



NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*****Thursday*** – May 7, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.**

BCAG Conference Room
326 Huss Drive, Suite 150
Chico CA 95928

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ITEM

STAFF

3. Minutes from February 13, 2020 TAC Meeting

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval.

4. 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program

Ivan Garcia
Information

Informing TAC of adopted State Transportation Improvement Program

5. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Ivan Garcia
Information

Informing TAC of development of the 2021 FTIP

6. Active Transportation Program – Cycle 5

Ivan Garcia
Information

Discussion of new ATP Cycle 5

7. Butte Regional Transit Update

Sara Muse
Information

Informing committee of transit related activities for B-Line

8. BCAG / Caltrans Information Sharing

BCAG/Caltrans
Information

Exchange of information regarding local projects underway and planned as well as receiving a Local Assistance update on matters concerning project delivery and program updates

9. Other Items

All



**Butte County Association of Governments
Transportation Advisory Committee
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes
for February 13, 2020**

The following minutes are a summary of the Transportation Advisory Committee. The Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of the Butte County Association of Governments was held at the BCAG offices located at 326 Huss Drive Suite 150 in Chico. The meeting started at 8:00 a.m.

Item #3 – December 5, 2019 TAC Meeting

No comments were received.

Item #4 – 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Development

Staff informed the committee of BCAG's revised RTIP recommendations in which Chair Connelly requested Caltrans and the CTC approve \$32 million to finish the SR 70 corridor in Yuba County. Staff stated that the guidelines prohibited any cost sharing because Caltrans did not have any programming capacity. However, it was not prohibited from BCAG to nominate the entire corridor. Staff stated that CTC STIP Recommendations would be released by February 28, 2020.

Item #5 – 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update

Staff presented the current work activities related to the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS for the TAC's information and discussion. Staff reviewed the modelling associated with the RTP/SCS, draft land use scenario and transportation network, strategies for reducing VMT and GHG emissions, model outputs and technical methodology. Staff also included a discussion "Draft Land Use Scenario" attachment for the TAC's review and an updated project schedule.

Item #6 – Active Transportation Program – Cycle 5

Staff discussed the strategizing of ATP Cycle 5 projects with the TAC. Staff requested feedback from the local agencies as to what projects may be nominated. Staff encouraged applicants to work with Butte County Public Health and Chico Velo Cycling Club or other organizations to develop a highly competitive grant application. Staff stated that ATP grants have become increasingly competitive where typically the top 12 percent of applications get funded.

Item #6 – B-Line Transit Update

Staff provided a report on activities concerning Butte Regional Transit. Staff informed the group of the Unmet Transit Needs process and its outreach process. Staff said that a scheduled public hearing was scheduled for March 26, 2020 to finalize formal comments in order to prepare the annual Transit Needs Assessment. Staff said that the public typically provides comments throughout the year and are continuously collected. Comments are then compiled into the Assessment as necessary.

Staff also informed the group of the current FTA Section 5311 grant applications for transit and requested letters of support from the committee members.

Item #7– BCAG/Caltrans Information Sharing

The following items were briefly discussed with the committee:

Local Assistance Updates – Angel Araiza

Mr. Araiza provided various program updates and staff contact updates

Highway Safety Improvement Program / Local Road Safety Plan – Darlene Wulff

Ms. Wulff provided an update to the HSIP program including the efforts by Caltrans to include the HSIP program as part of the Federal / State Exchange Program. In addition, Ms. Wulff encouraged agencies who have not applied for the 5-minute grant application for \$72,000 to develop a LRSP to do so. Ms. Wulff indicated that future projects would be specifically derived from the LRSP.

ATP and DBE – Jim Day

Mr. Day provided ATP Cycle 5 and DBE updates. Mr. Day strongly encouraged early submittals of draft ATP guidelines and that Caltrans would not be able to assist after formal call-for-projects was made. Mr. Day also provided an example agenda for a future training that could be held at the BCAG offices in the Fall of 2020. The purpose of the training would be for Federal-aid and State-funded projects administered through Caltrans.

State Highway Operations and Improvement Program – Joan Davis

Ms. Davis provided a brief report on the various state highway projects underway in the region and answered questions from the committee members.

FTIP Amendment #3 – Ivan Garcia

Mr. Garcia provided an overview of BCAG's approved FTIP amendment #3 for HBP, HSIP and SHOPP projects.

SB 743 – How Projects are Analyzed under CEQA – Brian Lasagna

Mr. Lasagna advised locals to begin being familiar with the specifics of Senate Bill 743 and how it changes how projects are analyzed under CEQA. SB 743 requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to identify new metrics for identifying and mitigating transportation impacts within CEQA. For land use projects, OPR identified Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita, VMT per employee, and net VMT as new metrics for transportation analysis. Additional information can be found at: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/sb-743/>.

Item #8 – Other Items

No items from Local Assistance were presented this month.



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Item # 4 Information

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2020 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: The California Transportation Commission adopted the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on March 25, 2020.

DISCUSSION: BCAG revised its original recommendation that was presented to the TAC in December 2019 as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. A revised recommendation was made to request that Caltrans program the \$32 million needed to complete Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County. The SR 70 Projects were included in the final draft STIP and were approved by California Transportation Commission. BCAG was not required to contribute any further funding.

The programming of Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County secures the necessary funding to complete the corridor to 4 lanes between Marysville and Oroville. In addition, this fulfills the 1988 CTC Blueprint to connect the urbanized area of Chico to Sacramento by a continuous 4-lane facility. Approximately \$494 million in State Highway Operations and Protection Program and State Transportation Improvement Program funds are programmed between Marysville and Oroville.

Attached for the TAC's record is an updated Corridor Map with the 7 segmented projects between Marysville and Oroville. The map also identifies the anticipated start and completion dates for each project.

REQUESTED ACTION: This item is presented for information.

Key staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director
Andy Newsum, Deputy Director
Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist



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Item # 5 Information

May 7, 2020

2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years. The BCAG Board is scheduled to adopt the 2021 FTIP at the August 27, 2020 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: 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 2021 FTIP will cover the next four fiscal years (FFY 20/21, 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24). The FTIP also 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.

Existing projects that are not obligated in the current 2019 FTIP will likely carry forward into the 2021 FTIP as well as the projects recently adopted in the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The typical funding programs associated with the FTIP include the STIP, State Highways Operations and Protection Program (Caltrans SHOPP), Highway Bridge Program (Local Bridge Program), Federal Transit Administration Programs (Transit), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), Highway Improvement Program (HIP) and Active Transportation Program (ATP).

A draft 2021 FTIP document including an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination is scheduled to be presented at the July TAC meeting.

Federal Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule – Update

On March 12, 2020 the EPA provided guidance that allows FHWA and FTA to begin approving conformity determinations. Prior to March 12th, FHWA and FTA did not have the ability to approve conformity determinations as part of FTIP or RTP/SCS amendments. Currently, all amendment can move forward.

Due to the uncertainty of SAFE Rule Parts 1 & 2, Senator Beall is sponsoring Senate Bill to forego the requirement for the development of the next 2021 FTIP. The legislation is aimed to help minimize impacts from finalizing the SAFE Rule and COVID 19 impacts and challenges. SB 1291 is a spot bill and language will likely change moving forward.

BCAG will move forward with a new 2021 FTIP as is currently required, but depending on the outcome of SB 1291, a new FTIP may not be necessary. If not required, BCAG will continue to amend the FTIP as necessary. The 2019 FTIP is a 4-year document covering federal fiscal years 2018/19 through 2022/23.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff will contact each of the cities, county and Caltrans individually as necessary to obtain updated project information.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst



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Item # 6 Information

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – CYCLE 5

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects was made on March 25, 2020 at the California Transportation Commission

DISCUSSION: Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$440M in ATP funding made up of Federal funding, State SB1 and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding / programming years include the 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 fiscal years.

Minor updates to the guidelines were made and adopted at the March 25th CTC Meeting. Guidelines are available and posted on CTC's website at:
<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Applicants are encouraged to include Butte County Public Health, Ability First and Chico Velo included in the discussions as projects are defined.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist
Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst



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Item # 7 Information

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BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

DISCUSSION: A verbal presentation on this item will be made by BCAG staff

Discussion items:

- Post Camp Fire Study
- Unmet Transit Needs
- COVID 19 Impacts to Transit
 - Modified Routes
 - Safety Measures Taken

This item is presented for the TAC's information.

Key staff: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner
Jim Peplow, Senior Planner



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Item # 8 Information

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BCAG / CALTRANS INFORMATION SHARING

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

DISCUSSION: This agenda item is reserved for local member agencies and Caltrans staff to discuss matters related to local projects and project delivery. The discussion items listed below are not intended to be all inclusive. Local agencies are encouraged to raise questions.

Discussion Items:

COVID 19 Impacts
Local Assistance Updates
HSIP/LRSP
SHOPP
STIP – SR 70 Corridor

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Tou Vang
Darlene Wulff
Joan Davis
Cameron Knudson