

PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD – BCAG BOARD HEARING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

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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 and a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years. 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 identifies all non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality emissions modeling purposes. 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 federal fiscal years. The RTP/SCS identifies the long-range transportation plans for specific funding programs through the year 2040. Notice is hereby given that:

The 2017 FTIP Amendment #07 and 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #03 have been prepared and are available for public review. The purpose of these amendments is to make the following changes described below to the FTIP and to the RTP/SCS:

(NEW PROJECT) SHOPP Mobility Grouped Project – BCAG has created a new grouped listing project for Caltrans State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) “Mobility” projects. This amendment adds a project on State Route 99 in and near Chico from States Drive to Garner lane for the purpose of adding Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements along the corridor. This amendment programs \$561,000 in local funds in the 2017/18 fiscal. The project is exempt from regional air quality conformity per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2, “Exempt Projects – Other” indicating that directional and information signs are exempt.

(Existing Project)- SHOPP Collision Reduction Grouped Listing – The purpose of this amendment is to update the grouped listing to add the State Route 162 project. This project is located in and near Oroville from Foothill Blvd to Gold Country Casino. The scope of the project is to construct a two-way (center turn) lane and widen the shoulders. This amendment increases the grouped listing by \$22.352 million. The project is exempt from **regional emissions analysis** ~~air quality conformity~~ per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.1276 Table 32, “**Projects Exempt from Regional Emissions Analyses** ~~Projects—Safety~~” indicating that **intersection channelization** ~~projects that correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature and shoulder improvements~~ are exempt.

This amendment does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming RTP and TIP. This amendment, meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 (financial constraint, public involvement and consistency with the RTP). BCAG does not have any Transportation Control Measures in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and therefore the project

does not interfere with any TCMs. Details of these amendments can be found at:

<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html> for the FTIP and at:

<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html> for the RTP/SCS.

This amendment to the FTIP and RTP/SCS are scheduled to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors on October 26, 2017 Board meeting located at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA 95928 at 9:00 a.m. Information is also available for review at the Butte County Association of Governments office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928. Questions can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager at BCAG at 530-809-4616 or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org.