

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County and its incorporated cities. As the MPO, BCAG is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement program (FTIP) every two years and a long-range Regional or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (RTP/MTP) every four years. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that require federal funding or other approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FTIP identifies all non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality emissions modeling purposes. The FTIP indicates the area's short-term plan for use of federal dollars and other resources for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the transportation system and the achievement of federal air quality standards over the next four federal fiscal years. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/ Sustainable Communities Strategy identifies the long-range transportation plans for specific funding programs through the year 2040. Consistency between the FTIP and the MTP/SCS is required.

Notice is hereby given that:

The Draft **2013 FTIP Amendment #13** and **2012 MTP/SCS Amendment #4** have been prepared and are available for public review. The purpose of these amendments is to:

- Butte Regional Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility – This amendment programs \$2 million in Regional Improvement Program/State Transportation Improvement Program (RIP/STIP) funds to the project as approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in the 2014/15 fiscal year;
- Caltrans State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Pavement Rehabilitation Project – This amendment programs a new SHOPP Project on State Route 99 from South of Skyway Overcrossing to south of Garner Lane for \$10.4 million in the 2014/15 fiscal year
- Butte Regional Transit FTA Section 5339 Project - Replace, Rehabilitate & Purchase bus related facilities and equipment for a total of \$373,000. These funds will be used primarily for communications equipment and software in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 fiscal years.

These projects are exempt from a new regional emissions analysis for air quality. The BCAG Board of Directors is scheduled to approve these amendments to the 2013 FTIP and 2012 MTP/SCS at the July 24, 2014 Board meeting. Details of these amendments can be found at:

<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html> under FTIP Amendment #13.

In addition, notice is hereby given that the **Draft 2015 FTIP** and **Amendment #5 to the 2012 MTP/SCS** are available for review. The 2015 FTIP covers the 4 year period between 2014/15 thru 2017/18. The purpose of the MTP/SCS amendment is to ensure consistency between the documents. The BCAG Board of Directors is scheduled to adopt the 2015 FTIP and amend the MTP/SCS at the August 28, 2014 Board meeting.

The July BCAG Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 24, 2014 at the City of Biggs Council chambers located at 465 C Street in Biggs, CA 95917 at 9:00 a.m. The August Board meeting will be on August 28, 2014 at the City of Chico Council Chambers located 411 Main Street, Chico CA 95928. Information is also available for review at the Butte County Association of Governments office located at 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico CA 95928. Questions regarding the FTIP or the MTP/SCS can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager at BCAG at 530-8792468 or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org.

2016 MTP/SCS Development Workshops

BCAG Staff has scheduled 2 public workshops to initiate the development of the 2016 MTP/SCS. The purpose of these workshops is to educate the public on the project and to solicit early input prior to development of the project. All relevant project information will be posted on-line as well at www.bcag.org. If you are interested in the project and cannot attend, please contact igarcia@bcag.org for special arrangements.

Workshop Dates and Locations:

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Butte County Public Health Building

“Klamath” Conference Room

202 Mira Loma Street

Oroville CA 95965

Thursday, August 7, 2014

1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)

BCAG Conference Room

2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100

Chico CA 95965