



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Butte County Association of Governments
Conference Room
2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA
(530) 879-2468**

*****Thursday** – October 13, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM.

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PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OR COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.

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ITEM

STAFF

3. Minutes from September 8, 2011 TAC Meeting

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval

**4 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) -
Development for the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement
Program (RTIP)**

Ivan Garcia

Presenting the draft 2012 RTIP recommendations

5. Other Items



ITEM # 3

Butte County Association of Governments Transportation Advisory Committee Draft Summary Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2011

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 their office, 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

Item #3 – August 4 TAC Meeting

No comments were received.

Item #4 – 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate for Butte County

Staff presented the adopted STIP Fund Estimate of \$15.479 million for the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) development. Staff indicated the upcoming STIP period included the 5 fiscal years starting on July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. While specific annual targets were not provided by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), staff stated that programming capacity for Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds were in the last fiscal years of the STIP period. Staff also stated that while BCAG's TE target was \$863,000, staff recommended to the BCAG Board that \$2 million in TE projects be recommended for new programming. The BCAG Board supported this recommendation at their August Board meeting. In doing so, staff issued a call-for-project on August 26, 2011 with a deadline to submit project proposals for new RIP programming by September 30, 2011.

In addition, the County presented their proposal to program \$1.5 million for the Midway at Butte Creek Bridge Project. The County requested that \$1.5 million in RIP funds be used to leverage for approximately \$14 million in Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding. The County communicated to the committee that utilizing RIP funds for the local match was a good use of leveraging regional funds requested support by the committee.

Staff highlighted that BCAG needs to ensure that enough RIP funding is available for the next SR 70 Passing Lane project in Butte County as part of the 2014 STIP Cycle. In doing so, BCAG would be developing a PSR/PID document for the next passing lane project beginning in the 2011/2012 fiscal year utilizing available SR 70 "High Priority" (earmark) funds. Once completed, BCAG would then be able to nominate a jointly funded project with Caltrans. The anticipated costs for the project would be approximately \$25 million.

Staff stated that all TE project recommendations are required to be reviewed by the Caltrans TE coordinator to ensure eligibility.

Item #5 Other Items

None.



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Item # 4 Information

October 7, 2011

2012 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) - DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by December 15, 2011.

DISCUSSION: The 2012 RTIP is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors at the December 8, 2011 Board meeting. The RTIP is then submitted to the California Transportation Commission for programming consideration into the 2012 STIP. The 2012 RTIP and STIP cover the five year period between FY 2012-13 through FY 2016-17.

BCAG's 2012 RTIP Fund Estimate (FE) identifies a funding level of **\$15.479 million** for Butte County. These funds may be available starting in the 2015/16 FY. The FE includes a prior unprogrammed fund balance of \$9.6 million, which has not been available for project programming as a result of insufficient cash flow at the state level.

In order for a project to be eligible for RTIP/STIP programming, an approved Project Study Report (PSR) or Project Initiation Document (PID) must be completed.

A portion of the 2012 FE for Butte County also includes a funding target for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects, which typically include bicycle or pedestrian projects. BCAG's funding target for TE projects is **\$863,000**. BCAG is able to program 5% towards the administration of STIP projects for project Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities.

Staff issued a call for new TE projects on August 26, 2011. Staff requested new TE applications to be submitted to BCAG by Friday, September 30, 2011. In addition, at the September 8, 2011 BCAG TAC meeting, Butte County Public Works requested \$1.5 million to be used as the local match requirement for the Midway over Butte Creek Bridge funded in the Highway Bridge Program (HBP).

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2012 RTIP/STIP Recommendations

Fund Estimate \$ 15,479,000

Agency	Project	Funding Recommendation
TE RECOMMENDATIONS		
County	Neal Rd Class 2 Bike Lane Project	\$ 1,500,000
Gridley	Downtown Streetscape Project	\$ 452,000
BCAG	Chico Bike Map Update	\$ 60,000
Subtotal for RIP TE Projects		\$ 2,012,000

RIP RECOMMENDATIONS		
County	Butte County Midway over Butte Creek Project (Local Match)	\$ 1,499,000
BCAG	Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM)	\$ 740,000
BCAG	Reserve balance for future SR 70 Passing Lane Project in the 2014 STIP Cycle	\$ 11,228,000

TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS	\$ 15,479,000
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NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING		
Gridley	SR 99 Pedestrian Improvement Project - Request \$600,000	\$ 600,000

Description of Project Recommendations:

Butte County Neal Rd Class 2 Bike Lane Project. The County has requested \$1.5 million in RIP TE funds. The County is proposing to improve traffic safety, circulation and promote intermodal transportation by providing Class 2 bike lanes along Neal Road as part of a planned contiguous bikeway facility from the Town of Paradise to the City of Chico as currently defined in the Butte County Bikeway Master Plan. The proposed project also enhances the bicycle rideability of both Neal and Cohasset Roads for cyclists along these signature regional cycling routes. Specifically, the County is proposing the following:

- Complete design for phased improvements to widen Neal Rd to accommodate Class 2 bike lanes from Oro-Chico Hwy to the Town Limits (7.5 miles)
- Construct Phases 1 & 2 - Class 2 bike lanes from SR-99 to 4.7 miles east as the initial phase of work along with installation of "Share the Road" signage on the remainder of Neal Road (2.8 miles) to the Town Limits and within the Town of Paradise to the Skyway (1.7 miles.)
- "Share the Road" signage along Cohasset Road from Chico City Limits to the Cohasset School (11.5 miles.)

Gridley Hazel Street Rehabilitation Project. The City of Gridley has requested \$452,000 in RIP TE funds with \$286,000 in local funds for a total project cost of \$738,000. The project includes bulb-outs between Virginia and Vermont Streets that includes new layouts and hardscape design at bulb-outs and street crossings, creating new and comfortable people spaces, appropriate site furniture and utilities with the space and developing new landscape areas and planting to enhance the intersection area. Also included are low walls to accent the entry into downtown, provide pedestrians a sense of protection and identify the space. The project also includes mid-block bulb-outs in front of active store fronts to provide pedestrian access along with outdoor dining and social areas; and an entire landscaping plan for the area to create a comfortable atmosphere.

Chico Bike Map Update - BCAG has requested \$60,000 to update and reproduce the Chico Bike Map. As a result of recent significant project delivery accomplishments by the City of Chico including the SR 99 Corridor Bike Project and other bike and road projects, the bike map is in need to be updated. In addition, the bike map includes a transit layer in which routes have been modified by Butte Regional Transit in the spring of 2011. BCAG staff is proposing to update and reproduce the map.

Butte County Midway over Butte Creek Bridge – Butte County has requested \$1.499 million to leverage towards \$13.991 million in federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds for this bridge replacement project. The proposed project constructs a new 1600 foot long multi-span prestressed cast-in-place concrete box girder with approximately 2300 feet of approach of roadway reconstruction. This project will replace 2 existing structures that currently span Butte Creek and Butte Creek Overflow. Both of the structures proposed to be replaced have low sufficiency ratings and have been determined to be “Structurally Deficient” by Caltrans Structures Maintenance and Investigations. They are both load limited and are of sub-standard width. The structure over Butte Creek also carries a speed limit of 10 mph for vehicles over 10 tons. It has been determined that replacement of the bridges is the most feasible alternative.

Utilizing RIP funds to leverage towards federal HBP funds has been identified as a priority for funding consideration by the California Transportation Commission.

Projects Not Recommended for Funding

Gridley SR 99 Pedestrian Sidewalk Project – The City has requested \$600,000 in RIP TE funds for this project. The scope of the project includes construction of typical urban improvements such as curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveways and pedestrian ramps on the east side of S 99 within the City of Gridley from Obermeyer Avenue to approximately 1,800 feet north of Obermeyer Avenue. Based on the funding target supported by the BCAG Board at \$2 million for TE projects, staff has recommended not to fund the City’s second TE priority project. However, BCAG staff will assist the City in pursuing other funding sources to complete this project. The City of Gridley is currently developing the environmental component.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion. A complete draft 2012 RTIP document will be presented at the November 3, 2011 TAC meeting.

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