

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	April 26, 2016
SUBJECT:	Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM:	5-5
STAFF CONTACT:	Janie Coffman, Executive Assistant

Attached is correspondence determined to be of interest to the board of directors:

- March 3, 2016, letter from Assemblyman Brian Dahle to the California Air Resources Board, regarding the Far-Northern California Consolidated Freight & Renewable Energy Hub
- March 24, 2016, letter from Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) to the California Department of Transportation, regarding Formal Amendment No. 6 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- March 25, 2016, letter from the California Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, regarding Formal Amendment No. 6 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- April 6, 2016, letter from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration to the California Department of Transportation, regarding Formal Amendment No. 6 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- April 11, 2016, letter from Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) to the California Department of Transportation, regarding Formal Amendment No. 7 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- April 19, 2016, letter from Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) to the California Department of Transportation, regarding Trinity County 5311F grant application

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March 3, 2016

Lezlie Kimura Szeto
Transportation and Toxics Division
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RE: Far-Northern CA Consolidated Freight & Renewable Energy Hub

Ms. Kimura Szeto:

I'm writing to express my support for the "Far-Northern California Consolidated Freight & Renewable Energy Hub" and request that it be selected as a sustainable freight pilot project pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order B-32-15.

The ongoing drought is greatly exacerbating fuel loads in our forests. It is estimated that each acre of wildfire releases the same CO2 emissions as 45 vehicles over a one year period. We need biomass facilities, including Wheelabrator Shasta Energy, to convert these forest fuels to clean energy.

The proposed Far-Northern California Consolidated Freight & Renewable Energy Hub would help ensure the ongoing operation of Wheelabrator Shasta Energy and fuel the transition to zero and low-emission technologies throughout the North State's freight movement chain. Comparable freight hub projects have been shown to create hundreds of new jobs and contribute tens of millions of dollars to the regional economy. Without such a hub, the annual movement of nearly one billion dollars in North State agriculture related commodities will continue to be transported in an uncoordinated and inefficient manner, resulting in unnecessary congestion, wear and tear on regional roadways, and vehicle emissions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Bruce Ross, at 530-223-6300.

Sincerely,

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BRIAN DAHLE
Assemblyman, 1st District



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March 24, 2016

Mr. Bruce de Terra, Chief
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Attention: Abhijit Bagde, SRTA FTIP Liaison

Subject: Formal Amendment No. 6 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Mr. de Terra:

With the delegation authority provided me by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) Board of Directors per attached SRTA Resolution #13-14, dated December 10, 2013, I hereby approve Formal Amendment No. 6 to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for forwarding to Caltrans for review and recommendation of approval to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The amendment is consistent with metropolitan transportation planning regulations per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450. As amended, the 2015 FTIP is financially constrained and the attached financial summary confirms that funding is available. Additionally, the amendment is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan. Shasta County is in conformance with federal air quality standards.

The amendment notification process complied with SRTA's adopted Public Participation Plan. The public review period was from March 7, 2016, through March 22, 2016, meeting the requisite 14-day review period.

This amendment updates three grouped project listings revised since preparation of the 2015 FTIP, or amended at your staff's request. Formal Amendment No. 6 adds, or revises, the following projects as separate line items:

- **Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – HSIP, CTIPS ID 211-0000-0093:** This grouped listing includes two project programming revisions for the city of Redding. The first includes moving out the Victor Avenue between Enterprise Park and Churn Creek "road diet" and pedestrian safety

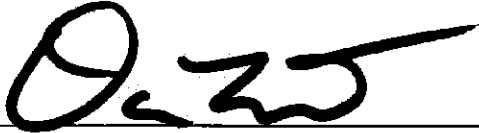
Improvements project from FY 2015/16 to FY 2016/17. The second increases local funding by \$57,536 for the Old Oregon Trail between Midland Drive and Bear Mountain Road shoulder widening and drainage upgrade. Additionally, there are some minor local project funding adjustments for some county of Shasta projects.

- **Grouped Projects for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities In Shasta County – CTIPS ID 211-0000-0115:** Adds four Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 awards from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) as follows:
 - Diestelhorst to Downtown Non-Motorized Improvement Project – Funded with ATP, SRTA Regional Improvement Program (RIP), and city of Redding local funding, this project is programmed over three years, from FY 2016/17 to 2018/19, with construction programmed for FY 2018/19. The approved project uses \$2.138M ATP funding, matched by \$400K RIP monies, and \$100K local funding.
 - Quartz Hill Road Active Transportation Project – This city of Redding project received a \$3.177M ATP award for use in FY 2016/17 which will be matched with \$351K of combined citywide transportation impact fees and Transportation Development Act funds. Of these matching funds, \$221K has been previously expended in prior years. The project will widen the uphill road grade for Class 2 bicycle lanes and sidewalks, including implementation of a “Road Diet”.
 - Old Oregon Trail Shasta College Active Transportation Project – Funded with \$572K of ATP funds, this Shasta County project spans three years, from FY 2016/17 to 2018/19, with construction programmed for FY 2018/19. Local match of \$70K is from Shasta College, with SRTA Non-Motorized funding providing the remaining \$74K match. The project will improve bicycle access to Shasta College, and within Shasta College, and link to existing bike routes.
 - Junction School Safe Routes to School – The CTC \$462K ATP award to Shasta County is programmed over three years from FY 2016/17 to 2018/19, with construction programmed in FY 2018/19. The \$116K match from the SRTA Non-Motorized program is programmed in FY 2018/19. The county will implement a “Road Diet” (five lanes to three lanes) on Deschutes Road adjacent to Junction School and provide raised median crosswalk refuge islands to enhance crossing safety.
- **Grouped Projects for Planning Projects – CTIPS ID 211-0000-0120:** Programs the CTC \$250K ATP award to SRTA in FY 2016/17 for developing the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. Match funds of \$63K from SRTA are included in the region’s Overall Work Program (OWP).

With this transmittal, SRTA 2015 FTIP Formal Amendment No. 6 is being provided directly to Caltrans. An electronic copy will be transmitted to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA. The approved amendment will be posted to the SRTA website at <http://www.srta.ca.gov>. Please recommend this formal amendment for approval to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Please do not hesitate to contact senior transportation planner Kathy Urlie at (530) 262-6194, or kurlie@srta.ca.gov, if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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

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Attachments: SRTA Resolution Number 13-14 – Delegation Authority for Formal FTIP Amendments
Summary of Changes Table
Financial Tables (Tables 1-3)
Amended and Prior/Original Programming Pages for FTIP Projects
Grouped Project Listing Tables

C: Wade Hobbs – FHWA, CA Division
Hymle Luden – FTA, Region 9
SRTA Board of Directors
Scott Wahl – County of Shasta
Chuck Aukland – City of Redding

Rick Somers – Caltrans, District 2
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*Serious drought
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March 25, 2016

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Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
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Attention: Mr. Jack Lord

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Lord and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) 2014/15 - 2017/18 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

6 Local Element

- This amendment modifies projects from the SRTA region. It includes projects with funding from the Active Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 program.

See enclosure.

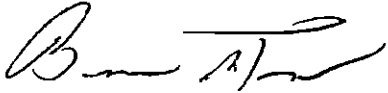
The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. SRTA has certified that this FTIP amendment is financially constrained, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures per SRTA's Public Participation Plan.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve SRTA's Amendment No. 6. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of project for federal funding.

Mr. Vincent P. Mammano/Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
March 25, 2016
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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

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BRUCE DE TERRA
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina OConnor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Daniel S. little - Shasta County Regional Transportation Agency
Kathy Urlie - Shasta County Regional Transportation Agency



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April 6, 2016

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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: SRTA MPO 2015 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 6

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 6 to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2015 FTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated March 25, 2016. Amendment No. 6 to the SRTA 2015 FTIP was approved on March 24, 2016, by the SRTA Executive Director in accord with the delegation of authority provided by the SRTA Board of Directors by SRTA Resolution #13-14, dated December 10, 2013. This SRTA FTIP amendment modifies grouped project listings for: bicycle/pedestrian facilities; highway safety improvements; and transit planning, that were previously approved for inclusion in California's 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (2015 FSTIP).

Pursuant to the *December 15, 2014, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*, we accept the proposed modifications to the 2015 FTIP/FSTIP for the SRTA Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the SRTA MPO's 2015 FTIP, including Amendment No.6, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 114-94, the "*Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act*" (FAST Act).

The changes proposed to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by this amendment are associated with projects that are either exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127; or are proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air

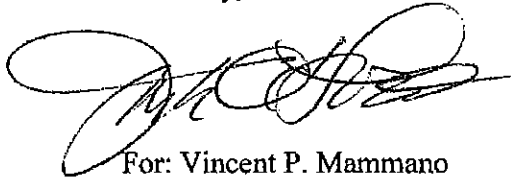
Quality Standards, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Hymie Luden of the FTA Region IX Office at (415) 744- 2732, or by email at Hymie.Luden@dot.gov; or Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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For: Vincent P. Mammano
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April 11, 2016

Mr. Bruce de Terra, Chief
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Attention: Abhijit Bagde, SRTA FTIP Liaison

Subject: Administrative Modification No. 7 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal
Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Mr. de Terra:

With the delegated authority provided on January 9, 2012, by Caltrans to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) to approve administrative modifications to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), I hereby approve Administrative Modification No. 7 to the 2015 FTIP. The modification is consistent with metropolitan transportation planning regulations per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450. As modified, the 2015 FTIP is financially constrained. Additionally, the modification is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan. Shasta County is in conformance with federal air quality standards.

Enclosed for your convenience are programming pages of the "modified" and "prior" versions; the summary of changes for this administrative modification; the financial tables; and the grouped project listing.

In summary, the administrative modification makes a grouped project listing change, as follows:

- **Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction – HBP, CTIPS ID 211-0000-0083:** Various adjustments to Shasta County's Highway Bridge Program (HBP) projects have been made, including adding two new listings: a) a Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program for the city of Redding (HBP-ID 4332) for \$578K; and b) a scour countermeasure project for the Cassel-Fall River Road Bridge (HBP-ID 4354) for \$325K.

Additionally, the following modifications have been made to this grouped listing:

- HBP-ID 3349 Cassel-Fall River Road Bridge Replacement preliminary engineering has been increased \$1.125M, and construction (\$1.040M) has been advanced from FY 2019/20 to FY 2018/19.

April 11, 2016

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- HBP-ID 3607 Old 44 Drive over Oak Run Creek Bridge Replacement has been moved out beyond FY 2019/20.
- HBP-ID 3511 Inwood Road over South Fork Bear Creek Bridge Replacement has its \$850.2K construction advanced from FY 2018/19 to FY 2016/17.
- HBP-ID 3605 Soda Creek Road over Soda Creek Bridge Replacement advances \$25K right-of-way from FY 2017/18 to FY 2016/17, and advances \$1.040M construction from FY 2018/19 to FY 2017/18.

An electronic copy will be transmitted by email to you, and the below contact list.

If you have any questions, please contact senior transportation planner Kathy Urlie at (530) 262-6194, or kurlie@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Summary of Changes Spreadsheet
Financial Tables
CTIPS Programming Pages
Grouped Project Listing for CTIPS 211-000-0083

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April 19, 2016

James Ogbonna, Branch Chief
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Subject: Trinity County 5311F Grant Application

Dear Mr. Ogbonna:

On behalf of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA), I am pleased to support Trinity County in their application for the FTA Section 5311F Intercity Bus Grant Program. Trinity County's intercity bus service provides a much needed feeder service for the North State from Willow Creek, California to Redding, California five days per week, and on the first and third Saturday of the month. It ties in well with SRTA's recently submitted (4/5/2016) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant application for the North State Express Connect: Redding to Sacramento. If awarded, a new feeder bus could be funded for the County of Trinity to increase service into Redding.

This service has proven to be effective when combined with the service provided by the Redwood Transit System (RTS) from Eureka/Arcata to Willow Creek. Continuing the current service level provides the connectivity needed between interregional transportation agencies that connect with Trinity Transit at the Redding Area Bus Authority Downtown Transit Center in Redding.

This service implements the 2015 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Shasta County by providing cost-effective travel demand management strategies that reduce the number and distance of single-occupancy vehicle trips (short range strategy) and by facilitating multi-modal connectivity and service schedule alignment between local and interregional modes, including passenger rail, air, and intercity bus transportation (short range strategy). SRTA looks forward to continuing coordination with the County of Trinity to maintain the existing level of public transportation for this rural part of northern California.

Sincerely,

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