

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Adopt 2008 Shasta County Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	06-24-08	7

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Hold a public hearing;
2. Approve Resolution No. 08-11 adopting the 2008 Shasta County Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to make technical corrections and/or administrative modifications in response to any late agency comments.

SUMMARY

The 2008 FTIP has been prepared in conformance with federal regulations for consideration by the Board. A public hearing is required prior to approval.

DISCUSSION

Transit and road projects must be included in the FTIP to qualify for federal funding. The FTIP is a four-year program updated every two years and approved by the Shasta County RTPA, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. The RTPA works directly with the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and Caltrans Headquarters Division of Transportation Programming to prepare project fund estimates and schedules that are fiscally constrained. The 2008/09 FTIP runs through federal fiscal year 2011/12. FTIP updates and amendments are routinely needed to reflect changes in funding, approval of federal grants, and changes to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2008 FTIP contains provisions to make minor changes to project cost, scope, and schedule without formal agency approval (2008 FTIP, Appendix F).

Detailed project listings are included in Section 3 of the FTIP. Financial summaries of programming versus revenue are included at the end of Section 4.

RTPA Public Participation Plan procedures were followed in the development of the 2008/09 FTIP. A public notice advertising a 30-day comment period was published. Comments were received from Caltrans Headquarters and their suggestions were incorporated into the document.

The FTIP financial element (Section 4) is a financial plan that demonstrates fiscal constraint in the transportation planning process. The financial tables indicate a total programming capacity of \$456,944,000 for the four year period. Revenues from all expected federal, state, and local sources demonstrate that sufficient funds to implement the proposed improvements are available.

ALTERNATIVES

Board discretion to change the FTIP is limited. Federal fund sources listed in the 2008 FTIP are allocated at the discretion of state and federal agencies and these funds cannot be increased or shifted to other priorities.

Failure to adopt the 2008 FTIP would result in suspension of federal funds for the transit and road projects listed.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The FTIP has been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee, which concurs with the document. Funding shown in the FTIP reflects extensive agency involvement associated with other plans and programs such as the Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, the State Transportation Improvement Program, and the RABA Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan.

FINANCING

FTIP projects are primarily funded from state and federal sources generated by taxes levied on fuel. The 2008 FTIP programs various funds in amounts set by state and federal agencies.



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Attachments: Resolution 08-11
Shasta County 2008 FTIP (Final Draft)

The 2008 FTIP has been provided to Board members. It may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.scrtpa.org/2008%20Draft%20FTIP.pdf>

RESOLUTION NO. 08-11
ADOPTING THE SHASTA COUNTY 2008
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Title 23 USC Sec. 134 (i) directs each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to develop a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years and to include a four-year priority list of all federally-funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the Streets and Highways Code Section 182.6(e) and Section 182.7(d) directs each MPO to submit the updated FTIP to the California Department of Transportation by August 1, on even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the FTIP is a four-year program of projects in accordance with federal planning regulations; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for certain types of federal funding, projects must be included in a FTIP approved by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA); and

WHEREAS, the 2008 FTIP includes standards to process administrative modifications for minor changes in project scope, cost, and schedule without formal Board action (Appendix F); and

WHEREAS, Shasta County is in conformance with federal air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 FTIP:

1. Is consistent with metropolitan transportation planning regulations from 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450.
2. Is consistent with the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, which projects transportation improvements needed through 2024.
3. Is financially constrained as these requirements apply to Shasta County, and the financial summary affirms that funding is available.
4. Does not interfere with the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) contained in the State Implementation Plan (SIP).
5. Was prepared in accordance with the RTPA's 2008 Public Participation Plan for Transportation Planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Administrative Amendment Guidelines are hereby adopted this 24th day of June, 2008, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Norma Commick, Chair
Shasta County Regional
Transportation Planning Agency