

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
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RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

SUMMARY

Attached is correspondence determined to be of interest to the Board.



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Attachments: Senator Barbara Boxer Letter to Ray LaHood
Letter to James Ogbonna

United States Senate

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October 7, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

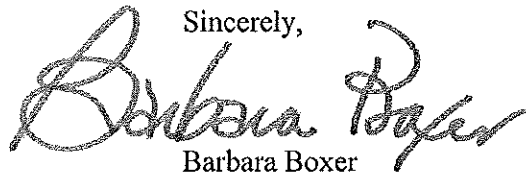
I am writing to express my support for the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency's application for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. If awarded, this \$27,113,000 grant would be used to widen Interstate 5 in Shasta County.

The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency is joined by the Trinity County Transportation Agency, Humboldt County Association of Governments, Del Norte Local Transportation Commission, Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission, Modoc County Transportation Commission and the Lassen County Transportation Commission as co-applicants for this grant. This grant would be used to widen six miles of Interstate 5 to six lanes from four lanes in south and central Redding. Interstate 5 is the main route for vehicles traveling in Shasta County. The average daily traffic of Interstate 5 is expected to double over the next 20 years.

The Interstate 5 widening project is projected to create 405 construction-related jobs in a region that is currently experiencing a 15.2 percent unemployment rate. This project will support future economic and housing development in the region.

In advance, I thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you or your staff have questions regarding this letter, please contact my Community Representative, Brandon Ida, at (916) 448-2787.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator



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Subject: Trinity County 5311f Intercity Bus Service

The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency would like to express support for the Trinity County Department of Transportation's (TC) application for 5311f Intercity Bus funds to operate transit service between Weaverville and Redding, and provide an additional day of service to their Willow Creek route.

The strategies addressed in Shasta County's Coordinated Human Transportation Plan include increasing connectivity of inter-regional services. Redding is a central hub for the Interstate 5 corridor. The Redding Area Bus Authority has a centralized transfer station which is utilized by Amtrak's Coast Starlight feeder bus service along the capital corridor. The facility is adjacent to Amtrak's rail terminal and within walking distance to the Greyhound bus terminal. Redding also operates a municipal airport with daily service to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Eureka/Arcata, and Portland.

ARRA funds will provide capital funding to purchase a transit vehicle for this service. However, the service will require operating assistance in order to sustain itself. TC's application is an ideal candidate for 5311f funds. The approval of TC's application will provide inter-regional connectivity along the State Route 299W corridor between Shasta and Humboldt counties.

Should questions arise concerning this matter, please contact Sue Crowe at 530-245-6826 or email slcrowe@co.shasta.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Sue Crowe for

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
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c: Polly Chapman, TC