

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Adopt 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).	7/23/02	8

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency:

- (1) Hold a public hearing and take testimony on the proposed 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP);
- (2) Adopt Resolution No. 02-11, adopting the 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and
- (3) Authorize the Executive Officer to make subsequent changes, as needed for document adequacy, in response to any comments received.

SUMMARY

The 2002 FTIP has been prepared in conformance with Federal regulations for consideration by the Agency. A public hearing is required prior to approval.

DISCUSSION

In order to qualify for federal funding, projects must be included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The FTIP is a three-year programming document updated every two years. The FTIP is approved by the Shasta County RTPA as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. The RTPA works directly with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) regarding Federal programming processes. The 2002 FTIP runs through Federal fiscal year (beginning November 1st) 2004/05. FTIP updates and amendments are needed periodically to reflect changes in Federal fund projections, grant approvals and changes to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Comments on the FTIP may be received subsequent to Agency action. To date, comments have not yet been received from the Federal Transit Administration or the Federal Highway Administration. Staff recommends that the Agency authorize the Executive Officer to approve any subsequent changes that may be needed for document adequacy prior to the August 1st FTIP submittal deadline. Any substantive changes would be brought back to the Agency for ratification at the next regular meeting.

ALTERNATIVES

The Agency could decide not to adopt the FTIP. This would result in denial of Federal funds for these projects.

The Agency also has discretion to modify Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds; however, since the funds shown reflect the recently approved Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), an amendment to the RTIP would first need to be processed.

All other fund sources listed are allocated at the discretion of State and Federal Agencies and these funds cannot be increased shifted to other priorities.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The FTIP has been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which concurs with the document. Furthermore, all discretionary funding shown in the FTIP reflects other processes with extensive agency involvement such as the Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and the RABA Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan.

FINANCING

The 2002 FTIP programs a variety of Federal funds in amounts prescribed by the administering State and Federal agencies such as Caltrans, FHWA and FTA. The only Agency discretionary funds are Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds, which are programmed to reflect the 2002 RTIP, approved in December by the Agency.



Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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Attachments: Resolution No. 02-11
 Draft 2002 FTIP

RESOLUTION NO. 02-11

**ADOPTING THE 2002
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR SHASTA COUNTY**

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

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;

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a three-year program of projects in accordance with federal planning regulations;

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for certain types of federal funding, projects must be included in a Federal Transportation Improvement Program approved by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency;

WHEREAS, all projects in the FTIP, including requests for transit operating assistance, have been reviewed and are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, all project in the FTIP are financially constrained and conform to applicable air quality conformity requirements for Shasta County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2002 Shasta County Federal Transportation Improvement Program is hereby adopted this 23rd day of July, 2002, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Norma Connick, Chairman
Shasta County Regional
Transportation Planning Agency