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E – MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2018

TO: Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) Group

FROM: Brian Lasagna, BCAG Regional Analyst

SUBJECT: ICR Review – Confirmation of Exempt Project Status for 2017 FTIP Amendment #08 and 2016 RTP Amendment #04

The purpose of this memo is to provide the ICR with the opportunity to comment regarding BCAG's proposed action for a formal amendment to the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The ICR is also being asked to concur with BCAG's proposal regarding the exemption of three (3) new FTIP projects from regional emissions analysis.

The purpose of the amendment is to program three (3) new projects, amend two (2) existing projects, and delete one (1) existing project. Details regarding the amendment and projects are included below:

NEW FTIP PROJECTS -

- **SR 70 Segment 1 Project – Ophir Rd to Palermo Rd**– The purpose of this amendment is to program the SR 70 Segment 1 Project funded in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Collision Reduction program. This project is located near Oroville from 0.1 mile south of Palermo Rd to just north of Ophir Rd/Pacific Heights intersection. The scope of the project is to widen for a two-way left turn lane, standard shoulders, and provide a roadside clear recovery zone. This amendment programs \$32,720,000 in the 2019/2020 fiscal year. This project is included in the current 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.127 Table 3, "Projects Exempt from Regional Emissions Analyses" indicating that intersection channelization projects (left turn lanes) are exempt.
- **SR 70 Segment 2 Project – Palermo Rd to Cox Lane**– The purpose of this amendment is to program the SR 70 Segment 2 Project funded in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Collision Reduction program. This project is located near Oroville from 0.1 mile south of Palermo Rd to Cox Lane on State Route 70. The scope of the

project is to widen for a two-way left turn lane, standard shoulders, and provide a roadside clear recovery zone. This amendment programs \$36,860,000 in the 2019/2020 fiscal year. This project is included in the current 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.127 Table 3, "Projects Exempt from Regional Emissions Analyses" indicating that intersection channelization projects (left turn lanes) are exempt.

- **SR 70 Segment 3 Project – East Gridley Rd to Butte/Yuba County Line**– The purpose of this amendment is to program the SR 70 Segment 3 Project funded in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Collision Reduction program. This project is located near Oroville from the Yuba County Line to south of East Gridley Road/Stimpson Rd; also in Yuba County on SR 70 from post mile 25.7 to post mile 25.8. The scope of the project is to widen for a two-way left turn lane and standard shoulders. This amendment programs \$3,400,000 in the 2017/18 fiscal year for preliminary engineering (Environmental component) and \$32,528,000 in FY 2020/21 for preliminary engineering (design), right of way and construction components. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.127 Table 3, "Projects Exempt from Regional Emissions Analyses" indicating that intersection channelization projects (left turn lanes) are exempt.

AMEND EXISTING FTIP PROJECTS –

- **ATP Gap Closure Project**– The purpose of this amendment to this existing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)/ SB 1 Active Transportation Program funded project is to supplement CMAQ funds for the construction component. This amendment adds \$450,000 in CMAQ funds for a revised CMAQ contribution of \$719,000 in the 2017/18 fiscal year. Existing CMAQ funds (\$269,000) in FY 19/20 were moved to FY 17/18. The total cost for this project has changed from \$4,995,000 to \$5,401,000. No other changes were made.
- **SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Phase 5 Project**– The purpose of this amendment to this existing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funded project is to supplement CMAQ funds for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) component. This amendment adds \$1,436,000 in CMAQ funds in the 2018/19 fiscal year. Local funding contributions and commitments have also been updated for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 fiscal years. The total cost for this project has changed from \$500,000 to \$2,750,000. No other changes were made.
- **SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Phase 4 Project**– The purpose of this amendment to this existing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funded project is to supplement CMAQ funds for the Construction component. This amendment adds \$300,000 in CMAQ funds in the 2017/18 fiscal year. The total cost for this project has changed from \$1,786,000 to \$2,086,000. No other changes were made.

DELETE EXISTING FTIP PROJECT –

- **SR 99 Cohasset Interchange Project**– The purpose of this amendment to delete this Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funded project from the FTIP. This amendment frees up \$736,000 in CMAQ programming capacity in the 2017/18 fiscal year for other priorities at this time. This project may be re-programmed in a future FTIP.

Since the 2017 FTIP Amendment #08 and 2016 RTP Amendment #04 does not include any new non-exempt projects, per 40 CFR 93.126, the amendments are exempt from the requirement that a new conformity determination and regional emission analysis be performed.

For the purpose of the proposed amendments, BCAG states for the record:

1. Exempt Project: No new conformity determination or regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment. The projects being added as a result of the amendment are exempt from regional emissions analysis per EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.127 Table 3 as referenced above.
2. TCM Implementation: There are no Transportation Control Measures in the approved Carbon Monoxide (CO) SIP and there is no approved Ozone or PM2.5 SIP applicable to Butte County. Because there are no TCMs in an approved SIP for Butte County, Butte County currently has no TCMs in place and therefore timely TCM implementation requirements do not apply.
3. Financial Constraint: The 2017 FTIP and 2016 RTP have been financially constrained in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 93.108 and consistent with the U.S. DOT metropolitan planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450).
4. Interagency and Public Consultation: The following portion applies after all consultation is complete - *For the 2017 FTIP Amendment #08 and 2016 RTP Amendment #04, BCAG initially consulted on this amendment with its Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) group on January 17, 2018. BCAG staff provided a 15-day public review and comment period in compliance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). On January XX, 2017, legal notices were posted on the BCAG website. The proposed amendment has been circulated among staff from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Transit Agency (FTA), and Caltrans. Appendices contain copies of public notices and responses to public comments.*

BCAG staff is requesting that ICR members respond with any comments regarding the proposed amendment prior to Friday, February 2nd, 2018. In addition, BCAG is requesting concurrence of the proposed action by email response from the following agencies: FHWA/FTA, EPA, and Caltrans.

If members prefer a separate conference call to discuss, please let me know and I will begin to schedule. If no significant requests or comments are received by the ICR, BCAG will then move forward with placing on the February 2018 BCAG Board of Directors meeting for consideration of approval.

Included for the ICRs information is the latest project exemption table, regionally significant project listing, and public notice to the amendment.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Thank you,

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