



**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** – September 8, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

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ITEM

STAFF

3. Minutes from August 4, 2011 TAC Meeting

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval

**4 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Fund Estimate for Butte County**

Ivan Garcia

Reviewing the adopted 2012 STIP Fund Estimate for development of the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

5. Other Items



ITEM # 3

Butte County Association of Governments Transportation Advisory Committee Draft Summary Meeting Minutes for August 4, 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 – July 2, 2011 TAC Meeting

No comments were received.

Item #4 – Public Workshop Schedule for Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Development

Staff presented the schedule for the four (4) 2012 RTP and SCS workshops throughout the County. The purpose of the workshops was to provide the opportunity for public input on the draft elements of the RTP that have been completed and to educate the public on the development of the SCS. Staff indicated that the SCS would be developed over the next year. Staff also informed the committee that a request for proposals would be circulated in the next 30 days for the development of the environmental impact report (EIR). This item was presented for information.

Item #5 – 2012 Regional Transportation Plan – Draft Regionally Significant Road Network

Staff presented for the committee's review and comments the proposed 2012 RTP list of regionally significant roadways in Butte County, including their associated circulation designation (i.e. collector, arterial, highway, or other). In preparing the list staff indicated that BCAG reviewed the 2008 RTP list, each jurisdiction's latest approved circulation element, and the Caltrans California Road System (CRS) Maps. This item was presented for information. Staff requested comments by the end of month.

Item #6 - 2012 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Draft Technical Methodology

As part of the development of the SCS for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) BCAG is required to prepare a report describing the technical methodology it intends to use when estimating the greenhouse gas emissions from the SCS. Staff presented the draft document to the committee for review and comment. Staff requested comments by the end of the month.

Item #7 Other Items

None.



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 4 Information

September 1, 2011

2012 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) 2012 FUND ESTIMATE FOR BUTTE COUNTY

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

ISSUE: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate (FE) on August 10, 2011. The FE identifies the project funding levels that may be nominated by each regional agency in their Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs), and includes the funding target for Caltrans Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

DISCUSSION: The 2012 RTIP is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors by the January 2012 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.

The 2012 FE identifies a funding level of **\$15.7 million** for Butte County. These funds may be available starting in the 2015/16 FY. This \$15.7 million funding level 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.

2012 RTIP/STIP RECOMMENDATIONS

At the August BCAG Board meeting, staff recommended to the BCAG Board of Directors that the \$15.7 million in STIP funding be reserved for a future State Route 70 project, which will be nominated for the 2014 STIP cycle. Currently, there are no projects for State Route 70 with a completed PSR/PID.

During the 2011/12 fiscal year, BCAG staff will begin developing the required PSR/PID documents for the remaining segments of SR 70 in Butte County that need to be widened with dual passing lanes.

These PSR/PID documents will be prepared using \$2.8 million in federal funds that were secured under a prior Congressional Earmark for the SR 70 Bypass. These funds, which have not been expended, must be used for projects and or studies along the SR 70 corridor. The PSR/PID documents will be prepared in cooperation with Caltrans District 3, and will identify future projects for SR 70 that will be jointly funded by BCAG and Caltrans in future STIPs. Staff anticipates a project will be ready for funding by the 2014 STIP cycle, at which time BCAG can program the balance of STIP funding available from the \$15.7 million target.

TE Project Programming

Staff recommended the BCAG Board of Directors program approximately \$2 million for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. While BCAG's funding target is \$863,000, staff believes that the California Transportation Commission would program additional funding for TE projects if they are identified in the earlier years of the 2012 STIP cycle. The Board supported this concept.

As a result, 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. Staff is requesting new applicants use the Caltrans TE application for submitting new projects. Applications can be found at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/app_pgs.htm. Additional TE resources can be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/TransEnact.htm>

All projects for TE consideration must be cleared and reviewed by the Caltrans TE coordinator.

Local Road Project Requests

The County has requested that \$1.5 million of BCAG's RIP shares be used to supplant the County's local match requirement for the Midway at Butte Creek bridge project. Local match for the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) or federal funding have been a priority for funding consideration by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The County's bridge project is currently underway and is also programmed in the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

In addition, staff has been contacted by the City of Chico for SR 99 Corridor funding consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion.

Key Staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director
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