

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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 / 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.

Notice is hereby given that the BCAG Board of Directors has scheduled a public hearing to adopt the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination. The FTIP includes the new regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity analysis approved in the 2020 RTP/SCS on December 10, 2020 by the BCAG Board. All material is posted on BCAG's webpage at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html>. The public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment for the FTIP satisfy the POP requirements of the FTA including the 5307 Program. The public hearing has been scheduled during the regular BCAG Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting zoom link will be posted online at BCAG's website at: [www.bcag.org](http://www.bcag.org) one week prior to the meeting. Individuals are welcomed to attend in person. Public Health Social Distancing recommendations are practices and face masks are required.

### Public Zoom Workshop

A final zoom workshop has been scheduled to provide the public another opportunity to provide input on the FTIP. The zoom workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87629053449?pwd=by91ZUIEamRPRVdjbFdlbnBrckZCUT09&from=addon> and is posted at the FTIP weblink referenced above. Translation services are available if needed. The workshop will be recorded and posted the following day for reference. If you are interested in the FTIP or any other BCAG related project or program such as the RTP/SCS please email Mr. Ivan Garcia at [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org).

In addition, notice is hereby given that the BCAG Board of Directors is scheduled to approve 2019 FTIP Amendment #6 for the purpose of programming a new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Highway Improvement Program (HIP) funded project for the City of Chico as follows:

1. City of Chico – Hegan Lane Business Park Access Improvement Project. This project will provide operational and safety improvements to the Hegan Lane Business Park District. This funding request is for the development and construction of a Phase 1 project working towards the construction of four (4) roundabouts at the intersections of:
  - Park Avenue and Midway
  - E. Park Avenue and Fair Street
  - Hegan Lane and Midway
  - Hegan Lane and Otterson Drive

The City is requesting \$6.2 million in CMAQ and \$1.6 million in HIP funds.

2. Butte County – Autrey Lane Southside Safe Routes to Schools Project. The county is requesting funding for the preliminary engineering component only for \$150,000 for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

These projects are exempt from a new regional emissions analysis for air quality was included in the long range 2020 RTP/SCS.

Information is available for review at the Butte County Association of Governments office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928. A hard copy of the FTIP has been distributed to each local Butte County Public Library. Questions regarding the FTIP or the RTP/SCS can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager at BCAG at 530-809-4603 or by e-mail at [igarcia@bcag.org](mailto:igarcia@bcag.org).