# APPENDIX 3 Public Involvement Documentation – Summary

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- Public Notices
- Brochures
- Power Point Presentations

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Public presentations were also made at California State University, Chico. In addition, the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria accepted an invitation by BCAG to make a presentation at one of their Tribal Council meetings.

# Welcome! Please Sign In...

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#### RTP/SCS – September 2015 Workshop

#### **Public Comments**

# Ken Albright (Butte College)

- Interested in having a Butte College representative participate in BCAG's Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Would like more information regarding the Chico Bikeway 99 Phase 4 project, in regards to project timing and coordination with the College.

# Robyn DiFalco (Butte Environmental Council)

- Recommends including a section that summarizes the changes between this and the previous RTP.
- Recommended that an Executive Summary be included with the RTP
- Would like to see the document and website better organized to locate specific topic areas within the RTP (i.e., bike, ped, transit, roads)
- For GHG/VMT, would like a comparison of base years to previous for the purpose of tracking the plans progress.

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# **Workshop Locations:**

# **OROVILLE**

Thursday, September 8, 2016 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Oroville City Council Chambers 1735 Montgomery St. Oroville CA 95965

#### CHICO

Monday, September 12, 2016 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. BCAG Conference Room 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 Chico, CA 95928

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Subject: BCAG Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and AQ Conformity Analysis and Determination

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:39:57 AM

#### E - MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2016

TO: BCAG Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) Group

FROM: Brian Lasagna, BCAG Regional Analyst

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If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Thank you,

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# **Brian Lasagna**

From: Laslo Karen < karenlaslo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:42 PM

**To:** Brian Lasagna

**Subject:** MPT/SCS - my comments

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Mr. Lasagna,

I'm writing to add my comments to the DEI Report for the MPT/SCD. Specifically, I wish to comment on Chapters 7 and 8, the Transit and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Chapter 7 Comments: I'm a healthy, active Senior Citizen. I live in Chico and I ride my bicycle just about everywhere I need or want to go. It's an easy way to get around town without polluting the environment. However, as I've told Chico City Manager, the roads and "bike lanes" in Chico are sorely lacking in convenience, safety and numbers. If we, as a county community want to get people to use alternative modes of transportation, then we need to create safe, clearly defined bike routes through-out Butte County. My ideal would be to have smooth bike roads, totally separate from car roads, free of pot-holes, with lights for night transportation. I know we already have some bike routes around the county but I think they're mainly for recreational biking. I'm more interested in having safe and convenient bike roads for people like me who want to ride a bike instead of driving a car.

<u>Chapter 8 Comments:</u> I know we have a bus service in Butte County but it's not convenient at all because it only runs every hour. In downtown Portland, Oregon the buses run every 15 minutes. My preference would be to add more lines to the bus routes and to increase the running times to every 15 minutes. If the running times were increased I know more people would ride the bus, including myself. But as it stands now, I see only a few people on the buses. In summary, when I get really old and can't ride my bike or drive my car, I'd like to be able to take a bus to where ever I need to go in Chico or Butte County, but the bus service would have to be more convenient then it is now.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Karen Laslo 468 E. Sacramento Ave. Chico, CA 95926 896-1168



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December 10, 2015

The Honorable Glenda Nelson, Chairperson Enterprise Rancheria 2133 Monte Vista Ave Oroville, CA 95965

Subject: 2016 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy & 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Development

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Sincerely,

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completion. This is a federally required long-range transportation planning document that is updated every four years. The purpose of this document is to identify Butte County's long-term transportation needs for all travel modes. The RTP/SCS will cover the period between 2016 and 2040. All projects selected for programming into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) are required to be included in the RTP. An open house workshop has been scheduled to review the RTP/SCS for July 13, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the BCAG conference room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico. This is another opportunity to come learn about the regional transportation planning process and provide any input or ask any questions you may have.

BCAG is also responsible for preparing, adopting and submitting a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTIP is a programming document that identifies all transportation projects and programs that are funded with federal transportation funds or require some type of approval from the FHWA or FTA in Butte County. This programming document covers a four federal fiscal year cycle and is updated every two years. Projects identified in the FTIP typically include:

- streets and roads
- highways
- transit
- safety
- bridge reconstruction
- active transportation projects (federally funded bike and pedestrian projects)
- other programs that receive federal dollars or require some type of federal approval

Other items BCAG is developing include a formal document required by the FHWA and FTA to document BCAG's policy for Government-to-Government consultation with federally recognized Native American Tribal Governments. Attached to this letter is our draft document for your review and comment.

Lastly, BCAG has updated its own Public Participation Plan (PPP) which documents how this agency interacts with the public in relation to its planning and programming requirements. We've made minor changes to the existing PPP in place to update current legislation. BCAG intends to add the Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments to the

PPP. An open house workshop to review the PPP is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the BCAG conference room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico. All information related to the PPP can be found on-line at <a href="http://www.bcag.org/Planning/-Public-Participation-Plan-PPP/index.html">http://www.bcag.org/Planning/-Public-Participation-Plan-PPP/index.html</a>. A hard copy of the draft 2016 PPP is also attached along with the public notice we will post in the local newspapers.

As we develop BCAG's RTP/SCS, 2017 FTIP, Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments and its 2016 Public Participation Plan, **we welcome any input you may have**. If you prefer, I can arrange for BCAG staff to provide your Tribe with a workshop on these activities or any other item concerning BCAG at your convenience. For your awareness, BCAG owns and operates Butte Regional Transit as well.

All material concerning these items are posted on the Internet at BCAG's website at: <a href="http://www.bcag.org/">http://www.bcag.org/</a> as they are developed.

If you have any questions please give me a call or you can contact Mr. Jon Clark, Executive Director of BCAG at 530-809-4616. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Connelly

Bill Connelly, Chair Butte County Association of Governments

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#### Attachments:

- Draft BCAG Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments
- Draft BCAG 2016 Public Participation Plan
- Public Notice



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**Butte County Libraries** 

Subject: Draft 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Dear Sir/Madam

Please make the attached document available for public review. This document has been noticed in local media as being available at each of the Butte County Public Libraries. I would appreciate if you could keep this document available until <u>October 24, 2016</u>.

This document is also available on BCAG's website at: <a href="http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html">http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html</a>.

Please direct any questions to my attention at 530-809-4616 or by email at igarcia@bcag.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely

Ivan Garcia

**Programming Manager** 

Attachment:

Draft – 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy