

PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: JULY 30, 2021
15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

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. 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. Notice is hereby given that: The 2021 FTIP Amendment #04 has been prepared and is available for public review. The purpose of this amendment is to make the following changes described below:

NEW FTIP PROJECT:

- 1. Local Section 130 Funded Railroad/Highway Grade Crossing Lump Sum.** The purpose of this amendment is to add a new “Lump Sum” project category and include the City of Chico’s West Sacramento Avenue and Union Pacific Rail Crossing Project. The scope of this new project is to install 1 Std 9-A, medians, install/repair sidewalk, sidelights, and active advanced warning elements. The project is exempt from regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Tables 2 Categories- Railroad/ Highway Crossings. A regional emissions analysis for air quality is not required.

Details of these amendments can be found at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html> for the FTIP under Amendment #4.

This amendment does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the projects for 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 #04 to the 2021 FTIP is scheduled to be approved by the BCAG Executive Director after the comment period on August 20, 2021. 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.