



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6 Action

December 12, 2013

APPROVAL OF THE 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) FOR BUTTE COUNTY

PREPARED BY: IVAN GARCIA, PROGRAMMING MANAGER

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 31, 2013 for the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

DISCUSSION: 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. There have been no changes to the draft RTIP projects presented at the October 24th Board meeting.

The Fund Estimate prepared by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission identifies an unprogrammed balance \$12.4 million for the region and new shares of \$5.9 million through FY 2018/19 for a total of \$18,480,000. Funding is projected to be available in the last two years of the STIP. During the 2012 RTIP/STIP process, BCAG left an unprogrammed STIP balance with the purpose of programming the next SR 70 Passing Lane Project(s) as part of the 2014 STIP Cycle. Over the last two years, BCAG has been developing the required Project Initiation Document / Project Design Study for the SR 70 Corridor in Butte County. As with the past SR 70 projects completed, Caltrans would be a funding partner at 50% participation.

The following page summarizes the 2014 RTIP/STIP recommendations. A copy of the draft RTIP document is available on the BCAG website at www.bcag.org/Planning/RTIP. A hard copy will be made available at the Board meeting.

The draft RTIP was presented to the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee and noticed in each of the newspapers of general circulation as being available for public review and comment.

2014 RTIP Recommendations Summary

FUND ESTIMATE Through FY 18/19		\$18,480,000
AGENCY	RIP PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	FUNDING RECOMMENDATION
County	Neal Rd Class 2 Bike Lane Project	\$ 1,440,000
BCAG	SR 70 Passing Lanes – Segment 1	\$ 13,100,000
BCAG	SR 70 Passing Lanes – Segment 2	\$ 1,325,000
BCAG	Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM)	\$ 444,000
	TOTAL 2012 RTIP RECOMMENDATIONS	\$ 16,309,000
	UNPROGRAMMED BALANCE	\$ 2,171,000

2014 RTIP Recommendations:

State Route 70 (Segment 1) – From Palermo Road to Ophir Rd / Pacific Heights Intersection. The scope of the project is to widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. BCAG is proposing to continue to use available federal demonstration dollars to completely fund the environmental component. Staff would begin the development of the environmental component for \$1.5 million beginning around January 2014. The remaining components are recommended for programming for \$13.1 million in RIP and \$13.1 million in Caltrans’ IIP funds for a total project cost of \$27.7 million.

State Route 70 (Segment 2) – From Cox Lane to just south of Palermo Rd. The scope of the project is to widen from 2 to 4 lanes. This project would close the gap between Segment 1 to the north and the recently completed passing lanes on SR 70 near E. Gridley Road to the south. For the 2014 RTIP, staff would recommend just the developmental components of environmental and design. It would be unrealistic to attempt to program anything in addition at this time by the CTC. Remaining components would be recommended as part of the 2016 STIP Cycle if financially able to do so. As such, the RTIP recommendation for this project is only for \$1.325 million in RIP funds and \$1.325 million in IIP funds for a total cost of \$2.65 million.

Neal Road Bike Lane Project – This is a carryover project from the 2012 STIP Cycle for \$1.44 million. This project is on Neal Road from the Oro-Chico Highway to the Paradise Town Limits and within the Town of Paradise to the Skyway. The scope of the project is to design phased improvements to widen Neal Road to accommodate Class 2 bike lanes from the Oro-Chico Highway to the Town Limits (7.5 miles.) In addition, the

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project is to construct Phases 1 & 2 to provide Class 2 bike lanes from State Route 99 to 4.7 miles eastward towards Paradise.

This project also includes the 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.) as well as new signs on Cohasset Road from Chico City Limits to the Cohasset School (11.5 miles). Funding for this project completes the construction.

Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) – This is a carryover project from the 2012 STIP Cycle to support BCAG's planning, programming and monitoring activities. BCAG is able to program 5% (\$444,000) of its regional shares for this work effort.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff recommends the BCAG Board of Directors adopt the 2014 RTIP by Resolution #2013/14-01. This resolution also authorizes staff to make any necessary technical corrections and minor modifications to ensure timely state approval.

Key staff: Jon Clark, Executive Director
 Andy Newsum, Deputy Director
 Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO 2013/2014-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)**

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Butte County in accordance with Government Code Section 29532; and

WHEREAS, the California Governments Code Section 65080 requires Butte County Association of Governments as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency to prepare, adopt and submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission, pursuant to sections 65080.5; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Butte County identifies project recommendations to be funded utilizing State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds or other state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 RTIP identifies projects which at the time of adoption may require modifications to the Project Programming Request funding sheets by BCAG staff prior to the adoption by the California Transportation Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with California Government Code 65080 and Chapter 622 of the Statutes of 1997 (SB 45) and the adopted STIP Guidelines and authorizes its staff to make any necessary changes to the RTIP document including the Project Programming Request funding sheets to ensure its timely submittal and approval to Caltrans and or the California Transportation Commission for adoption into the STIP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 12th day of December, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ATTEST:

JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS