

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	6/25/13
SUBJECT:	Accept Caltrans State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report
AGENDA ITEM:	5-6
STAFF CONTACT:	Ellen Talbo

SUMMARY:

Caltrans District 2, in consultation with SRTA and local agencies, has prepared a transportation concept report for State Route 273. An up-to-date transportation concept report is an important step toward funding for future improvements. It is customary for SRTA to provide concurrence with transportation concept reports affecting the Shasta County region.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 13-07, concurring with the State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report; and
2. Authorize executive director to sign the concurrence block on the State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report final report signature sheet.

DISCUSSION:

Prepared by the local Caltrans district, a transportation concept report provides one unifying concept for managing, operating, improving, and preserving a specific transportation corridor. It analyzes the corridor by segment, discusses issues, and provides management strategies over a 20-year planning horizon. Having an up-to-date transportation concept report is an important step toward receiving funding for future improvements.

The board of directors received a summary presentation of the State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report from Caltrans District 2 staff on May 8. The State Route 273 corridor runs between Interstate 5 at the southernmost city limits of Anderson to Interstate 5 at the northernmost city limits of Redding. State Route 273 is a portion of former US 99 which served as the primary north-south transportation corridor prior to completion of Interstate 5. With Interstate 5 now providing for interregional travel and long distance freight movement, State Route 273 has come to serve primarily local travel within Shasta County and the cities of Anderson and Redding.

The State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report identifies the following projects and policies through 2030:

- Increase capacity to six lanes between Canyon Road and South Bonnyview Road;

- Improve operations via lane channelization, traffic control devices, traffic signal coordination, and travel demand management;
- Deploy Intelligent Transportation Systems elements such as closed circuit television and changeable message signs;
- Cooperate with local transit service providers to meet community needs;
- Coordinate with local agencies as they develop local pedestrian plans and in implementation of pedestrian improvements such as sidewalks and curb ramps;
- Develop a Class II bike facility along the route in cooperation with local agencies and developers; and
- Preserve existing operating right-of-way and access control while disposing of parcels that were acquired for frontage roads but never utilized.

Concurrence with the State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report does not commit the agency to any future projects or priorities. The State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report will, however, be considered during preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan and transportation improvement programs.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may concur with the State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report with suggested revisions, or continue the item and request further information.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report was prepared by Caltrans District 2. SRTA and local agencies were consulted during preparation of the report. The Technical Advisory Committee concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

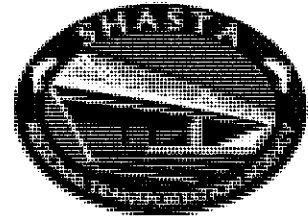
There is no fiscal effect associated with accepting the report.



Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: Resolution 13-07 – Resolution to Accept the Transportation Concept Report for State Route 273 (April, 2013)
Draft Transportation Concept Report is Available on Caltrans District 2 Website at
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/planning/concepttrpts.htm>

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	13-07
SUBJECT:	Resolution to Accept the Transportation Concept Report for State Route 273 (April, 2013)

WHEREAS, the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Shasta County and is responsible for regional transportation planning, which includes the functional relationship between the local road system and state highway system; and;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 2, is responsible for planning, construction, and operation of the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans, District 2, in cooperation with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency, has prepared a Transportation Concept Report for State Route 273 which sets forth a conceptual plan for the development and operation of the highway for the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Concept Report identifies management, operational, and improvement strategies that will be necessary to maintain desired operating conditions/level of service over the twenty year planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Concept Report provides a framework for coordinated planning and programming decisions between Caltrans and its local and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, completion and implementation of the Transportation Concept Report will better position Caltrans and its partner agencies for future funding opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency hereby makes the following findings:

1. The State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report presents a balanced and logical concept for the development and operation of State Route 273 over the next twenty years; and
2. The State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report should be considered during preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Interregional Transportation Improvement Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and other plans and funding programs; and
3. The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency accepts the State Route 273 Transportation Concept Report and authorizes the executive director to sign the "Concurrence" block on the signature sheet for the report.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2013, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Greg Watkins, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency