NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Butte County Association of Governments
Conference Room
326 Huss drive, Suite 150, Chico CA
(530) 809-4616

***Thursday*** – July 7, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.

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The following minutes are a summary of the Transportation Advisory Committee. The Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of the Butte County Association of Governments was held at their office, 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

Item #3 – March 3, 2015 TAC Meeting

No comments were received.

Item #4 – 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program

Staff informed the committee of that the revised RTIP / STIP Program was adopted with all of recommendations presented at the June TAC Meeting.

Item #5 – 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Staff informed the committee of the initiation of the development of the 2017 FTIP. Staff said that all transportation projects that have federal transportation funding, require some type of approval by FHWA or FTA, or are regionally significant are required to be in the FTIP. Staff said that for the most part the initial FTIP will be the last two years of the current 2015 FTIP. The FTIP will cover the next 4 federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2016 (FFY 16/17). Staff also indicated that all new CMAQ projects will be carried into the 2017 FTIP.

Item #6 – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Programming

Staff discussed the new call for CMAQ projects initiated earlier this year. Staff briefly discussed each project received. Staff indicated that new projects would be incorporated into the development of the 2017 FTIP. Staff would contact each agency if necessary to clarify programming of projects into the FTIP.

Item #7 – Preliminary Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Staff gave a brief overview of the development of the RTP and the SCS. Staff indicated that the SCS demonstrates the integration of land use, housing and transportation for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles. Staff also stated that the 2016 SCS is a minor update from the current 2012 SCS. Staff said the that a complete copy of the preliminary draft SCS was available for committee and public comment and posted online at BCAG’s RTP webpage. In addition, the SCS
would be presented at scheduled July public workshops and at the July BCAG Board meeting.

**Item #8 – State Route 162 Corridor Plan Update**

Staff informed the committee of the progress to date on the SR 162 Corridor Plan. The Plan was being develop by BCAG and the City of Oroville with the assistance of a consulting firm. The purpose of the plan is to prepare a complete streets corridor plan for the section of SR 162 from SR 70 to Foothill Blvd. Staff indicated that the draft plan has been released and a public workshop was held in May. A complete copy of the plan is available online at: [http://go-oroville162.org/](http://go-oroville162.org/). In addition, as part of the agenda item, staff included the long term preferred alternatives for the corridor.

**Item #9 – Public Participation Plan Amendment to Address Title VI**

Staff informed the committee that BCAG was required to update its Public Participation Plan (PPP) to address current FTA Title VI requirements. It was brought to BCAG’s attention during the FTA Triennial Review that portions of BCAG’s PPP were out of date because of newer federal surface transportation legislation references such as MAP 21 instead of SAFETEA-LU. In addition, BCAG had to strengthen the areas which addressed Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements to ensure equal opportunity in the transportation planning and programming process. Lastly, BCAG staff was proposing to remove the requirement to post formal FTIP amendment notices in the local newspaper which have been ineffective in obtaining feedback concerning the amendment. BCAG would instead use social media or the internet more in order to reach or attempt to engage the public in the transportation planning and programming process.

Staff included a copy of the public notice informing the public of the new 2016 PPP and the scheduled workshops.

**Item #10 – Regional Surface Transportation Program (State Exchange)**

The purpose of this agenda item was to share with the committee what the actual apportionment figures were for each of the cities and County for the 2015/2016 state exchange program. Staff indicated that once the check or electronic transfer was made, allocation instructions would be made to the County Auditor’s Office.

**Item #11 – Other Items**

No other items were discussed.
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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD PASSENGER VEHICLE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGET – BCAG YEAR 2035 RECOMMENDATION

PREPARED BY: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

ISSUE: Senate Bill (SB) 375 requires BCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to meet passenger vehicle greenhouse (GHG) reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). ARB is required to update the GHG targets no later than every 8 years. ARB first set targets for the region in 2010 and intends to update these targets in 2016.

DISCUSSION: In 2008, SB 375 was passed as the mechanism to implement passenger vehicle GHG reductions outlined in Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32). Under SB 375, BCAG is required by the state to prepare the region's SCS as an additional component of the RTP. The SCS demonstrates the integration of land use, housing, and transportation for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions from passenger vehicles and meeting reduction targets established by ARB.

In 2010, ARB set GHG reduction targets for the BCAG region from passenger vehicles as a 1% increase from 2005 emissions levels by 2020 and 2035. The targets apply to the BCAG region as a whole for all passenger vehicles emissions, and not to individual cities or sub-regions.

ARB has formally notified all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as BCAG, that passenger vehicle GHG reduction targets will be revised in 2016 and has solicited recommendations regarding a possible new target for the year 2035. Based on work being completed for the 2016 RTP/SCS, BCAG staff recommends a -7% target for the year 2035. A -7% target recommendation would meet ARB’s mandate to establish an ambitious but achievable target given the state’s goal of reducing statewide GHG emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by the year 2030 (Executive Order B-30-15) and BCAG’s previous target of +1%.

Once submitted, the recommendation will be reviewed and evaluated by ARB staff and included in a draft proposal to the ARB. It is anticipated that ARB will take action on the new targets by the end of 2016. Once new targets are approved by ARB, they would apply to BCAG’s 2020 RTP/SCS.
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BCAG staff will present the target recommendation to the BCAG Board in July 2016 and will continue to keep the committee informed regarding the development of the updated passenger vehicle GHG reduction targets.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst
BCAG is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years. The BCAG Board is scheduled to adopt the 2017 FTIP at the August 25, 2016 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: 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 2017 FTIP will cover the next four fiscal years (FFY 16/17, 17/18, 18/19 and 19/20). The FTIP also 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.

Projects in the 2016/17 fiscal year and beyond will likely carry forward into the 2017 FTIP as well as the projects recently adopted in the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The typical funding programs associated with the FTIP include the STIP, State Highways Operations and Protection Program (Caltrans SHOPP), Highway Bridge Program (Local Bridge Program), Federal Transit Administration Programs (Transit), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and Active Transportation Program (ATP).

A draft 2017 FTIP document including an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination will be presented at the committee meeting. Staff will provide each respective agency with their projects. The 2017 FTIP will include all new CMAQ projects recommended for funding.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff will be reviewing each project at the committee meeting.

Key staff:  
Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager  
Michael Rosson, Transit Manager  
Brian Lasagna, Senior Planner
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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (RTPA) / CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) MEETINGS SUMMARY

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

DISCUSSION: Staff will provide a verbal summary of the recent RTPA/CTC meetings held in Sacramento on June 29-30, 2016.
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BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT REPORT

PREPARED BY: Michael Rosson, Transit Manager

DISCUSSION: Staff will provide a verbal report on items concerning Butte Regional Transit that may be of interest to the committee.