

PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: JANUARY 17, 2018

15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD – BCAG BOARD: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

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 #08 and 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #04 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 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 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 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 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.

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. The RTP/SCS will be amended to reflect updated project costs.

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.

This amendment to the FTIP and RTP/SCS are scheduled to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors on February 22, 2018 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.