

**PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: November 13, 2019**  
**15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD – BCAG BOARD: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019, 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 2019 FTIP Amendment #03 and 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #07 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 PROJECT:**

**1. SR 99 Southgate Interchange Feasibility Study.** The purpose of this amendment is to add this project for completing a technical study as part of the Preliminary Engineering component utilizing local funds. The project is located at the State Route 99 and Southgate Intersection in the City of Chico. Project is to develop planning and technical studies only for consideration of a future interchange with local connections. This project is included in the current 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Other" indicating that specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies are exempt. The City of Chico is programming \$1,910,000 in FY 18/19 and \$250,000 in FY 20/21 as part of the Preliminary Engineering component.

**EXISTING FTIP PROJECTS:**

**2. SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Phase 5 - 20th Street Crossing.** This amendment adds funding as approved by the California Transportation Commission as part of the Active Transportation Program, Cycle 4 grant awards. This amendment updates the programmed funds and project delivery schedule to fund the Right of Way and Construction components. The project funding changed from \$3.2 million to \$15.4 million. This is an existing project in the 2016 RTP/SCS and 2019 FTIP. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Air Quality" indicating that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt.

**3. SHOPP Minor Grouped Listing.** This amendment adds a new project to the existing Grouped Listing to include a project on State Route 162 in Oroville at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The scope of the project is upgrade the traffic signal/install interconnect system. This amendment adds \$2,364,200 in the 2019/20 Fiscal year. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects are exempt.

**4. Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).**

This amendment updates the Butte County FTIP to Caltrans' HSIP Grouped listing for a project substitution for HSIP7-03-001, on Walnut Street between West 1<sup>st</sup> and West 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. This same HSIP7-03-001 has a new scope of, "Various locations throughout City of Chico Limits". The scope of the project is citywide systemic safety improvements including installation of improved signal hardware at signalized intersections, pedestrian crossings at uncontrolled locations and upgraded intersection pavement markings at non-signalized intersection. There is no change in funding or schedule associated with this amendment. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation projects are exempt.

**5. Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction – Highway Bridge Program (HBP).**

This amendment updates the Butte County FTIP to Caltrans' HBP Grouped listing dated November 4, 2019. This amendment does not add projects, rather updates the revenues for the program. This amendment updates /advances HBP-ID 3470 - . Bridge No. 12C0052, Midway Rd over Butte Creek funding as approved by Caltrans HQ High Cost Letter Agreement with Butte County Public Works. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) projects are exempt.

**6. Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – SHOPP Collision Reduction Program.** This amendment adds a new project to the Grouped Listing for State Route 32 post miles 0.3/5.0, Near Chico from Gianella Rd to Muir Ave. The scope of the project is to install lighting, widen shoulders, upgrade end treatments at bridge approaches, and rehabilitate culverts. This amendments adds \$21,850,000 for the project.

**7. Central House Rd Ovedr Wymann Ravine Bridge.** This amendment updates the Butte County FTIP to the Caltrans' HBP individually listed project data dated November 10, 2019. This amendment advances HBP program funds identified in FY 21/22 for \$65,000 in right-of-way to the FY 19/20 for the same funding. In addition, FY 22/23 construction funds of \$3,325,000 is advanced one fiscal year 21/22. The total cost of the project does not change. The scope of the project is to replace the existing 1 lane structurally deficient bridge with a new lane bridge. This is an existing project that is already included in

the regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity and does not require a new conformity determination.

**8. Guynn Rd over Lindo Channel Bridge Project.** This amendment updates the Butte County FTIP to the Caltrans' HBP individually listed project data dated November 10, 2019. This amendment advances HBP program funds identified in FY 21/22 for \$150,000 in right-of-way to the FY 21/20 for the same funding. The total cost of the project does not change. The scope of the project is to replace the existing 1 lane structurally deficient bridge with a new lane bridge. This is an existing project that is already included in the regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity and does not require a new conformity determination.

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 December 12, 2019 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](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org).