

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	5/8/13
SUBJECT:	Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM:	5-3
STAFF CONTACT:	Janie Coffman

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

- February 25, 2013, letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the California Freight Advisory Committee
- March 5, 2013, letter from SRTA to the Department of Transportation regarding support for Golden Umbrella's JARC application.
- March 11, 2013, letter from Rural Counties Representatives of California regarding the Draft California State Rail Plan.
- March 13, 2013, letter from SRTA to Shasta County Public Works regarding 5311 funding.
- March 21, 2013, letter from City of Shasta Lake regarding support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant.
- March 25, 2013, letter from Healthy Shasta regarding support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant.
- March 26, 2013, letter from Shasta County Resource Management regarding support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant.
- March 27, 2013, letter from Shasta County Public Works regarding support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant.
- April 22, 2013, letter from SRTA to the Federal Lands Access Program regarding Tehama County FLAP Grant Applications
- April 24, 2013, letter from SRTA to the Department of Transportation regarding Trinity County 5311f Intercity Bus Service Application
- April 26, 2013, letter from SRTA to the Federal Lands Access Program regarding Shasta County Grant Proposal

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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February 25, 2013

Please accept this invitation for you or your designee to serve on the California Freight Advisory Committee (Committee) that is being established in collaboration with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, in response to guidance provided in the new federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). Consistent with Map-21's guidance, the Committee will consist of "a representative cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders, including representatives of ports, shippers, carriers, freight-related associations, the freight industry workforce, the transportation department of the State, and local governments."

The Committee will participate in the development of the California Freight Mobility Plan, serve as a forum for the discussion of freight-related topics, help coordinate regional freight priorities with other organizations, and advise the State on freight-related priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs. The Committee will meet quarterly and will coincide with other noteworthy statewide meetings, such as California Transportation Commission meetings, whenever possible. Provisions for remote meeting participation will be made available for Committee members who are unable to attend in person. The inaugural meeting will be held in April 2013 in Sacramento, California.

To accept this invitation, please email Jonathan Camp at jonathan_camp@dot.ca.gov by Friday, March 1, 2013, to submit the name, title, phone number, email address, and mailing address of the representative designated to serve on behalf of your organization.

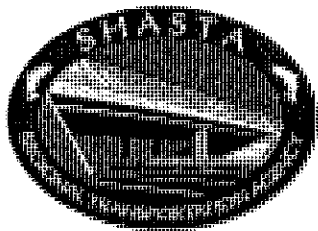
Sincerely,

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MALCOLM DOUGHERTY
Director

Attachments:

- (1) Draft California Freight Advisory Committee Charter
- (2) MAP-21 Federal Register Freight Provisions
- (3) California Freight Advisory Committee Organization Chart



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March 5, 2013

Department of Transportation
Division of Mass Transportation, MS #39
P.O. Box 942874
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Subject: Jobs Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) Application

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency would like to express support for Golden Umbrella's application of FY 2013/14 JARC funds. Golden Umbrella's services for disabled adults and seniors are invaluable to the Shasta County community. The Foster Grandparent program provides role models, mentors and friends for area children needing hands-on adult involvement in their lives.

With a majority of volunteer grandparents being low-income seniors there is great need for mileage reimbursement. Many Shasta County seniors live in rural areas of the county with limited or no access to public transportation and are forced to drive into the urban core. Without a stipend to cover transportation costs, volunteers may not be able to afford to volunteer. Reimbursable mileage provides supplemental income to seniors with limited means.

Golden Umbrella's Foster Grandparents program is consistent with regional and statewide transportation goals. The Shasta County Coordinated Human Transportation plan identifies "Developing volunteer driver programs" as a priority for short-range coordination effort and strategies (page 20, priority 12). Our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for 2010 further identifies researching opportunities for volunteer driver's programs and obtaining maximum transit system efficiency as short-range objectives. The SRTA supports this project for funding. Please feel free to contact Jan Bulinski at (530) 262-6188 or jbulinski@srta.ca.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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March 11, 2013

Ms. Emily Burstein
Ms. Jan Perschler
California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Draft California State Rail Plan

Dear Ms. Burstein and Ms. Perschler:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we write to thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) draft California State Rail Plan (Rail Plan).

RCRC is an association of thirty-two California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those thirty-two member counties. Rural county supervisors are extensively involved in transportation-related issues on two primary fronts: 1) Boards of Supervisors oversee public works directors/departments and subsequently help maintain the transportation network of their respective county; and, 2) many Supervisors sit as members of local transportation planning agencies where determining and funding projects are prioritized and developed at the local level.

The Rail Plan aims to establish a statewide vision, set of priorities, and implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail service, and acts as the foundation to attract state and federal funding. In addition, the Rail Plan aims to support statewide goals of an integrated multimodal transportation network to include highway, freight, rail, transit, and aviation systems.

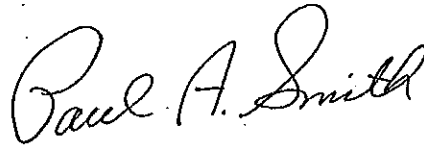
RCRC applauds Caltrans for taking a leadership role to advance California's statewide freight and passenger rail service. We are pleased to see the inclusion of the San Joaquin Amtrak extension-to-Redding proposal in the State Plan, but are concerned that the overall tone suggests that the proposal has lost enthusiasm due to Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) decision not to consider operation of new passenger service. Recent studies have indicated that increasing passenger rail service between Sacramento and Redding is viable, and has been highlighted in previous versions of the

State Plan. RCRC strongly encourages Caltrans leadership to revisit the Northern California rail proposal and to reengage in negotiations with UPRR and Amtrak to provide passenger rail service.

Lastly, the State Plan alleges that the extension proposal lacks local and regional support; however, the project has earned the support from the North State Super Region, representing 16 northern counties, the Rail Passenger Association of California, and has garnered previous support from the California Department of Transportation. It is with this in mind that we encourage the State Plan to be amended to reflect the support the project has received from the local and regional transportation stakeholders.

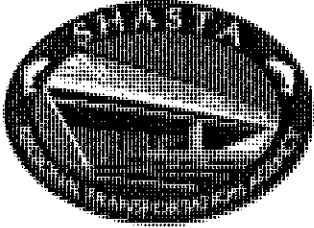
We thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter, and look forward to working with you as you continue to develop the State Plan.

Sincerely,

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PAUL A. SMITH
Senior Legislative Advocate

cc: Mark DeSaulnier, Chair, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
Dan Little, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

March 13, 2013

Sue Crowe
Grant Manager
County of Shasta
1855 Placer Street
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: 5311 Applications

Dear Ms. Crowe:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that Caltrans sent out a call for Section 5311 projects on December 18, 2012. In the Shasta County region, \$390,928 is available in FFY 2013.

The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funding programs have been repealed. Instead, additional funding is included in the 5311 program for 'JARC-like' projects.

This year, SRTA will be distributing the entire \$390,928 to the County of Shasta for their Burney Express and other eligible program activities. Next year, SRTA will conduct a call for projects to determine interest in 'JARC-like' projects.

The application for 5311 funding is due on April 1, 2013. If you have questions or wish to learn more, contact Jan Bulinski at (530) 262-6188 or jbulinski@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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City of Shasta Lake

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March 21, 2013

Dan Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

RE: Letter of Support for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant

Dear Dan:

The City of Shasta Lake is pleased to support the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) 2013/14 application for the Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant.

The Grant would allow SRTA to work with a consultant, local agencies, and various members of the community to develop a downloadable application designed to identify bicycle transportation activity in our community and throughout Shasta County. There may be an opportunity to expand the application to include pedestrian, transit and other modes of transportation. This program would assist the City in our ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for our residents.

For example, in collaboration with SRTA, the City recently received funding through the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program to complete a comprehensive update to our General Plan. This project will include incorporating Complete Streets goals, policies and implementation programs into the Circulation Element which will include addressing the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

In addition, a Community Health Assessment was completed for our City in collaboration with Shasta County Public Health in July 2009. The Assessment utilized the Healthy Development Measuring Tool (HDMT) and resulted in development of policies and implementation measures designed to offer healthy and safe places for people to live, work and play. The City also conducted extensive public outreach in 2009 and developed Healthy Communities principles and standards for inclusion in our General Plan. The City's Bicycle Transportation Plan was also adopted in 2009 and will be updated in the upcoming year.

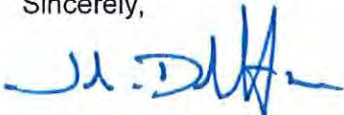
All of these projects identified the need to address bicycle and/or pedestrian safety in our City. Tasks 5 and 6 of the grant application will help the City to obtain data to assist in identifying locations in our City where infrastructure improvements are needed. These improvements would assist the City in meeting our goals to promote public health; protect natural resources; create safer routes to school and work; reduce automobile usage and fuel consumption; and strengthen our City's economy by improving access to community goods and services.

If SRTA is successful with this grant application, the City will support the project by:

- Serving as a member of the Steering Committee;
- Continuing to serve as a member of the Shasta Model Users Group (SMUG);
- Securing a venue for workshops within our community;
- Encouraging members of our community to download the application and participate in the data collection effort during Bike Month and throughout the year;
- Posting information about the project on our City's website;
- Distributing flyers, posters and related information with the City's utility bills, at City Hall, the City's Planning Division and local community events.

The City looks forward to collaborating with SRTA to encourage non-motorized transportation in our community. If you have any questions please contact me at **275.7427**, or **Carla Thompson**, Development Services Director, at **275.7460**.

Sincerely,

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John N. Duckett, Jr.
City Manager

c: Carla L. Thompson, AICP, Development Services Director



Anderson Partnership for
Healthy Children/South
County HEAC

March 25, 2013

City of Anderson

Dan Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
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City of Redding

City of Shasta Lake

County of Shasta

Subject: Letter of Support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant

First 5 Shasta

Dear Mr. Little:

Mercy Medical
Center

Please accept this letter of support for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's 2013/14 Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant application. As you know, Healthy Shasta is a local partnership formed to address obesity and prevent chronic disease by making the 'healthy choice the easy choice' for physical activity and healthy eating.

Redding Rancheria

Redding School District

Shasta College

We believe your project will be of great value to our region by providing tools and resources that will encourage our community to live healthier lives by increasing the use of biking and walking in the community. Additionally, being able to know where and how community members travel throughout our communities through the use of a smartphone app, described in Task 6, will allow us all to work together to improve facilities that encourage healthier lifestyles.

Shasta County Office of
Education

Shasta County RTA

Shasta Family
YMCA

Our recent Trail User Survey report showed that those who use the Sacramento River Trail and Dana to Downtown trailhead, as part of their commute to work or school, average 21.8 miles. Additionally, since the completion of Dana to Downtown about 30% of users responded they bike or walk more often for transportation purposes. This is encouraging for us to see increased activity and we believe SRTA's project would help to further that effort.

Shasta Head Start

Simpson University

The McConnell
Foundation

Should you receive funding for this project, Healthy Shasta is willing to commit to supporting in the following ways:

Turtle Bay Exploration
Park

- Participating in the project Steering Committee;
- Encouraging members of our community to participate in the bike app survey during Bike Month and throughout the year;
- Assist in getting the word out and incentivizing
- Provide \$4,000 for media funding for community outreach

University of California
Cooperative Extension

Viva Downtown

Whiskeytown National
Recreation Area

Sincerely,

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Shellisa Moore, Healthy Shasta Coordinator



Shasta County

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
1855 Placer Street, Redding, CA 96001

Richard W. Simon, AICP
Director

March 26, 2013

Dan Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Letter of Support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant

Dear Mr. Little:

Shasta County Department of Resource Management supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's 2013/14 Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant application. The project will be of value to this Department by providing data, tools and resources that will enhance community and infrastructure planning for biking and walking within our unincorporated Town Centers and Rural Community Centers.

Tasks 5 and 6 of the grant would help us to identify current community activity patterns and assist in evaluating where the County can best utilize capital improvement funds in an effort to make our towns safer, more bike/walk friendly and to further connect rural trails to the urban network. These tasks are also consistent with our Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan.

If you have any questions or would like further information please feel free to call me at (530) 225-5789.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Simon, AICP
Director of Resource Management

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March 27, 2013

Dan Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Letter of Support for SRTA's 2013/14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant

Dear Mr. ^{DAL}Little:

The Shasta County Department of Public Works is pleased to support the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's 2013/14 Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant application. This is an opportunity for the County to collaborate with SRTA to determine level of usage and potential need of non-motorized transportation facilities in the County.

Tasks 5 and 6 of the grant would help us to identify current community activity patterns and assist in evaluating where non-motorized transportation facilities are needed and will be used. This type of information will improve regional non-motorized plans and support opportunities for grant funded projects when funds are available.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 225-5661.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Minturn, Director

PJM/ldr



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 22, 2013

Federal Lands Access Program
Central Federal Lands Highway Division
12300 West Dakota Ave, Ste 380B,
Lakewood, CO 80228

RE: Tehama County FLAP Grant Applications

Dear California's Programming Decisions Committee (PDC):

Shasta County Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA), Tehama County Transportation Commission, and the County of Tehama are working partners that strive to improve access and mobility through the delivery of transportation improvements. A significant portion of the Northern Sacramento Valley's economy and local jobs rely upon outdoor tourism; this sector of the economy would not exist without access to natural resource lands. SRTA supports the Tehama County Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) applications and recommends award to ensure the traveling public can safely access the federal lands in Tehama and Shasta County.

For example, Jelly's Bridge provides access to Coleman Salmon Festival, which draws over 10,000 visitors annually. Jelly's Ferry Road is the only local major arterial from the north providing direct access to several key BLM areas, including: Sacramento River Outstanding Natural Area, Coleman National Fish Hatchery and California State Lands Commission.



Salmon Festival

Tehama County's FLAP project would also improve access to the following federal lands and North State recreational areas:

- Bureau of Land Management - Sacramento River Outstanding Natural Area (ONA)
- Paynes Creek Wetlands located on Pacific Flyway Zone
- Trail Heads: Paynes Creek, Yana, Perry Riffle, Jelly's Ferry, and Bend Ferry
- Lassen Volcanic National Park
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Coleman National Fish Hatchery
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Battle Creek Wildlife Area
- California State Lands Commission Recreational Land



Sacramento River, Barge Hole Fishing Access "Fish On" hot spot during Salmon Season



Mt. Lassen Volcanic Park from Jelly's Ferry Road



Jelly's Ferry Bridge: Single Lane Truss Replacement 15-16 & 16-17 with bike lanes

On behalf of SRTA, I respectfully request the PDC to award FLAP funding to Tehama County as it is in the public's best interest to create jobs and improve access to federal lands through the construction of transportation improvement projects.

Sincerely,

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

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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 24, 2013

James Ogbonna
Chief of Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Branch
Department of Transportation
Division of Mass Transportation
P.O. Box 942874, MS #39
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Subject: Trinity County 5311f Intercity Bus Service

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency would like to express support for the Trinity County Department of Transportation's (TC) application for 5311f Intercity Bus funds to operate continued transit service between Weaverville and Redding, with additional service to Willow Creek.

The strategies addressed in Shasta County's Coordinated Human Transportation Plan include increasing connectivity of inter-regional services. Redding is a central hub for the Interstate 5 corridor. The Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) has a centralized transfer station which is utilized by Amtrak's Coast Starlight feeder bus service along the capital corridor. The facility is adjacent to Amtrak's rail terminal and also includes Greyhound bus service. RABA also provides bus service to the Redding Municipal Airport

TC's application is an ideal candidate for 5311f funds and will provide inter-regional connectivity along the State Route 299W corridor between Shasta and Humboldt counties.

Should questions arise concerning this matter, please contact me at 530-262-6191 or email dlittle@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

DSL/jac

c: Polly Chapman, Trinity County Department of Transportation



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 26, 2013

Federal Lands Access Program
Central Federal Lands Highway Division
12300 West Dakota Ave., Ste. 380B
Lakewood, CO 80228

Subject: Shasta County Federal Lands Access Program Grant Proposal

Dear California's Programming Decisions Committee:

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is pleased to support Shasta County's Federal Lands Access Program grant proposal to rehabilitate the county-maintained JF Kennedy Memorial Drive located in the Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

This roadway provides public access for a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. Reliable access is critical to regional tourism and associated local jobs. In addition to addressing necessary maintenance, this project will correct several deficiencies resulting in a safer facility and reducing conflicts between various users/travel modes.

SRTA, in conjunction with the California Department of Transportation, have made substantial, complementary investments along State Route 299 to Interstate 5 just east of the project; and to Trinity County and the North Coast just west of the project. These improvements will ensure a high level of access to the area for local and interregional travelers.

Please let us know if there is anyway SRTA can be of further assistance in carrying out this important project.

Sincerely,

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

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