

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.



Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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Attachments: Letter to CTC Chair from RTPA Chair
Letter to RTPA from City of Redding
Letter to CTC Chair from City of Anderson
Letter to RTPA from Shasta County Department of Public Works



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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Officer

May 23, 2008

Mr. John Chalker, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Shasta County 2008 STIP

Dear Mr. Chalker:

The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (SCRTPA) is committed to mobility on Interstate 5. We urge your support in programming \$1.195 million for the environmental phase of a \$43.757 project (PPNO 3331) to widen a six-mile segment of I-5 in South Redding to six lanes.

Interstate 5 is SCRTPA's top priority. As you know, I-5 is also a high priority focus route on the state's interregional system. The South Redding segment of I-5 connects to state focus routes 299 and 44 moving high volumes of interregional traffic and goods to Oregon, California's North Coast, and points beyond throughout the Pacific Northwest.

SCRTPA is currently spearheading a multi-regional effort to widen 61-miles of I-5 to six lanes between Corning and the City of Shasta Lake. The Fix Five Partnership has developed a program to raise over \$180 million in local funds to widen I-5 in this two-county area. The program will be considered for adoption by our five city councils and two boards of supervisors this fall. Success, however, depends on strong partnerships with Caltrans and the CTC. In this vein, we request your support to get started on the environmental phase of the South Redding I-5 project in FY 08-09. A strong CTC commitment will strengthen city and county resolve to do their part.

We realize the CTC must balance many needs statewide with scarce resources. As our executive director, Dan Little, pointed out at the North State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) hearing, SCRTPA has made the following concessions in hopes that the CTC will grant our request:

- 1) SCRTPA retired two STIP projects totaling over \$300 million (Buckhorn Grade/SR 299 and Stillwater/SR 44) to focus all our Regional Improvement Program (RIP) resources on I-5;
- 2) SCRTPA deferred programming of the later phases of the South Redding I-5 project until the 2010 STIP cycle leaving half of our target available to other regions; and
- 3) SCRTPA advanced RIP resources to fund 100% of the environmental phase for the South Redding I-5 project since we understand the CTC's difficulty in funding new projects through the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) at this time.

We hope that the Fix Five Partnership will serve as a model for emerging urban areas such as ours to avoid gridlock before it becomes insurmountable. We need the CTC's support to keep moving forward.

Very truly yours,

Norma Connick, Chair
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (MPO)



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May 27, 2008
S-070

Dan Little
Executive Director
Regional Transportation Planning Agency
1855 Placer Street
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Subject: City of Redding Support for the South Redding Interstate 5 Widening Project

Dear Mr. Little:

The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) has been working on the "Fix 5" fee program for some time now. The segment of Interstate 5 (I-5) in Shasta County from South Bonnyview Road to the central interchange where I-5 intersects State Highway 44 is a key priority within that impact fee program effort.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the City of Redding's support for the construction of the I-5 widening in south Redding. The widening of the freeway at this location will provide much needed congestion relief in the future as development continues to occur within the southern Shasta County region.

Sincerely,


FOR Kurt Starman
City Manager



**CITY OF
ANDERSON**

May 27, 2008

Mr. John Chalker, Chair
California Transportation Commission
Mail Station 52
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: 2008 STIP Request

Dear Mr. Chalker:

The City of Anderson requests your support for programming \$1.195 million for the environmental phase of a \$43.757 million project to widen a six-mile segment of Interstate 5 in South Redding (PPNO 3331), as requested by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Interstate 5 is our region's number one priority. As you are aware, I-5 is also a high priority focus route on the State's interregional system. The South Redding segment connects to State focus routes 299 and 44 moving high volumes of interregional traffic and goods to Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

As you know, the City of Anderson is part of a multi-jurisdictional two-county working group working towards a portion of the funding to widen 61-miles of I-5 to six lanes between Corning and Shasta Lake City. The Fix Five working group has developed a proposed program that, if adopted, would raise over \$180 million in local funds to widen I-5 in this two-county area. The program is scheduled to be considered by five city councils and two boards of supervisors this fall. Improving the chances of success of this effort, however, depends on strong partnerships with Caltrans and the CTC. With this in mind, the City of Anderson requests CTC support in programming the environmental phase of the South Redding project in FY 08-09. A strong CTC commitment should help strengthen city and county resolve to supporting Fix Five.

The City of Anderson understands that the CTC must balance many needs statewide. As such, the City of Anderson has supported the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency in:

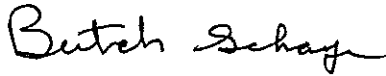
- 1) Retiring two previous STIP projects totaling over \$300 million (Buckhorn Grade/SR 299 and Stillwater/SR 44) to focus all RIP resources on I-5;

2) Deferring programming for later phases of this project until the 2010 STIP cycle, leaving half the North State's target available to other regions; and

3) Advancing our region's RIP resources to fund 100% of the environmental phase for this project since we understand the difficulty in funding new projects through the ITIP at this time.

Anderson hopes that the Fix Five Partnership will serve as a model for emerging urban areas such as ours to work effectively with Caltrans and the CTC to achieve common goals. We need your help in allocating environmental phase funds to the six-mile South Redding segment of I-5.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Butch Schaefer".

Butch Schaefer
Mayor

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May 27, 2008

Mr. Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta County Regional
Transportation Planning Agency
1855 Placer Street
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Redding I-5 Widening Project (PPNO #3331)

Dear Mr. Little:

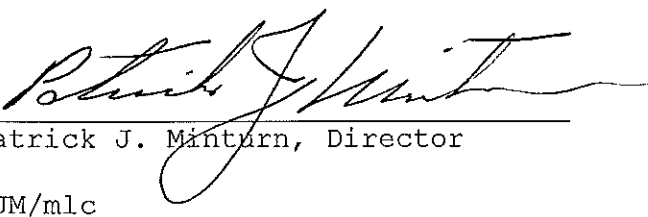
This is in reference to the Redding I-5 Widening Project in Shasta County (PPNO #3331). We understand that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is to consider advancing funding for the environmental phase in FY 08/09. I wholeheartedly support this proposal.

Interstate 5 is the backbone of the highway system in Shasta County, and throughout California. Interstate 5 runs through the heart of Shasta County's urban area, serving all three of our incorporated cities. It facilitates interregional mobility and goods movement along the Pacific corridor. It is a critical link for all of us.

We all share the goal of a seamless transportation network. Shasta County recognizes the positive role that state highways play in serving our local transportation needs. Our resources have been allocated evenhandedly, based upon merit, to upgrade state and local transportation facilities in our community. It is also important that the CTC partner with us to support these statewide and interstate needs. The proposed action will do just that, and enjoys our support.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (530) 225-5110.

Very truly yours,



Patrick J. Minturn, Director

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