



BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is requesting your assistance in the development and improvement of the public participation process we use to engage members of the community on transportation related issues in Butte County.

The BCAG Board adopted Public Involvement Procedures in 2003 that outline the procedures that BCAG uses to solicit involvement of the public, government agencies and other stakeholders in the development of transportation plans and programs by BCAG including the long range Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program for Butte County. The plan covers a range of topics involving public participation in proposed actions by BCAG including notification procedures, public meetings, comment periods and amendments.

On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the highway bill, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). In addition to providing federal funding authorization for a wide variety of transportation programs, SAFETEA-LU introduced additional consultation requirements for the public participation plans developed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations, like BCAG.

In response to these new requirements, BCAG is initiating the development of our Public Participation Plan to reflect the enhanced outreach efforts required under SAFETEA-LU. We are also committed to enhancing the development of our **Public Participation Plan** by providing this opportunity for you to comment on the process and methods we use for public outreach. Copies of BCAG's existing Public Involvement Program may be found on our website at:

http://www.bcag.org/_planning/documents/2007_FTIP/Public_Involvement_Procedures.pdf

or requested by calling (530) 879-2468.

If you are interested in offering your comments on the development of the **Public Participation Plan** please reply to this letter by September 28, 2007. You may fax or email back the attached inquiry form identifying the appropriate staff or indicating you do not wish to receive any further material concerning this matter. If you respond affirmatively, we will add you to an email distribution list for the **Public Participation Plan** and you will receive future emails seeking your input on the plan.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions about our outreach effort, please give Mr. Ivan Garcia of my staff a call at (530) 879-2468 or send an email at igarcia@bcag.org.

Sincerely,


Jon Clark
Executive Director