

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Conduct Public Hearing and Consider Shasta County Public Involvement Plan Update	4/22/03	5

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency:

1. Hold a public hearing to take comments on the updated Shasta County Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning;
2. Adopt the Shasta County Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning update; and
3. Approve Resolution No. 03-01, adopting the Shasta County Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning.

SUMMARY

Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) develop public involvement procedures. The Board last adopted the Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning in December 1998 and considered revisions in both July and December 2002. The draft Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning were made available for an extensive public review period, exceeding the 45-day minimum.

DISCUSSION

At the December 10, 2002 RTPA meeting, the Board authorized the initiation of the 45-day public review period for the draft plan.

The plan contains objectives, strategies, and measures of effectiveness. For example, the plan contains the following objectives:

- A. Raise understanding of the transportation planning process in the region and identify how interested citizens can become involved.
- B. Provide opportunities for public involvement in the transportation planning process.
- C. Maintain contact with interested citizens and key stakeholders throughout the process of developing MPO plans and programs.
- D. Identify and involve traditionally under-served persons (those who are of minority, low-income or elderly status).
- E. Inform and educate incoming MPO Board members and local commissioners/council members regarding MPO functions, responsibilities and programs.

The plan will be evaluated annually in order to enhance public participation.

ALTERNATIVES

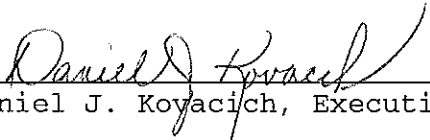
The Agency could choose not to update the current practice. Staff does not recommend this because it is a Federal recommendation to update this practice. The Agency may also revise policies in the plan. The current plan reflects comments and concerns received to date.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Caltrans District 2, Shasta County, Redding, Shasta Lake, Anderson and the Redding Area Bus Authority have all been consulted. This procedure was reviewed at the April 8, 2003 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting which recommended approval of the plan.

FINANCING

The funding for development of this plan and the monitoring of goals and objectives are budgeted in the Overall Work Program (OWP), under Element 709 Overall Work Program Development/Interagency Coordination.



Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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Attachments: A) Public Involvement Procedures For Transportation Planning
 B) Resolution No. 03-01 Adopting the Shasta County Public
 Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning

RESOLUTION NO. 03-01

**ADOPTING THE SHASTA COUNTY PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES
FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations [23 CFR 450.316 (b) (1) and 450.212] that guide the implementation of the TEA 21, require the adoption by each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of public involvement procedures for transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Shasta County and is responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process in Shasta County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning have been made available for public review for the required 45 days; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered all relevant information, including the factors set forth in the Federal regulations that guide the implementation of the TEA 21, and all relevant oral and written comments which have been submitted in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, all interested agencies, organizations and persons have been given opportunity to be heard with respect to any matters relating to the proposed Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning meets or exceeds the requirements of the Federal and State regulations governing transportation planning procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Public Involvement Procedures for Transportation Planning are hereby approved and adopted.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2003, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Pat Kight, Chairman
Shasta County Regional
Transportation Planning Agency