

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

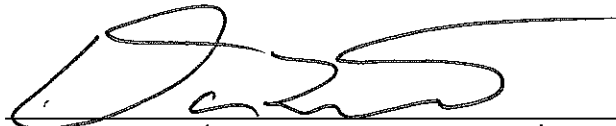
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RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

SUMMARY

Attached is correspondence signed by the Chair or deemed to be of interest to the Board.



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Attachments: Letter from RTPA supporting Trinity County's Blueprint grant application.
RTPA's pledge to share data and coordinate
ShastaFORWARD>> Grant Letter



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January 23, 2008

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California Department of Transportation
Attn: Katie Benouar
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Subject: Trinity County Blueprint Grant Application

Dear Ms. Benouar,

Please accept this letter in support of Trinity County's Blueprint grant application.

As Blueprint projects expand into rural counties, we believe that technical coordination is a critical step in looking forward. A common technical foundation and congruent methodology helps to form the foundation for future multi-regional planning efforts as well as our ability to assess the impacts of transportation network investments with interregional significance.

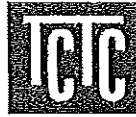
Trinity County is utilizing methods and technologies consistent with Shasta County's Blueprint modeling process and actively participates in efforts that promote GIS data interregional consistency.

If Trinity County is awarded a grant, the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency will continue to support Trinity County by providing technical assistance and sharing information and lessons learned through our process.

Very truly yours,

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta County Regional Transportation
Planning Agency (MPO)

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RTPA's Pledge to Share Data and Coordinate

The Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) within District 2 are Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity. With the support and cooperation of Caltrans District 2 we have met as a RTPA Task Force on a quarterly basis for the past four years (7-10-2003). This on-going planning process has facilitated partnerships and provided a frame work for regional for collaboration among regional agencies.

We the above listed Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) of Caltrans District 2 are embracing the blueprint planning process. We have incorporated the spirit of integration and forward thinking into our blueprint grant applications for rural agencies. We are pleased to communicate that five of the seven RTPA's are submitting grant applications. Shasta County, the only MPO in District 2, is immersed in the blueprint planning process and is re-applying for funds. At this time, the following agencies of our RTPA Task Force are striving to follow in their foot steps: Modoc, Plumas, Tehama, and Trinity.

Collectively as RTPA's we are focusing on creating the GIS building blocks for the region that will facilitate scenario planning. **We pledge to share data and further develop regional GIS layers.** A number of our agencies have participated in the blueprint planning networks workshops and benefited from the UC Davis Uplan classes.

As individual agencies and as a regional task force we are striving to utilize blueprint planning to foster more efficient land use patterns that support improved mobility. As a result of receiving blueprint funding we will have the future ability to do scenario planning which will lead to the integration of transportation and land use practices in the regional planning process.

We are excited to have the opportunity to apply for funding and want to thank Garth Hopkins, Marilee Mortenson, and Nieves Castro for all their time and support. Thank you for your review and consideration of our applications.



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January 7, 2008

Marilee Mortenson, Regional Blueprint Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Mortenson,

Thank you for your continuing support and advocacy on behalf of the Shasta *FORWARD*>> Regional Blueprint process. As discussed via telephone on February 8, it is our understanding that Task 1, 2 and 8 of the Shasta County RTPA's FY 2007/08 Blueprint grant application will receive grant funds totaling \$100,500. An additional \$39,500 is conditionally awarded pending submittal of further work tasks directly tied to the generation of regional growth scenario building.

Your consideration of the following tasks is respectfully requested.

- I. **Modeling and Cartographic Development of Alternative Growth Scenarios**
Developing and achieving consensus on the 'Current Trend 2050' scenario (see attached) demanded numerous iterations, fine-tuning, and data rectification not foreseen when the original FY 2006/07 grant application was drawn and submitted. Additional grant funding is needed to develop and refine alternative regional growth scenarios as originally intended. In the absence of such funds, our ability to explore and validate alternative scenarios may be compromised.

The Shasta County RTPA has successfully partnered with Vestra Resources of Redding to assist with modeling efforts and will continue to do so should additional funding be awarded. **Grant funds requested: \$19,750.**

- II. **Assess the Impacts of Growth on the Regional Transportation Network**
Additional funds are needed to model the scale and distribution of travel demands upon the regional transportation network under each community-identified alternative growth scenario. Grant funds will be utilized to map level-of-service and to assess the subsequent

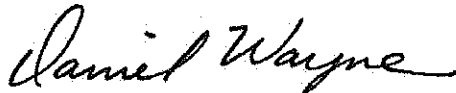
need for new or expanded transportation infrastructure investments. A detailed analysis of accessibility per traffic analysis zone (TAZ) will be performed to gauge intra-regional mobility and as a correlate for economic activity.

The Shasta County RTPA has successfully partnered with Dowling Associates of Oakland in development of the Shasta County Travel Model. This relationship will be expanded to include merging of UPlan scenario output with the Shasta County Travel Model and subsequent analysis. **Grant funds requested: \$19,750.**

In consideration of this request, it is asked that you also weigh the benefits accrued to regions across the North State; to those agencies who are (or soon will be) diving headlong into the Blueprint process. The Shasta County RTPA will continue to support other North State agencies by providing technical support, templates, and other resources as available.

Should you have questions or need clarification regarding the above proposed work tasks, please contact me directly at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Wayne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Wayne, Senior Planner