

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Adopt 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).	07-25-06	5

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency:

- (1) Hold a public hearing and take testimony on the proposed 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP);
- (2) Adopt Resolution No. 06-10 adopting the 2006 Shasta County Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and
- (3) Authorize the Executive Officer to make technical corrections in response to any late agency comments.

SUMMARY

The 2006 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, transit and road 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), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Caltrans Headquarters Division of Transportation Programming to prepare project fund estimates and schedules that are fiscally constrained. The 2006 FTIP runs through federal fiscal year (FFY) 2008/09. FTIP updates and amendments are needed periodically to reflect changes in funding, approval of federal grants, and changes to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2006 FTIP contains provisions to make minor changes to project cost, scope and schedule without formal agency approval (2006 FTIP, Appendix G).

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

ALTERNATIVES

Agency discretion to change the FTIP is limited. Failure to adopt the 2006 FTIP would result in suspension of federal funds for the transit and road projects listed.

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

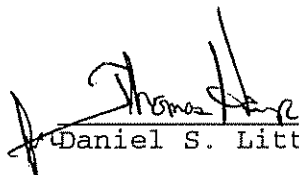
All other federal fund sources listed in the 2006 FTIP are allocated at the discretion of state and federal agencies and these funds cannot be increased or shifted to other priorities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The FTIP has been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which concurs with the document. Discretionary funding shown in the FTIP reflects extensive agency involvement efforts associated with other plans and programs such as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), 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 2006 FTIP programs various federal funds in amounts consistent with formulas prescribed by the administering state and federal agencies. The only funds for which the Agency has discretion are Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds. These funds have been programmed in the FTIP consistent with the 2006 RTIP approved by the Agency in April 2006.



Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Officer

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Attachments: Resolution 06-10
 2006 FTIP

RESOLUTION NO. 06-10
ADOPTING THE 2006
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; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a three-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 Federal Transportation Improvement Program approved by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, Shasta County has requested operating assistance under Title 49 USC Sec. 5311(b)(2) totaling \$695,000 over three years. This request has been reviewed and is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan, and is recommended for inclusion in the Shasta County FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 FTIP is financially constrained as these requirements apply to Shasta County which is in conformance with Federal air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 FTIP includes standards to process administrative amendments for minor changes in project scope, cost, and schedule without formal Agency action (Appendix G).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2006 Shasta County Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Administrative Amendment Guidelines are hereby adopted this 25th day of July, 2006, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Glenn Hawes, Chairman
Shasta County Regional
Transportation Planning Agency