



**Board of Supervisors  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 5, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Julieta Martinez    PHONE: 559-636-5000				

**SUBJECT:** Opposition Letter – Funding for SR 99

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve sending a letter to the California Transportation Commission opposing the recommendation to retract funding for SR 99 – Tulare City Widening in Tulare County.

**SUMMARY:**

The 2020 Draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) was released with the removal of critical funding to the SR 99 widening project. The deletion of the project came without prior notice or regard to the San Joaquin Valley communities that have been working for years to bring the project to fruition. Tulare County delegation, including other State Senators, have already sent letters to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) requesting the restoration of the funding for the North County Corridor Projects. The loss of funding would prevent a project critical to the congestion relief and the movement of agricultural products throughout the SR 99 corridor.

The Tulare County Association of Governments has attended and testified before the CTC to discuss the commitment and funding Tulare County has already made available to the SR 99 widening project. The de-programming of the funding would mean a \$17 million combined loss to Madera County and Tulare County. Also, it would jeopardize the commitment to improve the safety and capacity of critical goods - movement route throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

There is no alternative plan or timeline in the draft should the funds be re-

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programmed in the near future. For these reasons, staff is urging the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the CTC and local delegation and request the reinstatement of the funding for this critical project.

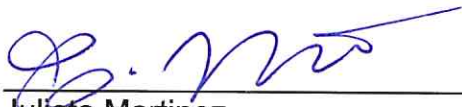
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no fiscal impact with sending the letter of opposition.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Support for this project is linked to Strategic Initiative 2: Economic Well Being which includes a goal to continue to protect the County's agriculture-based economy.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Julieta Martinez  
Chief of Staff

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Opposition Letter – Funding for SR 99

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSITION LETTER )  
FUNDING FOR SR 99 ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Chair Fran Inman  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N. Street, MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Draft 2020 ITIP

Dear Chair Inman,

We write this letter to respectfully request the California Transportation Commission to fully fund the SR-99 project components currently being recommended for deletion. Caltrans released the draft recommendations on October 1, 2019, absent any consultation with San Joaquin Valley counties, specifically Madera and Tulare. Prior to that date, there had been no conversation or mention of a deletion of the SR-99 project components. The recommendations did not include an explanation of how or when the funding would be replaced.

The North County Corridor Project is vital to both the State of California and the United States for goods movement. It is unacceptable to delay improvements to the SR-99 corridor. We share the concern of our local delegation, and agree that ITIP funds are critical to congestion relief and the movement of agricultural products. Funding to support the SR-99 widening project had been programmed since March 2018 to ensure the safety and economic security of everyone who travels through this corridor. Over \$100 million has been spent on the SR-99 corridor to partner on improvement. For a county of our size, this is a huge investment and a testament to the massive commitment to funding this project.

Caltrans District 6 worked to develop cost savings on another ITIP projects in Tulare County. They have been a great partner in developing cost saving recommendations with county staff. We hope that Caltrans headquarters would consider the work of their local office when reviewing the projects being proposed by the San Joaquin Valley counties as the funding deletions has a direct impact to us all.

The County of Tulare requests that the funding for SR-99 be restored with the final ITIP adoption. In addition, we would like the CTC and Caltrans to develop a plan to fully fund the SR-99 corridor goods movement and safety projects in the next ten years. The deprogramming of SR 99 projects for Madera County

and Tulare County is a combined loss of \$17 million and, most importantly, it is a lack of commitment to improve the safety and capacity of this critical route for goods movement through the San Joaquin Valley.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any further questions at (559) 636-5000.

Sincerely,

Kuyler Crocker  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Pete Vander Poel  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Amy Shuklian  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Eddie Valero  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Dennis Townsend  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

CC:

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Paul Yoder, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.

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