

**PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: June 4, 2021**  
**15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD – BCAG BOARD: THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 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. 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 #03 has been prepared and is available for public review. The purpose of this amendment is to make the following changes described below:

**EXISTING FTIP PROJECTS:**

**1. Butte County Public Works: Autry Lane, Monte Vista & Lower Wyandotte Safe Routes to Schools Gap Closure Project.** The purpose of this amendment is to add additional scope to the original Autry Lane & Monte Vista Safe Routes to Schools Gap Closure Project by adding Lower Wyandotte. This amendment combines a previous Lower Wyandotte Bicycle and Pedestrian Project from the 2019 FTIP into the Autry Lane & Monte Vista project currently programmed in the 2021 FTIP. This project is located in South Oroville in Butte County. This amendment also revises the right of way costs from \$200,000 to \$350,000 in the 2020/21 federal fiscal year. This project is included in the current 2020 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 "Air Quality" indicating that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are exempt.

**2. City of Chico: Hegan Lane Business Park Access Improvements Project.** The purpose of this amendment is to change the fund source from Local Advance Construction funds to Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds for \$391,373. The overall costs and project delivery schedule do not change. This programming commitment was approved by the BCAG Board of Directors on February 25, 2021. The scope of the project includes operational and safety improvements in the form of roundabouts and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This project is included in the current 2020 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 3 – "Projects Exempt from Regional Emissions Analyses" indicating that intersection channelization projects are exempt.

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

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 #03 to the 2021 FTIP is scheduled to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors at the June 24, 2021 Board meeting** located at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA 95928 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting zoom link will be provide and posted at the BCAG website at [www.bcag.org](http://www.bcag.org). 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).