



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #9 Action

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN - DEVELOPMENT

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ISSUE: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires BCAG to prepare a Public Participation Plan (PPP) prior to the development of the long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

DISCUSSION: Staff has completed a draft PPP and has made it available for public review and comment. The goal of this Plan is to achieve greater public input and to make interested members of the public aware of all opportunities for input in the metropolitan transportation planning process. A minimum of 45 calendar days is required to be provided prior to the BCAG Board adopting the new Plan. Public notices were placed in the local newspapers and on all of the B-Line transit buses during the week of November 5, 2007.

The draft document was distributed to each Butte County Public Library and notice of its availability was sent to specific state and federal agencies, the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee, BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and the Coordinated Transportation Working Group.

A copy of the complete document is available at BCAG's web page at:
http://www.bcag.org/_planning/PPP.html.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board open the public hearing to receive comments on the Public Participation Plan. If no significant comments are received, staff recommends the Board approve the Public Participation Plan by Resolution 2007/08-06.

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