

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	April 25, 2024
SUBJECT:	Adopt Resolution 24-01 Approving the 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan and Authorize the Executive Director to Make Technical Corrections
AGENDA ITEM:	11
STAFF CONTACT:	Keith Williams, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

On behalf of the Shasta Region, SRTA maintains a coordinated transportation plan to assist in making public transportation services in the region more efficient and ensure that projects are eligible for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grants. The updated plan's strategies are focused on promoting projects and actions addressing transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Receive a presentation from SRTA staff and SRTA's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Chair on the 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan;
2. Adopt Resolution 24-01, approving the 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan; and
3. Authorize the executive director to make any minor, technical corrections.

DISCUSSION:

The 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan is required by the federal transportation bill, known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). FTA requires that all Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities) grant projects be included in a locally-developed plan. The plan is typically updated every five years.

The updated plan was developed with assistance from LSC Transportation Consultants and AIM Consulting. Organizations comprising SRTA's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) and representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation providers, as well as non-transportation human service providers participated via interviews, a survey, and three community workshops. The plan's strategies were developed in response to the input received from participants and reflects the latest federal and state guidance.

The 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan will be used by SRTA for reviewing future FTA 5310 funding requests from eligible applicants, confirming projects are consistent with the plan, prior to forwarding applications to Caltrans for review and approval. The plan recommends that SRTA work closely with the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) and Dignity Health Connected Living (DHCL) on the consolidation of some services, improve transportation coordination in the region, and collaborate with each other to implement the plan's primary strategies:

1. Improve regional organization coordination;
2. Minimize duplication of operational and administrative functions;
3. Implement technological improvements;
4. Invest in infrastructure and capital improvements;
5. Improve access to transportation for people in need;
6. Maintain current level of transportation services; and
7. Expand outreach and regional education of services.

The 14-day public comment period for the plan was from January 23, 2024, to February 6, 2024. This item was presented to the SRTA Board of Directors at its February board meeting, and action related to this item was postponed to the April meeting, per the request of the board of directors, to allow board members more time to review. Staff recommends approval of the plan pursuant to Resolution 24-01 (Attachment B).

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may approve the final draft plan with modifications. If the plan is not approved, RABA, DHCL, and other regional partners will not be able to compete for FTA Section 5310 (and other program) funds. This may result in hundreds of thousands of competitive grant dollars not coming to the region to address important transportation needs for transit-dependent residents of the Shasta Region.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

RABA and DHCL staff, and SSTAC members participated in many workshops, reviewed the final draft plan, and provided feedback. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on February 15, 2024, to review and discuss the plan's recommendations and concurred with the staff recommendation. *The TAC met on April 11, 2024, to receive an update on the status to adopt the plan.*

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan. As strategies from the plan are carried out, efficiencies may be gained that could reduce costs for transportation providers and SRTA staff administration, as well as possibly reduce the expenditure of Local Transportation Funds for transit needs. Eligible agencies and organizations may submit projects consistent with the updated plan, for competitive FTA 5310 funding.

Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments:

A: Final Draft 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan (**hyperlinked**):

https://www.srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9244/SRTA-Coordinated-Plan_Draft-Final?bidId=

B: Resolution 24-01

RESOLUTION 24-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY APPROVING THE 2024 SHASTA COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN



WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as a condition of eligibility for federal transit Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities program Section 5310 funds, requires that all 5310 projects be derived from a locally-developed coordinated transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated transportation plan outlines strategies for funding and implementation, with an emphasis on the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) certifies that the 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan was developed with the participation of public, private, non-profit, transit and human-service providers, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the plan will be typically updated every five years in accordance with federal statute; and

WHEREAS, the plan was available for a fourteen-day public and interagency review period; and

WHEREAS, the plan may require minor technical corrections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency:

1. Approves and adopts the 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan; and
2. Authorizes the executive director to make minor, technical corrections to the document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the coordinated transportation plan was developed under the guidance of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and will be incorporated into the metropolitan and statewide planning process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 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