

PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: MARCH 26, 2018

15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD – BCAG BOARD: THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 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 #09 and 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #05 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:

(EXISTING FTIP PROJECT) SR 70 Segment 1 Project – Ophir Rd to Palermo Rd– The purpose of this amendment is to amend the programming funding for the project as approved by the California Transportation Commission. This amendment adds State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds with State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds. 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 4-lane highway with a two-way left turn lane, standard shoulders, and provide a roadside clear recovery zone. This amendment augments the \$32,720,000 in SHOPP funds with a revised total project cost to \$48,620,000 with construction programmed in the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

(EXISTING FTIP PROJECT) SR 70 Segment 2 Project – Palermo Rd to Cox Lane– The purpose of this amendment is to amend the programming funding for the project as approved by the California Transportation Commission. This amendment adds State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds with State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds. 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 4-lane highway with a two-way left turn lane, standard shoulders, and provide a roadside clear recovery zone. This amendment augments the \$36,860,000 in SHOPP funds with a revised total project cost to \$50,885,000 with construction programmed in the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

(EXISTING FTIP PROJECT) SR 70 Segment 3 Project – East Gridley Rd to Butte/Yuba County Line– The purpose of this amendment is to amend the programming funding for the project as approved by the California Transportation Commission. This amendment adds State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds with State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds. 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 4-lane highway with a two-way left turn lane and standard shoulders. This amendment augments the \$44,068,000 in SHOPP funds with a revised total project cost to \$65,868,000 with construction programmed in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Details of this amendment has been attached to this memo and are posted online at BCAG's website 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.

The amended projects, as listed above, exist in the current 2016 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and are non-exempt from regional emissions analysis. The amendment for each project 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 FTIP. The previous emissions analysis is consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR 93.118 and 93.119, as applicable. This amendment, meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 (financial constraint, public involvement and consistency with the RTP). Allocating funds to these projects will not delay the implementation of projects in the 2016 RTP/SCS which are necessary to achieve the highway and transportation system envisioned by the plan. 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 April 26, 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.