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. BCAG is also the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County and its incorporated cities. As the RTPA, BCAG is required to prepare a Regional Transportation Improvement program (RTIP) every two years. The purpose of the RTIP is to identify programming recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is comprised of two components, the Regional Improvement Program (RIP) for projects nominated by regional agencies in California, such as BCAG and the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) for projects nominated by Caltrans. The STIP is adopted by the California Transportation Commission.

The RTIP indicates the area's short-term plan for use of RIP and IIP dollars for transportation projects over the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014. The 2012 RTIP will be developed over the next couple of months and posted on the Internet at www.bcag.org. A draft document is anticipated to be completed by October 2013. The public is encouraged to participate and provide input to the RTIP or any other BCAG planning function. Once a draft document is completed, the RTIP will also be available at each of the Butte County public libraries. Comments on the RTIP are requested by December 1, 2013.

The 2014 RTIP is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors at their December 12, 2013 Board meeting at the City of Chico Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. located at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA. Questions regarding the RTIP can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager at BCAG at 530-879-2468 or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org.