



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 6 Information

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2022 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 15, 2021 for the 2022 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) and is comprised of two components including the Regional Improvement Program and Interregional Improvement Program:

STIP Components:

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

RTIP/STIP Schedule:

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| August 26, 2021 | BCAG Board of Directors – Call for New Projects |
| October 1, 2021 | Project Nominations Due to BCAG for RTIP Consideration |
| December 9, 2021 | BCAG Board Adoption of 2022 RTIP |
| March 23-24, 2024 | CTC Adopts the 2022 STIP |
| March 23-24, 2024 | CTC Adopts the 2022 STIP |

Funding

Every two years, Caltrans prepares a “Fund Estimate” (FE) identifying the amount of funding available to regions for new projects. For this STIP Fund Estimate, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) provided additional funding to California for transportation purposes. The STIP Regional Improvement Program and CRRSAA are shown as follows:

- **STIP/RIP: \$10,444,000 Delivery under STIP guidelines**
 - **CRSAA (STIP) \$1,262,252 Delivery through CRRSAA/STIP guidelines**
 - **CRRSAA (Non-STIP) \$1,061,606 Delivery through CRRSAA/STIP guidelines**
- \$12,767,858 Total through FY 26/27 to Butte County**

CRRSAA specific guidelines: <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/stip/2021-stip/05-2021/202105-midcycle-stip-guidelines-a11y.pdf>.

Requirement for ALL Projects

BCAG has identified 4 requirements for new project programming consideration. These requirements are consistent with STIP guidelines.

- **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy** – All projects are required to be included in the current 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).
- **Project Study Reports** - A complete project study report (PSR) or, for a project that is not on a State highway, a PSR equivalent. Posted guidance can be found here: <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/stip/stip-psr-guidelines-a11y.pdf>.
- **Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness** – Depending on project, some level of performance metric demonstration is required. The project level benefit evaluation is listed in the STIP guidelines and posted at: <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTIP/index.html>. The criterion in the guidelines aims to capture; VMT reductions, air quality benefits, mode shift, distance to transit service and safety benefits as relevant to the project.
- **ePPR** – Electronic Project Programming Request form is required. Guidance is posted at: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/financial-programming/documents/eppr-instructions-v101-a11y.pdf>. The ePPR will be posted at <http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTIP/index.html>. The ePPR is a similar spreadsheet in XL as is used for FTIP projects.

BCAG Project Criteria Evaluation

BCAG is developing project evaluation criteria that is consistent with the goals of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) built from the Governors Executive Orders (EO) EO N-19-19 and N-79-20. These Executive Orders and the CAPTI are expected to become the basis for which ALL transportation funding is delivered. Additionally, BCAG must report progress on “Federal Performance Measures for PM 1, 2, 3 & Transit” to FHWA and to CARB under SB 375 for achieved GHG reductions.

In an effort to meet the various existing and impending guidelines, programs and reporting, RTIP project evaluation criteria are expected to focus on:

- GHG reduction
- VMT reduction
- Development and integration of public transit with multimodal rail, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Significant expansion of equitable transportation opportunities to underserved communities
- Safety

REQUESTED ACTION: This item is presented for information and discussion. Projectsponsors are encouraged to discuss potential projects with BCAG staff prior to preparing a submittal package.

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