



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #7 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 2022 STIP will cover the next five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2022 (FYs 22/23-26/27). 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:

August 5, 2021	BCAG TAC Informed of upcoming call for projects
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, 2022	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 funding for the region include:

- **STIP/RTIP** **\$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**

Requirements for ALL Projects

BCAG has identified 4 requirements for new project programming consideration. These requirements are defined in the 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.
- **Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness** – Depending on the project, some level of performance metric demonstration is required. 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** – An Electronic Project Programming Request form is required. This electronic form identifies the basic scope, benefits, funding, and schedule for the proposed project.

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 Governor’s 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 is required to report progress on the Federal Performance Measures to FHWA and to California Air Resources Board (CARB) under SB 375 for achieved GHG reductions.

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

- Green House Gas (GHG) reduction
- Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) reduction
- Development and integration of public transit with multimodal rail, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure (Mode Shift)
- Significant expansion of equitable transportation opportunities to underserved communities
- Safety

REQUESTED ACTION: This item is presented for information and discussion. This item has been discussed with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee.

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