

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Report On Efforts Oriented Towards Federal Reauthorization		02/25/03	6

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for Agency information only; no action is required.

DISCUSSION

Previously, the Agency directed Staff to actively encourage our Federal Representatives to support the California Consensus Principles oriented towards reauthorization of the current transportation act. Additionally, the Agency has provided direction to staff to encourage our Federal Representatives to earmark funding for two projects. The two projects are the State Route 44 Stillwater Project - from Airport Road to Deschutes Road, and the Airport Road Corridor Project - in the Redding airport area.

Board Chair Connick, Brian Crane of Caltrans, Ray Duryee of the City of Redding, and myself, met with Congressman Herger on December 14, 2002, and solicited his support of both the Consensus Principles and the two projects mentioned above. Mr. Herger indicated that he was very concerned about doing whatever he could to help out the residents of the Northstate with reauthorization and with these two projects.

On December 19, 2002, the same team met with Stacy Lybeck of Senator Barbara Boxers staff in Sacramento. The same agenda was used to guide this meeting with Ms. Lybeck. On February 3, 2003 the attached letter was received from Senator Boxer thanking the team for meeting with her office and encouraging them to keep her informed.

As of this writing I am in the process of arranging a meeting with Michael Walker of Senator Feinstein's office.


FOR Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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Attachment: Letter from Senator Boxer
Email from Congressman Herger's Office

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January 30, 2003

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Dear Mr. Kovacich:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Stacey Lybeck of my staff. I am pleased that you had the opportunity to discuss the TEA-03 priorities for Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, specifically the Stillwater Freeway Improvement and Airport Road projects.

Please be assured that Stacey has reported to me on your meeting and will keep me updated on issues of concern to you and the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

As one of two United States Senators from our nation's largest state, I rely upon my constituents to keep me informed and in touch with the people of California. By sharing your thoughts with me, you are helping me to be a better Senator.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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Dan J. Kovacich

From: Robinson, Nikki [Nikki.Robinson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2003 9:17 AM
To: Dan J. Kovacich
Subject: TEA-21 Reauthorization

Daniel,

I wanted to touch base with you at the beginning of this legislative year and let you know that as Congress considers the new TEA-21, your input will be invaluable to the Congressman.

I know that the Shasta County RTPA has set out its priority projects and that each of those could benefit from TEA-21 funding. I'm writing to pass on to you the opportunity to apply for funding for those projects. Attached you will find a questionnaire provided by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which provides the criteria for eligible projects. Once you have filled out an electronic copy, please email me and I will draft the Member letter of support that will accompany your application. Each project requires a separate application packet.

The deadline for all applications is February 28, 2003. If there is any way that I can be of service to you during this process, please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming weeks.

Take care,

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