

BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 4
Information

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2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) DEVELOPMENT

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ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 31, 2019 for the 2020 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 adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

The STIP is comprised of two components including the Regional Improvement Program and Interregional Improvement Program:

STIP:

- 1) 75% <u>Regional Improvement Program (RIP)</u>. Projects nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) like BCAG as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP Document)
- 2) 25% <u>Interregional Improvement Program (IIP)</u>. Projects nominated by Caltrans as part of their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

In developing the RTIPs and ITIP, Caltrans prepares a "Fund Estimate" (FE) which identifies the amount of funding or programming capacity for new projects. The FE is identified for each county in California and is referred to as the "County Shares". Below is a summary of the County Shares for Butte County:

2020 Fund Estimate:

	2020 STIP Programming				
County	Base	Total Target	Maximum		
	Share Through	Share Through	Estimated Share		
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Through FY 2027-28		
Butte	\$1,278,000	\$3,542,000	\$7,955,000		

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2020 STIP Schedule

August 14-15, 2019	CTC Adopts the 2020 Fund Estimate and STIP Guidelines		
August 2019	Caltrans Develops Draft ITIP for Caltrans Executive Review		
October 1, 2019	Caltrans submits Final Draft ITIP to the CTC		
October 3, 2019	Draft RTIP to BCAG TAC		
October 8, 2019	North ITIP Hearing		
November 7, 2019	Draft RTIP to BCAG TAC		
December 12, 2019	BCAG Board Adoption of 2020 RTIP		
December 13, 2019	Final 2020 ITIP submitted to the CTC		
December 20, 2019	BCAG Submits adopted 2020 RTIP to CTC		
January 30, 2020	North STIP Hearing		
February 28, 2020	CTC Staff Recommendations Released		
March 25-26, 2020	CTC Adopts the 2020 STIP		

State Route 70 Corridor

The State Route 70 Corridor Project (Segments 1, 2 & 3) represent the segments which are left to be widened to 4 lanes in Butte County. These segments were fully funded and programmed in the 2018 STIP Cycle. The projects on the State Route 70 Corridor currently not fully funded are Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County. These segments are only programmed to add a center turn lane and 8-foot shoulders. The additional 2 lanes to provide a four-lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (5 total lanes) is not funded. The funding shortfall to complete the widening requires \$32 million.

During the past two years, BCAG and Caltrans held meetings with representatives from Yuba County and SACOG requesting their support and funding to finish these last two projects in Yuba County.

Caltrans had proposed the remaining \$32 million shortfall could be shared among the three agencies.

Since the September 5, 2019 TAC meeting, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to recommend that the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) support the programming of \$4 million in regional funds for the SR 70 Corridor. The City of Marysville also supported a resolution of support (no funding) because the project lies in Yuba County.

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In addition, since the last TAC meeting, Caltrans released the draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) in which they specifically define the estimated revenues and projects for programming consideration. Due to a lack of funding capacity, the State Route 70 Corridor **was not included**. The primary reasons provided included cost increases for existing projects in the 2018 STIP and lower than anticipated revenues. The ITIP will remain in draft form until the STIP is adopted.

The combination of the above factors has limited BCAG's ability to identify a complete financial plan to complete the corridor. In the meantime, staff is continuing to work with Caltrans, Yuba County, SACOG and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) in advocating for the completion of the corridor.

2020 RTIP Recommendation

Table 1 summarizes the 2020 RTIP/STIP Recommendations for BCAG.

Table 1 - 2020 RTIP Recommendations
(Dollars x 1,000)

AGENCY	RIP PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	***BCAG*** FUNDING RECOMMENDATION RIP ONLY	Caltrans IIP Funds	Yuba County (SACOG)	TOTALS
BCAG/ Caltrans/ SACOG	SR 70 Passing Lanes – Segment 4&5. Laurellen to Yuba/Butte County Line.	\$4,000	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$32,000
BCAG	Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM)	\$ 565			\$ 565
TOTAL 2020 RTIP RECOMMENDATIONS		\$ 4,565	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$32,565

Should funding support from Caltrans and SACOG not occur, BCAG staff will rescind the \$4 million recommendation prior to adoption of the 2020 STIP Cycle. The 2020 STIP is scheduled to be adopted in March 2020.

Staff will continue to meet with our transportation partners with the goal of completing the corridor. In doing so, staff's recommendations may change. Any changes will be presented to the committee and the BCAG Board. A complete RTIP document will be presented at the committee meeting.

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Staff has advertised a public workshop for the draft 2020 RTIP (and RTP/SCS development) in the local newspaper, Butte Regional Transit fleet and social. All relevant information is also posted at BCAG's website at www.bcag.org. The public workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the BCAG offices. The public notice is included in the following agenda item as an attachment.

REQUESTED ACTION: This item is presented for information and discussion.

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