



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2008/2009-09**



**ADOPTION OF THE 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE AIR
QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND DETERMINATION FOR BUTTE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County in accordance with 23 USC 134(b)(6); and Section 450.306 of the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Rule;

WHEREAS, the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires the Butte County Association of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with the State and transit operators, to include all projects to be funded under Title 23 and the Federal Transit Administration grants; and requires BCAG to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan and short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, BCAG, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process, and in conformance with all applicable federal and state requirements, has prepared the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for Butte County;

WHEREAS, the 2008 RTP includes all required components (Policy, Action and Financial) and Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination providing documentation that the projects conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements, and an Environmental Impact Report complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements;

WHEREAS, the 2008 RTP was developed in accordance with the BCAG Public Participation Plan (PPP) including a public hearing prior to adoption;

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared a new Regional Emissions Analysis and Determination for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program that demonstrate current and future emissions of the ozone precursors ROG and NOx will be less than the 2002 emissions levels, and current and future carbon monoxide emissions will be below their budget threshold of 80 tons per day;

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments, in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County (§51.464 and §51.436 – 51.440), has satisfied the requirements of the “less-than/equal-to 2002” test for federal 8-hour ozone standard, and the “budget test” for carbon monoxide for the 80-tons-per-day budget. Based on this analysis, the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and 2008 RTP **conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA’s Transportation Conformity Rule;**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared and adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination in accordance with SAFETEA-LU and the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County. Based on this analysis, the Butte County 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and the Butte County 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, through Amendment #1, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCAG Board of Directors authorizes its staff to make any necessary changes to the RTP document to ensure the timely delivery of the RTP to the appropriate state and federal agencies;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 11th day of December 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

Dolan, Connelly, Kirk, Josiassen, Yamaguchi, Arnold, Fichter, Jernigan, White

NOES:

None

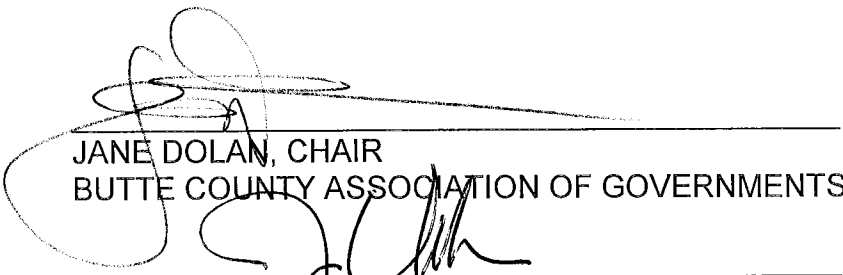
ABSENT:

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ABSTAIN:

None

APPROVED:



JANE DOLAN, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:



JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS