



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6 Consent

October 26, 2017

APPROVAL OF 2016 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) AMENDMENT #03

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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 #07 as described below:

(NEW PROJECT) SHOPP Mobility Grouped Project – BCAG has created a new grouped listing project for the Caltrans State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) “Mobility” projects. This amendment adds a project on State Route 99 in and near Chico from Estates Drive to Garner Lane for the purpose of adding Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements along the corridor. This amendment programs \$561,000 in local funds in the 2017/18 fiscal year. The project is exempt from regional air quality conformity per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2, “Exempt Projects – Other” indicating that directional and information signs are exempt.

(Existing Project)- SHOPP Collision Reduction Grouped Listing – The purpose of this amendment is to update the grouped listing to add the State Route 162 project. This project is located in and near Oroville from Foothill Blvd to Gold Country Casino. The scope of the project is to construct a two-way (center turn) lane and widen the shoulders. This amendment increases the grouped listing cost by \$22.352 million. The project is exempt from regional air quality conformity per the Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Section 93.126 Table 2, “Exempt Projects – Safety” indicating that projects to correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature and shoulder improvements are exempt.

This amendment does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming RTP and TIP. This amendment, meets all

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applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 (financial constraint, public involvement and consistency with the RTP). 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 #07 has been distributed to the Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) for the opportunity for review and comment as well as the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee.

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 #03 to the 2016 RTP/SCS for Butte County.

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