional personnel, facilities, vehicles, etc., are a means to mitigate departmental service issues.	Page 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the State Clearinghouse number (SCH#) is included in all correspondence.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments shall be provided directly to the lead agency, the respective Division, ACF (if required), OLA (if required), and SCH at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov no later than the designated due date. For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Area/Section's assessment of the project via e-mail.	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If no impact is determined:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via e-mail, respond "no impact to the _____ Area's local operations and/or public safety by SCH# _____ was identified," by the designated SCH due date to the SPS analyst listed on the Environmental Document Review and Response memorandum. Ensure the SCH# is included.	