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APPROVAL OF 2016 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) AMENDMENT #02

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ISSUE: The 2016 RTP/SCS is required to be amended to ensure consistency with the short range 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIP).

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this amendment is to ensure consistency between the long-range plan (RTP/SCS) with the short-range program (FTIP). This amendment includes changes into the RTP/SCS as approved for the 2017 FTIP Amendment #05 as described below:

City of Chico Bruce Road Bridge Replacement Project – This amendment updates the financial information for the project consistent with the 2017 FTIP Amendment #5. This project is a component of the Bruce Rd widening project which has a scope to widen the facility from 2 to 4 lanes from Skyway to State Route 32 and is currently included in the adopted 2016 RTP/SCS.

FTA Section 5310 Enhancement Program Grouped Listing – Non-Infrastructure, Various Agencies- The California Transportation Commission approved the following projects identified for the 2016/17 FTA Section 5310 Program at their June 29, 2017 meeting. Projects are awarded through a competitive grant program for Small Urban and Rural projects. In sum, the region is expected to receive $1,060,643 in federal funds.

The FTA Section 5310 projects are exempt from a regional emissions analysis per EPA’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2 “Mass Transit” and “Other” indicating that purchase of new vehicles and other activities that do not lead directly to construction are exempt.

The specific list of projects is recommended incorporation into the RTP/SCS:
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BCAG State Route 70 Passing Lane Project – Segment 3 (Preliminary Engineering Only) – This amendment updates the financial information for the project consistent with the 2017 FTIP Amendment #5. Project location is on State Route 70 from East Gridley Rd. to the Butte/Yuba County line for a distance of approximately 3.8 mile. The Project includes widening the 2-lane highway to a 4-lane facility. Financial information will reflect $3,025,506 in federal demonstration funds (earmark) in the 2016/17 federal fiscal year for the preliminary engineering component only (PE). The project is not exempt from regional air quality conformity and was included in BCAG’s previous regional emissions analysis and air quality conformity determination (approved by FHWA/FTA on March 21, 2017)

BCAG does not have any Transportation Control Measures in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and therefore the project does not interfere with any TCMs. This amendment is consistent with the public participation plan adopted by BCAG. Draft amendment #01 has been distributed to the Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) for the opportunity for review and comment as well as the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee.

This amendment is consistent with the public participation plan adopted by BCAG. All RTP/SCS amendment material is available on BCAG’s website at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: If no significant comments are received, staff is recommending the Board of Directors approve by vote Amendment #02 to the 2016 RTP/SCS for Butte County.
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