

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	September 26, 2024
SUBJECT:	Hold Public Hearing and Approve Shasta 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
AGENDA ITEM:	10
STAFF CONTACT:	Keith Williams, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

SRTA is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years. The FTIP is a four-year program of transportation projects that have a federal funding component or are considered regionally significant. The DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP was presented to the SRTA Board of Directors at its June 2024 meeting (Attachment A: Document History). Staff received no comments or questions. Since the June board meeting, the following actions related to the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP took place: 1) Formal Amendment 7 and Administrative Modification 8 to the 2023 FTIP were incorporated, 2) a transportation performance management section was added, 3) financial summaries were added, and 4) minor communication documentation was integrated. The DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP was distributed to partner agencies and the public for review between July 30, 2024, and August 30, 2024. Staff is seeking the board of directors' approval of the Shasta 2025 FTIP (Attachment B), so it may be submitted in a timely manner to Caltrans, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Hold a public hearing on the Shasta 2025 FTIP;
2. Approve the Shasta 2025 FTIP, pursuant to Resolution Number 24-09 (Attachment C); and
3. Authorize the executive director to make revisions and administrative modifications to the Shasta 2025 FTIP in response to any approving agency comments.

DISCUSSION:

The Shasta FTIP is updated every two years and must be approved by SRTA – as the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization – for federal transportation funds to be released to projects in the region. These projects are largely already approved by partner agency councils and boards. SRTA is responsible for ensuring the FTIP is consistent with anticipated revenues and provides an opportunity for public and interagency review and comment. Additionally, per federal regulations, SRTA is required within both the FTIP and the Regional Transportation Plan to identify how the documents address federal transportation performance measures adopted by SRTA. Appendices F and J of the Shasta 2025 FTIP satisfy these requirements.

SRTA has little discretion to change FTIP project selection and priorities, as most are set by delivering agencies in accordance with federal and state funding requirements. Projects outlined in Appendix A of the Shasta 2025 FTIP does, however, include projects approved by the SRTA Board of Directors through

other planning or programming processes. Examples include the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project and some FTA funding.

The Shasta 2025 FTIP programs a total of \$462.1 million in funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2027/28. This includes over \$3 million in local funds, almost \$349 million in state funds, and just under \$90 million in federal funds. Table 1 of Appendix F to the 2025 FTIP shows revenue estimates sufficient for covering identified programming needs for the four-year period.

At the SRTA Board of Directors' June 2024 meeting, staff received no comments on the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP. Following the meeting, staff integrated documentation related to 2023 FTIP Amendment 7 and Administrative Modification 8, transportation performance, financial summaries, and communication with partners. The document was made available to partner agencies and the public for review and comments between July 30, 2024, and August 30, 2024. The updated DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP was emailed to the board during the public review period, on August 23, 2024. The Redding Area Bus Authority's (RABA's) FTA Section 5307 and 5339 Program of Projects is included in the Shasta 2025 FTIP under Appendix I and shares the FTIP comment period and publication process to satisfy federal requirements. Caltrans requested some backup documentation and the integration of new information related to SHOPP projects. Otherwise, no additional comments were received during the comment period. *///At the time of the TAC meeting, comments were still being reviewed and addressed.///*

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may continue the item and request additional information. However, this would prevent SRTA from meeting state and federal deadlines, require an additional special board meeting, and could delay federal funding for projects.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The FTIP is a product of extensive interagency consultation performed during development of the Regional Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and RABA's Capital Plan. *///The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on September 16, 2024, to review and discuss the Shasta 2025 FTIP. ///*

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Shasta 2025 FTIP programs \$462.1 million over a four-year period. The SRTA Board of Directors must approve the FTIP for agencies' projects to receive federal transportation funding.

Jennifer Pollom, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner

Attachments:

A: 2025 Shasta FTIP Document History

B: Shasta 2025 FTIP (May be requested at srta@srta.ca.gov or 530-262-6190 or viewed online at: https://srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9523/DRAFT-Shasta-2025--FTIP_07-26-24?bidId=

C: Resolution Number 24-09: Approve the Shasta 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Shasta 2025 FTIP Document History

June 20, 2024 – Shasta Board of Directors Review of the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP at the SRTA Board of Directors meeting. No comments or questions were received from the board of directors.

July 30, 2024 – DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP released for review by the public (on SRTA's website and via the Record Searchlight newspaper) and partner agencies (by email). Since the June 20, 2024, board of directors' meeting, this DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP released new project information following approval of Formal Amendment 7 and Administrative Modification 8 to the 2023 FTIP and integration of:

- A section on transportation performance management;
- Financial summaries; and
- Communication documentation.

August 23, 2024 – The DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP was emailed to Shasta Board of Directors for review.

August 30, 2024 – The 30-day public review period for the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP closed.

September 26, 2024 – Shasta Board of Directors considers the Shasta 2025 FTIP for approval.

RESOLUTION 24-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY APPROVING THE SHASTA 2025 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 no later than October 1, on even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the FTIP is a four-year program of projects prioritized in accordance with federal planning regulations, and addresses the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for certain types of transportation federal 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 2025 Shasta 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Directors of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency that the Shasta 2025 FTIP is found to be:

1. Consistent with metropolitan transportation planning regulations in 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450;
2. Consistent with the 2022 Shasta Regional Transportation Plan;
3. Financially constrained, with the financial summary affirming that funds are available;
4. Not requiring 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;
5. Including projects anticipated to support the achievement of federal transportation performance targets in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450; and
6. Prepared in accordance with SRTA's 2022 Participation and Partnership Plan (Title VI).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2024, by the Board of Directors of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Mark Mezzano, Chair

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

ATTEST:

Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency