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DATE: May 5, 2022

TO: Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) Group

FROM: Brian Lasagna, BCAG Regional Analyst

SUBJECT: ICR Review – Proposed 2021 FTIP Amendment #06

The purpose of this memo is to provide the ICR with the opportunity to comment regarding BCAG’s proposed action for a formal amendment to the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The amendment includes financial updates to four (4) existing standalone projects and four (4) group listings, for a total of eight (8) projects. One (1) of the projects is non-exempt and one (1) includes a scope change which does not change its current exempt status.

Details regarding the amendment and projects are included below:

FINANCIAL UPDATES TO EXISTING EXEMPT FTIP PROJECTS & GROUPED LISTINGS:

1. **Pentz Road Trailway Phase II – Town of Paradise.** The purpose of this modification is to move \$175,000 in right of way funds programmed with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds in the 2019/20 fiscal year to the Preliminary Engineering component in the 2021/22 fiscal year. This project is delayed, and the cost increased due to the Paradise Camp Fire and COVID. No change in total funding for the project at this time. This project is located on Pentz Road between Pearson Rd and Bille Road (1.63 miles), Pentz Road between Wagstaff Road and Skyway (1.56 miles). Scope of the project is to construct a grade separated, Class I, bike-ped facility along the west side of Pentz Road within the project limits. The project is exempt from a 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. **Paradise ATP Gateway Project – Town of Paradise.** The purpose of this modification is to move \$175,000 in right of way funds programmed with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds in the 2019/20 fiscal year to the Preliminary Engineering component in the 2021/22 fiscal year. This project is delayed, and the cost increased due to the Paradise Camp Fire and COVID. No change in total funding for the project at this time. This project is located on Neal Road between Town Limits and Skyway (1.62 miles), Skyway between Neal Road and Pearson Road (0.9 miles). The scope of the project is to construct a grade separated, Class I, bike-ped facility along the west side of Neal Road within the project limits. The project is exempt from a 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. **Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - HBP Program – Various Agencies.** The purpose of this modification is to update the financial data for existing projects as listed in the updated Caltrans HBP list dated 03/33/2022. No changes to the projects were made. The four-year total for the HBP program has changed from \$8,943,708 to \$8,902,568

for a decrease of \$41,140. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that the widening of narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) are exempt.

4. **Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements - HSIP Program – Various Agencies.** The purpose of this modification is to update the HSIP Grouped listing and financial data for existing projects as listed in the updated Caltrans HSIP list dated 03/06/2022. Two existing projects are reflected in the backup list. The four-year total for the HSIP program has changed from \$9,691,219 to \$0 (zero) with funding identified outside of the four-year 2021 FTIP Period reflecting projects have been completed and no longer need to be in the FTIP and funding for the two included projects has now been pushed to an outer year. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that the Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation projects are exempt.
5. **SHOPP Minor Grouped Listing – Caltrans.** The purpose of this modification is to update the SHOPP Minor Grouped listing to remove one project and add another. The list reflects adding the SR 99 in Butte County at Keefer Slough project. The scope is to repair deteriorating pavement and replace driveway culverts for \$1,250,00 (EA: 2J070). The Grouped Listing costs changed from \$1,455,000 to \$1,250,000. The project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation projects are exempt.
6. **SHOPP Roadway Preservation Grouped Listing – Caltrans.** The purpose of this modification is to update the Grouped listing to add two projects. The list reflects adding SR 70 (Near Pulga) from east of Big Ben Rd to the Plumas County line project. The scope is to rehabilitate pavement, drainage, lighting, sign panels and Transportation Management System (TSM) elements. The second added project is SR 162, in and near Oroville from Feather River Bridge to Foothill Blvd. The scope is to rehabilitate pavement and drainages systems, upgrade to ADA standards and upgrade signs and guardrails. The Grouped Listing costs changed from \$49,320,000 to \$55,190,000. The projects are exempt from a regional emissions analysis per the Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Exempt Projects, Table 2 "Safety" indicating that pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation projects are exempt.

FINANCIAL UPDATE TO EXISTING NON-EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

7. **Guynn Rd over Lindo Channel Bridge Project (HBP Individually Listed Project) – City of Chico.** The purpose of this modification is to move \$150,000 in right of way funds from fiscal year 2021/22 to fiscal year 2023/24. This project is funded with Highway Bridge Program Funds (HBP). No other modifications are proposed, and total funding did not change. 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 since the financial update 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 of the currently conforming RTP and FTIP.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND SCOPE CHANGE TO EXISTING EXEMPT FTIP PROJECT:

8. **Oliver Curve Class I Phase 1 Project – Town of Paradise.** This amendment increases the scope by extending the project limits. The limits are revised to extend originally from 0.39 miles to approximately 1.1 miles on Olive Rd from the Skyway to Bille Park in the Town of Paradise. The project is extended to include Bille Rd to Bille Park. The scope remains the same to provide a Class I bike path. In addition to the increased scope, right-of-way funds originally programmed

are moved to the preliminary engineering component for \$100,000 in the 2021/22 fiscal year. In addition, BCAG is adding another \$100,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds to fully fund the PE component for a revised total from \$250,000 to \$450,000. The project is exempt from a 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.

Since the 2021 FTIP Amendment #06 does not include any new non-exempt projects, per 40 CFR 93.126, the amendment is exempt from the requirement that a new conformity determination and regional emission analysis be performed.

For the proposed amendment, BCAG states for the record:

1. Exempt Projects (7 total): No new conformity determination or regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment. The seven (7) projects being updated, because of the amendment, are exempt from conformity or regional emissions analysis per EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2 as referenced above.
2. Non-Exempt Project (1 total): No new conformity determination or regional emissions analysis is necessary for this proposed formal amendment. The one (1) non-exempt project being updated is already included in the regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity and does not require a new conformity determination since the financial update 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 of the currently conforming RTP and FTIP.
3. TCM Implementation: There are no Transportation Control Measures in the approved Carbon Monoxide (CO) SIP and there is no approved Ozone or PM2.5 SIP applicable to Butte County. Because there are no TCMs in an approved SIP for Butte County, Butte County currently has no TCMs in place and therefore timely TCM implementation requirements do not apply.
4. Financial Constraint: The 2021 FTIP has been financially constrained in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 93.108 and consistent with the U.S. DOT metropolitan planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450).
5. Interagency and Public Consultation: The following portion applies after all consultation is complete - *For the 2021 FTIP Amendment #06, BCAG initially consulted on this amendment with its Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) group on May 5, 2022. BCAG staff provided a 15-day public review and comment period in compliance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). On May 5, 2021, legal notices were posted on the BCAG website. The proposed amendment has been circulated among staff from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Transit Agency (FTA), and Caltrans. Appendices contain copies of public notices and responses to public comments.*

BCAG staff is requesting that ICR members respond with any comments regarding the proposed amendment prior to Friday, May 20, 2021. In addition, BCAG is requesting concurrence of the proposed action by email response from the following agencies: FHWA/FTA, EPA, and Caltrans.

If members prefer a separate conference call to discuss, please let me know and I will begin to schedule. If no significant requests or comments are received by the ICR, BCAG will then move forward with completing public outreach and having the BCAG Board of Directors consider approval on May 26, 2022.

Included for the ICRs information is the latest project exemption table, regionally significant project listing, and public notice to the amendment.

If you have any questions, please give me a call, or send me an email.

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