

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	6/24/14
SUBJECT:	Adopt the 2015 Shasta County Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
AGENDA ITEM:	7
STAFF CONTACT:	Kathy Urlie, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Shasta region, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years. The 2015 FTIP (attached) has been prepared in conformance with federal regulations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Hold a public hearing;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 14-05 adopting the Shasta County 2015 FTIP; and
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor revisions and administrative modifications to the 2015 FTIP in response to the comments received through the board of directors June 24, 2014, meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The FTIP is a four-year program of transportation projects that have a federal funding component, or that are considered regionally significant. The FTIP is updated every two years and must be approved by SRTA as the region's federally-designated MPO.

SRTA has little discretion to change FTIP project selection and priorities; most are set by the delivering agencies in accordance with federal and state funding requirements. However, projects outlined in Appendix A of the 2015 FTIP do include projects approved by the SRTA Board of Directors, such as the Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson "Little Easy" Six-Lane Project.

SRTA is responsible to ensure that the FTIP is consistent with anticipated revenues and to provide an opportunity for public review and comment. The 2015 FTIP programs funds for federal fiscal years 2014/15 to 2017/18. Revenues expected from federal, state, and local sources are projected to be adequate to implement the proposed improvements. The programming financial table (see attached 2015 FTIP, Appendix F – Table 2) forecasts a total programming capacity of \$182.4 million over the four-year period. This includes \$21.5 million in local funds and \$160.9 million in state and federal funds.

The 2015 FTIP was distributed to interested agencies with a 30-day comment period consistent with SRTA's Public Participation Plan. Comments received to-date involve technical corrections from Caltrans.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may continue the item and request additional information. This would require a special meeting prior to this year's final 2015 FTIP submittal deadline to Caltrans of no later than October 1, 2014.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation. The FTIP is a product of extensive interagency consultation associated with other plans and programs, including the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

FINANCING:

FTIP projects are primarily funded from state and federal sources generated by taxes levied on fuel. The 2015 FTIP programs \$182.4 million over the four-year period.



Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: Resolution Number 14-05, Adopt the Shasta County 2015 FTIP
Shasta County 2015 FTIP (SRTA Board of Directors' packet only, otherwise
located online at <http://www.srta.ca.gov> or at SRTA's business
office: 1255 East Street, Suite 202, Redding, CA)

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	14-05
SUBJECT:	Adopt the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, Title 23 USC Sec. 134(j) directs each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to develop a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every four years; and

WHEREAS, the California Streets and Highways Code Section 182.6(e) and Section 182.7(d) directs each MPO to submit an 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 prioritized in accordance with federal planning regulations; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for federal transportation funding, projects must be included in an FTIP approved by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA), the California Department of Transportation, and the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 FTIP includes standards to process administrative modifications for minor changes in project scope, cost and schedule without formal board action, as well as a process for the executive director to approve formal amendments; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency finds the 2015 FTIP:

1. Consistent with metropolitan transportation planning regulations in 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450;
2. Consistent with the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan, which forecasts transportation improvement needs through 2030;
3. To be financially constrained, with the financial summary affirming that funds are available;
4. To not require an air quality conformity determination or demonstration of timely implementation of transportation control measures, as the area is in conformance with federal air quality standards; and
5. To be prepared in accordance with the SRTA's 2013 Public Participation Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2014, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Susie Baugh, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency