

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
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Attached is correspondence determined to be of interest to the board.



Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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Attachments: Letter from Shasta County RTPA to the City of Redding
Letter from the North State Super Region re: Gas Tax Swap
Letter from the North State Super Region to Humboldt County Association of Governments
Letter from the California Department of Forestry



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February 28, 2011

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Kurt Starman, City Manager
City of Redding
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Support for City of Redding 2012 Transportation Appropriation Request
Interstate 5/Oasis Road Interchange Improvement Project

Dear Kurt:

Please accept this letter of support for the City of Redding's 2012 Transportation Appropriation request to design improvements at the Interstate 5/Oasis Road interchange. The Oasis Interchange Project is included in the Shasta County Regional Transportation Plan and is a critical component within a larger set of planned regional improvements.

The Interstate 5 corridor has long been the highest priority of Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency. Two major projects to create a six-lane facility along the mainline will be in construction this summer. We are currently developing an Interstate 5 improvement program to facilitate completion of a full six lane facility within our urban core, and to address corresponding interchange needs. The mainline needs of Interstate 5, and the need for interchange access on and off the system go hand-in-hand. Projects such as the Oasis Interchange improvements, combined with regional mainline widening efforts, will enhance access and mobility for our struggling economy.

Sincerely,

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

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The attached letter from the North State Super Region regarding the gas tax swap was mailed on March 3, 2011, to the following:

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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa

California State Senate

State Capitol, Room 3070

Sacramento, CA 95814

March 3, 2011

Subject: Re-enactment of the Gas Tax Swap

Dear Senator LaMalfa:

Due to the California budget crisis and recent passage of Propositions 22 and 26, the main source of revenue from taxes on gasoline and diesel will need to be reapproved with a two-thirds majority by November 2011. Your immediate action will prevent a loss of \$2.5 to \$3.5 billion annually for state, regional and local transportation funding needs. The tax swap was intended to remove transportation funding from the general fund and annual budget debate by:

- Eliminating the sales tax on gas and adding a 17.3 cent excise tax on gasoline
- Adding a 1.75% sales tax rate on diesel
- Reducing the excise tax on diesel to 13.6 cents

Without support to revalidate the current taxes, planning, road construction, and transit projects will be delayed or eliminated. These funds represent over half of the revenue used to maintain local road networks and provide the required match on federal bridge and safety projects. These cuts to current funding levels in the North State would result in:

- Loss of maintenance funding for roadways and bridges resulting in rapid deterioration of the state and local system
- Loss of construction and construction-related jobs
- Cutbacks to lifeline transit services.

We ask you to support the gas tax swap decision that was approved in May 2010, and pass a comprehensive package to maintain current levels of transportation funding.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Little, AICP

Chair, North State Super Region



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March 30, 2011

Marcella Clem, Executive Director
Humboldt County Association of Governments
427 F Street, Suite 220
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Subject: Humboldt County Association of Governments
"Implementing Complete Streets: A Guide for Small Towns
and Tribal Communities" Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Clem:

The North State Super Region Partnership fully supports the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) application to create a guide for implementation of "Complete Streets" for rural communities.

The North State Super Region is a partnership of 16 county RTPAs with shared planning issues working toward equity in transportation finance and successful regional planning for rural counties.

This design guide book will assist our rural agencies in applying complete streets in rural areas, resulting in a reduction in collisions, decreased vehicular speeds through community centers, and provide safer environments for non-motorized travel. This project would be applicable to all of the counties that make up the North State Super Region.

If Caltrans Environmental Justice funds are awarded to the HCAOG, the Super Region will participate in development of the project and provide suggestions to ensure successful applicability in the entire North State Super Region.

On behalf of the North State Super Region, I recommend the award of Caltrans Environmental Justice funds to HCAOG's proposal.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Chair
North State Super Region

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Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency
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Attention: Daniel S. Little

RE: CAL FIRE Urban & Community Forestry Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Little,

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) wishes to congratulate you on being awarded a "Leafing Out" grant. Your project was selected as it most closely meets the goals of the CAL FIRE Urban & Community Forestry Program as outlined in the Urban Forestry Act of 1978 (Public Resources Code 4799.06-4799.12), the grant Request For Proposals and Procedural Guidelines, and the intent of the proposition that will fund this grant.

Your grant agreement should arrive within a few weeks. Please be sure the grant is signed by the authorized person and returned promptly to Urban Forestry Analyst Deborah Esclito. She can be reached at (916) 651-6423 or deborah.esclito@fire.ca.gov and via mail at the address above. **It is imperative that you do not begin your project until the grant has been fully executed and you receive your fully signed and executed copy.** Failure to comply may result in the inability to reimburse expenses incurred prior to the grant agreement's start date.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for your interest in our Urban Forestry "Leafing Out" grant program. We are committed to working with you to help make your project successful and bring many benefits to your community. Please feel free to contact your Regional Urban Forester (see attached listing and map) with questions or concerns you may have throughout the term of your project.

Respectfully,

John Melvin
State Urban Forester

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