

PUBLIC NOTICE – DATE ISSUED: MAY 1, 2022
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 #06 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 - ALL:

1. 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.

2. Pentz Road Trailway Phase II – Town of Paradise

The purpose of this modification was to move \$175,000 in right of way funds programmed with Congestion Mitigation in the 2019/20 fiscal year and to the Preliminary Engineering component in the 2021/22 fiscal year. This project was delayed, and the cost increased due to the Paradise Camp Fire and COVID. No change in total funding for this 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.

3. Paradise ATP Gateway Project – Town of Paradise

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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.

4. Guynn Rd over Lindo Channel bridge Project (HBP Individually Listed Project) – City of Chico

The purpose of this modification was 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 were made. The 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.

5. Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - HBP Program – Various Agencies

The purpose of this modification was 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.

6. Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements - HSIP Program – Various Agencies

The purpose of this modification was to update the 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.

7. SHOPP Minor Grouped Listing – Caltrans

The purpose of this modification was to update the 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.

8. SHOPP Roadway Preservation Grouped Listing – Caltrans

The purpose of this modification was 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.

These 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.

Details of these amendments can be found at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html> for the FTIP under Amendment #6.

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 #06 to the 2021 FTIP is scheduled to be approved by the BCAG Board of Directors on May 26, 2022. 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.