

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 Region Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that have federal transportation funding require some type of approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In addition, all nonfederal, regionally significant projects are included. 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 is scheduled to begin the preparation of the 2017 FTIP. Development of these documents will include a new regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity purposes. As information is developed, the BCAG's website will be updated at www.bcag.org. If you are interested in being placed on an email distribution list, please email Mr. Ivan Garcia at igarcia@bcag.org. The 2017 FTIP is scheduled to be adopted on August 25, 2016. The 2016 RTP/SCS is scheduled to be adopted in December 2016. Information can also be reviewed at the Butte County Association of Governments office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928.

Notice is hereby given that BCAG will be updating its Public Participation Plan (PPP) to update legislative references and other minor changes which document how BCAG will notify the public on its planning and programming requirements. In addition, BCAG is addressing Limited English Proficiency federal requirements in the PPP. Lastly, BCAG will be developing a new Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments as a stand-alone document that will also be included as an Appendix in the 2016 PPP. A new 2016 PPP is scheduled for adoption on August 25, 2016 by the BCAG Board of Directors. **An open house workshop to review the PPP is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the BCAG conference room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico.**

All information related to the PPP and draft Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments can be found on-line at <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/-Public-Participation-Plan-PPP/index.html>.

Notice is hereby given that BCAG is currently developing the long range 2016 RTP/SCS. An open house workshop to review the RTP/SCS and the 2017 FTIP is scheduled for July 13, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the BCAG conference room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico. The RTP/SCS identifies the long-range transportation plans for specific funding programs through the year 2040. Any other BCAG related matters can be discussed.

Adoption of the FTIP, PPP and Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments is scheduled for 9 a.m. on August 25, 2016 at the City of Chico Council Chambers located at 421 Main St, Chico, CA 95928. Once adopted, these documents can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board. Questions regarding these products can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager at BCAG at 530-809-4616 or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org. Comments are also welcomed by email. Hard copies of the PPP are available at each of the Butte County Public Libraries for review and comment. Please contact the BCAG offices for translating assistance.