

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	6/24/14
SUBJECT:	Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM:	5-4
STAFF CONTACT:	Janie Coffman, Executive Assistant

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

- May 6, 2014, letter of support from SRTA to the City of Redding for Redding's Active Transportation Program application for improvements to Placer Street and Browning Street
- May 12, 2014, letters from SRTA to various agencies in regard to the 'Go Shasta Active Transportation Plan'
- May 13, 2014, letter of support from SRTA to Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health regarding their Active Transportation Program non-infrastructure application
- May 13, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from the City of Shasta Lake regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 13, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from the North State Super Region regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 14, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from Shasta County Department of Public Works regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 14, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from Healthy Shasta regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 14, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from the City of Redding regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 15, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from the City of Anderson regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 15, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 15, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from the Shasta County Office of Education regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan
- May 19, 2014, letter of support to SRTA from Shasta Living Streets regarding SRTAs grant application to prepare the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

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May 6, 2014

Chuck Aukland, P.E.
Assistant Director
Public Works Department
City of Redding
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Support for city of Redding's ATP Application for Improvements to Placer Street and
Browning Street

Dear Mr. Aukland:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) has reviewed and strongly encourages selection of the city of Redding's Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application for improvements to Placer Street and Browning Street.

The proposed improvements would fill a critical gap in the regional cycling network and create pedestrian safety and connectivity where there was none previously. The projects would help accomplish key Regional Transportation Plan objectives, including:

- O-1 Eliminate barriers to bicycle and pedestrian traffic;
- O-6 Increase bicycle/pedestrian network interconnectivity throughout the county; and
- O-8 Encourage public use of non-motorized transportation facilities.

SRTA will provide in-kind technical support upon request and integrate the improvements into the upcoming Shasta County Regional Active Transportation Plan and facilities inventory.

Sincerely,

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

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The attached letter and attachments were emailed on May 12, 2014, to the following:

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John Duckett, City Manager
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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

May 12, 2014

Tom Armelino, Superintendent
Shasta County Office of Education
1644 Magnolia Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Active Transportation Plans

Dear Mr. Armelino: *Tom*

The state of California has created a new Active Transportation Program (ATP) that funds planning and infrastructure for bicycling and walking, as well connections to transit. \$129.5 million is available statewide over the next two years. Eligible applicants, **including school districts**, should list projects in ATP plans, depending on the size of the project.

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is applying for funding to develop the regional 'GoShasta Active Transportation Plan' based on four local agency ATP plans by our three cities and the county. SRTA would appreciate your feedback regarding the following questions by Thursday, May 15, at 5:00 PM.

1. As eligible applicants, are any Shasta County school districts developing ATP plans? If so, please let us know how we may be of assistance.
2. Provided the school districts have projects, would you prefer to coordinate with SRTA on the GoShasta Plan?
3. In an effort to bolster our chances of receiving funding, we would greatly appreciate a letter of your support.

For more background information, please see Attachments A and B. We will be contacting you in the next couple of days to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A - ATP Background and Joint Planning Effort
Attachment B - Components of an Active Transportation Plan

C: Sara Sundquist, Healthy Shasta

Attachment A

Background: The new ATP consolidates a number of federal and state programs that fund active transportation planning and infrastructure. Active transportation encompasses bicycle and pedestrian travel and their connections to public transportation. Approximately \$129.5 million will be made available statewide, spread out over at least two grant cycles. Grant applications are due on **May 21, 2014**.

To be competitive for the initial round of ATP funding, projects should be listed in a locally or regionally adopted planning document (e.g. a bicycle plan, pedestrian plan, Safe Routes to School plan, circulation plan, etc.). The minimum request for ATP funds that will be considered is \$250,000. Eligible applicants that do not have a project meeting the minimum request requirement are encouraged to submit an aggregation of small projects into a comprehensive bundle of projects. In future ATP cycles, larger projects (\$1 million or more) must be included in an adopted active transportation plan – one that considers bicycling, walking, and connectivity to public transportation as a coordinated program of investments and strategies. The required components of an active transportation plan are shown in Enclosure B.

Funding to prepare active transportation plans is a high priority during the initial round of ATP grants. It is unlikely that individual grants would be awarded to each local jurisdiction in Shasta County for active transportation plans. A coordinated active transportation planning effort would be more efficient and competitive for grant funds.

A Joint Planning Effort: SRTA has been working with local agencies on a strategy to submit a single application that would result in five interrelated active transportation plans (one regional plan and four local plans for Redding, Anderson, Shasta Lake, and Shasta County).

The vision for the development of the plans is laid out as follows:

Roles in the Development of the Active Transportation Plans for the Region		
SRTA	Consultant	Local Jurisdictions
Procurement, invoicing, and reporting with input from local jurisdictions	Gather background data (Data will be granular enough that each jurisdiction may pull data from the regional data pool for the development of their own plans)	Review their respective background data for accuracy
Develop regional goals, priorities, policies, and projects	Work with jurisdictions to identify and assist with the development of policies, goals, and guidelines	Finalize their respective plan and obtain council/board approval
Adopt and maintain regional ATP consistent with local ATPs	Assist SRTA with the summary of local plans and the	Conduct any additional desired public outreach

	development of regional goals, policies, etc.	
Conduct public outreach effort for regional active transportation plan	Assist with the development of each city and county plan	
Support local agency ATP grants		

Once the four local plans have been approved by their respective councils/board, they would be wrapped into, and serve as chapters in, a regional active transportation plan for consideration by the SRTA Board of Directors. The primary purpose of the regional plan is to identify important regional projects, identify connections and gaps between jurisdictions, and include other multi-jurisdictional interests such as tribes, Caltrans, and resource agencies.

Attachment B

Required Components of the Active Transportation Plan

Some of the following components could be covered in a joint effort, while other items may be done by each jurisdiction and then incorporated into the plan. Items to be covered in a joint effort will be determined through consultation with all participating jurisdictions.

- a) The estimated number of existing bicycle trips and pedestrian trips in the plan area
- b) The number and location of collisions, serious injuries, and fatalities suffered by bicyclists and pedestrians in the plan area
- c) A map and description of existing and proposed land use and settlement patterns
- d) A map and description of existing and proposed bicycle transportation facilities.
- e) A map and description of existing and proposed end-of-trip bicycle parking facilities.
- f) A description of existing and proposed policies related to bicycle parking
- g) A map and description of existing and proposed bicycle transport and parking facilities for connections with and use of other transportation modes.
- h) A map and description of existing and proposed pedestrian facilities at major transit hubs.
- i) A description of proposed way-finding signage along bicycle and pedestrian networks
- j) A description of the policies and procedures for maintaining existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- k) A description of bicycle and pedestrian safety, education, and encouragement programs conducted in the area.
- l) A description of the extent of community involvement in development of the plan
- m) A description of how the active transportation plan has been coordinated with neighboring jurisdictions and is consistent with other plans.
- n) A description, prioritization, and timeline of the projects and programs proposed in the plan.
- o) A description of past expenditures for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs, and future financial needs for projects and programs.
- p) A description of steps necessary to implement the plan and the process for reporting updates to the community.
- q) A resolution showing adoption of the plan by the city, county or district. If the active transportation plan was prepared by a county transportation commission, regional transportation planning agency, MPO, school district or transit district, the plan should indicate the support via resolution of the city(s) or county(s) in which the proposed facilities would be located.
- r) Identification of disadvantaged communities (a grant scoring criteria).
- s) Demonstration of public involvement (a grant scoring criteria).
- t) Coordination with tribes and other public agencies (practical consideration).
- u) Incorporation into RTP and FTIP (funding requirement).



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

May 13, 2014

Subject: Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Funding Proposal

To Whom it May Concern:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is pleased to support the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Public Health Department's Active Transportation Program non-infrastructure application. SRTA has extensive experience working alongside HHS Public Health and will provide all support as the designated "responsible" agency necessary to complete grant-funded tasks. More specifically, the SRTA will:

- Ensure that federal-aid transportation requirements are being met by the "nontraditional" awardee and that the procedures in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) are being followed;
- Submit invoices and progress reports on behalf of HHS Public Health, as the grant fiscal agent; and
- Ensure timely project delivery.

SRTA has successfully managed these tasks in the past for Public Health Safe Routes to Schools non-infrastructure grants. Shasta County Health and Human Services Public Health will serve as the "non-traditional" applicant and will implement education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that are intended to change community behavior, attitudes, and social norms to make it safer for children in grades K-12 to walk and bike to school. This information will be valuable for SRTA's Regional Transportation Plan and proposed "GoShasta Active Transportation Program."

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 262-6191 or dlittle@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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May 13, 2014

Daniel S. Little
Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
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Subject: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Little:

The City of Shasta Lake supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) application to prepare GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. GoShasta will be a regional non-motorized plan, coordinated between the four jurisdictions in Shasta County and administered by SRTA. The city and county appreciate administrative oversight of the plan that allows for the cities and county to use SRTA's resources to administer the grant application; to prepare a request for proposal; to select a consultant to work with the jurisdictions at levels that are practical for each jurisdiction's respective staff; and to coordinate the regional aspects of the active transportation plan. As such, GoShasta will be an active transportation plan that makes all planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in the region eligible for future grant funding. If awarded funds, the City of Shasta Lake intends to work closely with SRTA and the chosen consultant to develop a plan that will focus on improving safety and bikeway-walkway-transit connectivity for our pedestrians and cyclists.

As a disadvantaged community (Shasta's median household income is 72% of the state's.) and with the countywide unemployment rate at 10.9%, the City of Shasta Lake understands the importance of having transportation options for our residents, both for those that do not have the option to drive and for those that make the choice to use an active form of transportation for their health and well-being.

The City of Shasta Lake looks forward to working with SRTA on GoShasta. Good luck on the grant application.

Sincerely,

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John N. Duckett, Jr.
City Manager
City of Shasta Lake



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May 13, 2014

Teresa McWilliam
Program Manager – Active Transportation Program
Caltrans
Division of Local Assistance, MS-1
Attention: Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs
PO Box 942874
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for North State Super Region ATP Applications for Active Transportation Plans

Dear Ms. McWilliam,

As the chair of the North State Super Region, a compendium of sixteen Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in northern California, it has come to my attention that the following organizations are applying for Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds to develop Active Transportation Plans. I strongly encourage selection of these agencies' grant applications for coordinated and regional non-motorized planning activities in the north state.

- City of Weed (lead agency for regional active transportation plan)
- Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (lead agency for regional active transportation plan)

Funding the active transportation plans for Siskiyou and Shasta counties meets non-motorized planning needs in the northern third of California. If funded, the completed active transportation plans will be useful templates for others in NSSR to use--saving on staff time, and SRTA has offered to share their experience and best practices at NSSR meetings to help other NSSR transportation planners in preparing active transportation plans for their regions.

NSSR and member agencies have been active in the development of the ATP guidelines, and many agencies in the north state are putting forward grant applications for ATP infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. We look forward to seeing how the north state fares in the statewide competition for all project types.

Sincerely,


Marcella Clem, Chair
North State Super Region



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May 14, 2014

Dan Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
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Re: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Little:

Shasta County supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) grant application for the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan (ATP). As we understand it, the GoShasta ATP will be a regional non-motorized plan. Each agency may elect to approve and administer those portions of the plan within their jurisdiction. Such a regional approach to bicycle and pedestrian facilities will facilitate non-motorized linkages in the SRTA planning region. If the grant is awarded, Shasta County will work with SRTA, other agencies and the consultant to devise a plan that meets local needs and provides a framework for regional cooperation.

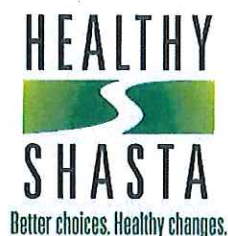
Shasta County supports the GoShasta effort. The community is interested in bicycle and pedestrian transportation alternatives. Unfortunately, existing facilities are lacking. Funding has been limited. A regional ATP will enable local agencies to better compete for grant funding opportunities, construct facilities and coordinate with other local agencies. We look forward to working with SRTA and the three cities in this effort.

If you have any questions, please call Al Cathey at 245-6806.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Minturn, Director

PJM/AVC/ldr



Anderson Partnership for
Healthy Children

May 14, 2014

City of Anderson

Daniel S. Little

City of Redding

Executive Director

City of Shasta Lake

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County of Shasta

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Subject: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Mercy Medical
Center

Dear Mr. Little:

Redding Rancheria

Healthy Shasta supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) proposal to develop the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. The GoShasta Active Transportation Plan is an important step in creating a community that is safe and convenient for walking and bicycling. We know that people are more likely to be physically active when they have safe, convenient and connecting options for non-motorized transportation, as well as the ability to safely walk or bicycling from their front door instead of driving to a place to exercise.

Redding School District

Shasta College

Shasta County Office of
Education

Shasta Regional
Transportation Agency

Healthy Shasta is a partnership of multiple organizations formed to address growing rates of obesity and chronic disease in our community. Our vision is to create a community where the healthy choice is the easy choice, especially around physical activity and nutrition. We have worked with SRTA in the past and look forward to collaborating on development of the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan.

Shasta Family
YMCA

Shasta Head Start

Simpson University

Staff from our Walking and Bicycling initiative, and members of our Sustainable Communities workgroup, look forward to working with SRTA on development of the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. We can bring a health perspective to the table, provide data, and help with public outreach. Healthy Shasta has also conducted annual bicycle and pedestrian counts since 2008 and provides the data to partners.

The McConnell
Foundation

Turtle Bay Exploration
Park

University of California
Cooperative Extension

Please contact me at 229-8428 with any questions or to future discuss how Healthy Shasta can contribute to and support development of the GoShasta Active Transportation Plan.

Viva Downtown

Sincerely,

Whiskeytown National
Recreation Area

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Healthy Shasta Coordinator



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Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
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Subject: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Little:

The City of Redding supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) application to prepare GoShasta Active Transportation Plan (ATP). As we understand it, the GoShasta ATP will be a regional non-motorized plan that will include an independent plan in at least Redding that will be approved and administered by the City and rolled into one region plan that will be approved and administered by SRTA. The City appreciates SRTA's administrative oversight of the grant that allows the City to use SRTA's resources with local agency involvement in administering the grant application; preparing a request for proposal; selecting a consultant that will work with the City in developing our independent plan; and coordinating the regional aspects of the region plan. As such, GoShasta will be an active transportation plan that makes all planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in each of the jurisdictions eligible for future grant funding. If awarded funds, the City of Redding intends to work closely with SRTA and the chosen consultant to develop the plans that will focus on improving safety and bikeway-walkway-transit connectivity for our pedestrians and cyclists.

As a disadvantaged community (Shasta's median household income is 72% of the State's) and with the countywide unemployment rate at 10.9%, the City of Redding understands the importance of having transportation options for our residents, both for those that do not have the option to drive and for those that make the choice to use an active form of transportation for their health and well-being.

The City of Redding looks forward to working with SRTA along with the Cities of Anderson and Shasta Lake and Shasta County on GoShasta. Good luck on the grant application.

Sincerely,

Brian F. Crane, Director of Public Works
City of Redding



May 15, 2014

Daniel S. Little
Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Little:

The City of Anderson supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) application to prepare GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. GoShasta will be a regional non-motorized plan, coordinated between the four jurisdictions in Shasta County and administered by SRTA. The city and county appreciate administrative oversight of the plan that allows for the cities and county to use SRTA's resources to administer the grant application; to prepare a request for proposal; to select a consultant to work with the jurisdictions at levels that are practical for each jurisdiction's respective staff; and to coordinate the regional aspects of the active transportation plan. As such, GoShasta will be an active transportation plan that makes all planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in the region eligible for future grant funding. If awarded funds, the City of Anderson intends to work closely with SRTA and the chosen consultant to develop a plan that will focus on improving safety and bikeway-walkway-transit connectivity for our pedestrians and cyclists.

As a disadvantaged community (Shasta's median household income is 72% of the state's.) and with the countywide unemployment rate at 10.9%, the City of Anderson understands the importance of having transportation options for our residents, both for those that do not have the option to drive and for those that make the choice to use an active form of transportation for their health and well-being.

The City of Anderson looks forward to working with SRTA on GoShasta. Good luck on the grant application.

Sincerely,



Jeff Kiser, City Manager



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May 15, 2014

Daniel S. Little
Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
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Subject: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Little:

The Shasta County Public Health would like to express our support for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) application to prepare a GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. GoShasta will be a regional non-motorized plan, coordinated between the four jurisdictions in Shasta County and administered by SRTA. As such, GoShasta will be an active transportation plan that makes all planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in the region eligible for future grant funding, and the planning process will ensure such projects meet the needs of the community.

Shasta County Public Health understands the importance of having transportation options for our residents, both for those that do are unable to drive and for those that make the choice to use an active form of transportation that supports their health and well-being. We know that the built environment influences health behaviors, and thus has a huge impact on injury prevention, health outcomes, and equitable access to destinations. If awarded funds, Public Health will partner with SRTA on a plan to improve safety and bikeway-walkway-transit connectivity for our pedestrians and cyclists. HHSA staff with expertise in Safe Routes to School is available to ensure safe routes to and from local schools are incorporated into the plan.

Shasta County Public Health looks forward to working with SRTA on GoShasta and Safe Routes to Schools projects. We wish you the best of luck on the grant application. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Terri Fields Hosler, MPH, RD
Public Health Director
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SHASTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

To provide leadership and assistance to the districts and community partners in Shasta County to ensure all students have equal access to a quality education that prepares them to graduate from high school and obtain a high skilled, high wage career.

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Tom Armelino

Board of Education
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William Stegall
Elizabeth "Buffy" Tanner

May 15, 2014

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: GoShasta Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Little:

The Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) would like to express our support for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) application to prepare GoShasta Active Transportation Plan. GoShasta will be a regional non-motorized plan, coordinated between the four jurisdictions in Shasta County and administered by SRTA. As such, GoShasta will be an active transportation plan that makes all planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in the region eligible for future grant funding.

If awarded funds, SCOE will work with SRTA and encourage school districts to work with SRTA on a plan to improve safety around schools for walkers and bikers and bikeway-walkway-school connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists arriving and departing from our schools. SCOE will coordinate with SRTA, the cities and the county on Safe Routes to Schools projects.

SCOE looks forward to working with SRTA on GoShasta. We wish you the best of luck on the grant application. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Tom Armelino
Shasta County Superintendent of Schools

Shasta Living Streets

What kind of community do we want to live in?

May 19, 2014

To: Dan Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Authority

Re: **Enthusiastic Support for GoShasta Active Transportation Plan**

Shasta Living Streets enthusiastically supports the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's efforts to develop and administer a regional non-motorized plan, coordinated between the four jurisdictions in Shasta County. This project will make a significant difference for people and transportation in the communities throughout Shasta County.

Shasta Living Streets vision and mission is a regional one because we recognize the vital importance of coordinated and comprehensive active transportation, transit and sustainable development in our region. Our individual, family and business members live, work and play in the various cities, towns and unincorporated areas of our county. They often share and discuss the challenges and opportunities for coordinated active transportation across the region.

Thus, we look forward to having a coordinated active transportation plan between the four jurisdictions in Shasta County and administered by SRTA. We expect GoShasta to be an active transportation plan that makes all planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in the region eligible for future grant funding. Our organization will work closely with SRTA and the chosen consultant to develop a plan that will focus on improving safety and bikeway-walkway-transit connectivity for our pedestrians and cyclists. We see a strong need for it, and we will assist development of a comprehensive and effective plan. And further, we will support adoption and implementation of the facilities outlined in the plan.

Shasta Living Streets has a number of methods for gathering comments and input from people in our community about transportation issues – At one of our recent events, a survey (nearly 200 responses) showed strong local interest in active transportation improvements:

If there were better bicycle (like buffered or protected bike lanes) facilities and pedestrian facilities in town, I would ride my bicycle or walk more often.

95% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the above statement.

Thank you for improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and businesses in our community by developing the regional GoShasta Active Transportation Plan.

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Anne Wallach Thomas
Executive Director
Shasta Living Streets