

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
North State Super Region Collaborative Platform		12/14/10	9

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the board:

1. Adopt the attached collaborative platform for the North State Super Region (Super Region); and
2. Authorize the executive director to sign letters of support consistent with this platform.

SUMMARY

It is desirable to respond quickly in support of issues of importance to the Super Region. Adoption of the platform will give the Shasta County RTPA executive director official direction to support Super Region issues.

DISCUSSION

The Super Region is a collaboration of sixteen RTPAs in the North State. The Shasta County RTPA board approved participation in the partnership July 27, 2010. Collaborative positions on issues of importance to the region require support by each RTPA. Normally Super Region support takes the form of letters issued by the chair, currently the executive director of the Shasta County RTPA. Adoption of the collaborative platform will provide a framework for Super Region comments and allow more timely responses by the Shasta County RTPA executive director while serving as chair. Similar platforms may be adopted by the other fifteen RTPAs.

All support letters must be endorsed by each of the sixteen RTPA executive directors. Letters of support related to this platform will be provided under the correspondence section of Shasta County RTPA agendas.

ALTERNATIVES

The board could choose not to adopt the proposed collaborative platform and give the executive director, along with other North State Super Region directors, full discretion to determine appropriate comments.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

This action involves fifteen other RTPAs within the Super Region. The Technical Advisory Committee concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING

There are no costs associated with the adoption of the collaborative platform.



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Attachment: North State Super Region Collaborative Platform

North State Super Region Collaborative Platform

1. Support efforts to implement legislation that provides funding for projects in the North State Super Region.
2. Support efforts that maintain or increase funding available for transportation projects in the Super Region, including interregional roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
3. Support ongoing efforts to protect and enhance federal funding as authorized by the current federal transportation act, and ensure that the federal government provides a fair share return of funding to California.
4. Support efforts that allocate a fair share of state and federal funding for transportation projects in the Super Region which target, at a minimum, a 100% return to source.
5. Support state policies that assure timely allocation of transportation revenue, including allocations of new funds available to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process as soon as they are available.
6. Support efforts to assure a dedicated source of funding, other than the State Highway Account, for local streets and roads maintenance and repairs.
7. Support efforts that allocate funding for transportation projects in the Super Region based on stable and sustained revenue sources.
8. Support more comprehensive planning at the regional level that is coordinated with other planning efforts, such as land use, economic development, air quality, water, and natural resources.
9. Support amendments to CEQA to minimize environmental review requirements for infill projects which implement regional plans for which there has been comprehensive environmental analysis.
10. Support efforts to enhance project delivery, such as simultaneous environmental reports and engineering studies.
11. Support efforts to encourage the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to expedite federal review and reduce delays in payments to local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way, and construction activities.
12. Support appointment of representatives within the Super Region on statewide boards, commissions and associations.