

## Public Notice

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County and its incorporated cities. As the MPO, BCAG is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years in accordance with Section 450.324 of the Federal Metropolitan Planning Rules. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that require federal funding or other approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTIP also identifies all non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality emissions modeling purposes consistent with the long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The FTIP indicates the area's short-term plan for use of federal dollars and other resources for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the transportation system and the achievement of federal air quality standards over the next four fiscal years.

The public is invited to review and comment on BCAG's **2009 FTIP Amendment #06 and 2008 RTP Amendment #01**. The purpose of these amendments is to introduce new local road projects currently not in the 2009 FTIP and the 2008 RTP as a result of President Obama's Economic Stimulus Plan for transportation. In an effort to not lose any funding opportunities, BCAG **may** propose to use new federal transportation economic stimulus funding anticipated under pending legislation for new projects. This notice does not include specific project information at this time because projects have not yet been identified and because funding targets have not been provided to BCAG. In addition, BCAG anticipates that the programming deadlines in federal legislation may require prompt action by the BCAG Board of Directors in order to maximize the availability of federal economic stimulus funds to Butte County. Once the estimated funding and projects are identified by Caltrans and BCAG for Butte County, the information will be posted at BCAG's website at <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/2009-FTIP/index.html>.

All material concerning the FTIP and amendments are posted on-line at <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/2009-FTIP/index.html>. The BCAG Board of Directors is scheduled to approve this amendment at their regular Board meeting on February 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this amendment and to provide at least 30 days to comment. Comments and questions can be directed to Mr. Iván García, Programming Manager for the Butte County Association of Governments at 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA 95928. Comments may also be phoned in at 530-879-2468, or by e-mail at [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org).