

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

NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Thursday, March 31, 2016
4:00 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

B-1 Consideration of a Minute Order Approving a Letter of Support for the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application (Report by Sonia Alvarez)

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

There are no items for this section.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There are no items for this section.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There are no items for this section.

F. COUNCIL REPORTS

G. CLOSED SESSION

There are no items for this section.

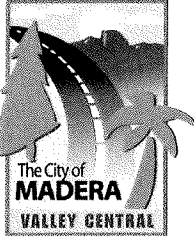
ADJOURNMENT – Next regular meeting April 6, 2016

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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 March 31, 2016, near the front entrances of City Hall at 3:00 p.m. on March 30, 2016.



Sonia Alvarez, City Clerk



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:

Jonina Alvarez
Department Director

[Signature]
City Administrator

Council Meeting of: 3/31/16

Agenda Number: B-1

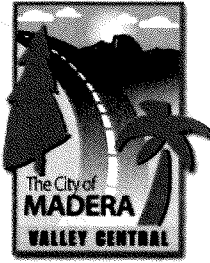
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Minute Order Approving a Letter of Support for the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests that the City Council consider, for adoption by minute order, the attached letter in support of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application.

DISCUSSION: The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJIPA) is requesting a letter in support of their Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant application. The letter contains specifics regarding the proposed use of grant funds by the SJIPA to conduct the "8th Daily Round Trip: Improvements, Equipment, and Operations Optimization Study" if awarded. The SJIPA will be submitting their grant application by April 5, 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN: This action supports the Vision Focus Area of A Safe and Healthy Community: A Quality Environment.



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March 31, 2016

Department of Transportation
Division of Mass Transportation, MS #39
P.O. Box 942874
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

RE: SJJPA TIRCP 2016 Grant Application

The City of Madera would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority's (SJJPA) **8th Daily Round Trip: "Improvements, Equipment, and Operations Optimization Study"** submitted under the 2016 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). At a minimum, the TIRCP makes available \$440 million, with up to \$1.33 billion possible, to be awarded by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs), vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and congestion.

The SJJPA "8th Daily Round Trip: Improvements, Equipment, and Operations Optimization Study" is a cost-effective solution to increase service, ridership and performance of the San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service. It is broken into the following main components: Capacity Improvement Projects, Additional Rolling Stock, Additional Station Parking, a Potential New Station at Oakley, and the Optimization Study.

The Operations Optimization Study will examine adding the 8th Daily Round Trip into the San Joaquin service, optimizing passenger schedules to reduce train "meets" while increasing ridership, reducing freight interferences, and reducing overall run-time. The second phase of work will examine current practices to identify what is working and to identify areas for improvement in terms of deployment and scheduling efficiencies. This will be followed by the development of several deployment and scheduling scenarios, all of which will be modeled for increased optimization so as to free up additional capacity and allow the increased utilization of existing rolling stock for both the San Joaquin and Capitol Corridor passenger rail services.

To deploy an 8th Daily Round Trip between the Bay Area and San Joaquin Valley, capacity improvement projects will be required in order to maintain the existing capacity of the

host railroads while adding frequencies to the San Joaquin Service. New bi-level coaches, cab cars, and locomotives will also be needed and additional parking will be required to accommodate additional ridership. These investments would collectively support growing ridership levels along the corridor, improve the service and integration with other rail operators, and reduce VMT. The total funding request is estimated at just over \$200 million (\$142 million in improvements, \$59.5 million for equipment, and \$0.5 million for the Optimization Study).

This project benefits multiple Disadvantaged Communities located throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area by improving air quality and increasing access to multi-modal travel, something often difficult to achieve in many underserved communities. It will also help to support additional opportunities for sustainable, transit-oriented development around stations, which can help address public health issues such as diabetes and asthma which disproportionately impact Disadvantaged Communities.

The project can identify improvements and strategies that will quickly start reducing GHGs and traffic congestion. Improving the San Joaquin service is a critical component of the State's network integration plans to take full advantage of the investment being made in high-speed rail.

The City of Madera strongly encourages you to consider the SJJPA "8th Daily Round Trip: Improvements, Equipment, and Operations Optimization Study" for funding under the 2016 TIRCP.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. POYTHRESS
Mayor
City of Madera

cc: Dan Leavitt, SJJPA/SJRRC