

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	12/19/11
SUBJECT:	Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM:	4-8
STAFF CONTACT:	Janie Coffman

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Little', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

- Attachments:**
- 1) August 4, 2010, Letter from Shasta County RTPA re: State and Federal Grant Opportunities
 - 2) December 6, 2011, Letter from Shasta County RTPA re: Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM), Palo Cedro Community Park Project
 - 3) October 20, 2011, Letter from the North State Super Region re: Interchange Improvements at I-5 and Deschutes Road



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

August 4, 2010

RMS 010024

To: City and County Planning and Public Works Directors

Subject: State and Federal Grant Opportunities

As you know, there have been several competitive state and federal grant opportunities for capital and planning projects. This letter is a reminder that the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) is willing to assist local agencies in efforts to obtain these grants. This includes application support, letters of support, and RTPA sponsorship.

Capital funding opportunities include another round of federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants, state Proposition 1B State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) grants, and Environmental Enhancement Mitigation (EEM) grants. All these grants are extremely competitive; innovative projects and project partnerships will have the upper hand. These grants also require or encourage substantial local match funds and an ability to deliver a project within the next year or two.

With recent funding of the South Redding Six Lane Project on Interstate 5, the RTPA will not be individually applying for further funds in these programs. We are currently assisting the City of Anderson with a SLPP and CMIA grant for Deschutes Road Interchange improvements and future Interstate 5 mainline funding. The City of Redding is applying for a TIGER grant for the Oasis Road Interchange, which will be supported by the RTPA. We will also continue to assist Redding with EEM grants for Sacramento River Trail improvements.

Planning grant opportunities are now centered around sustainable community strategies (Senate Bill 375) and a related new federal emphasis in "livable communities." Funds are immediately available through the TIGER program and state Proposition 84 programs.

The RTPA will be applying under both programs to support SB 375 activities. Local agencies are also eligible for these programs and the RTPA is assisting the City of Redding with a Proposition 84 grant complimentary to the RTPA's SB 375 efforts.

We are not aware of any other city or county efforts. If you are considering any of these upcoming grant opportunities, please give me call to discuss how we can assist.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta County Regional Transportation
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December 6, 2011

RMS 010024

Ms. Linda Smith
Grants Administrator
State of California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM)
Palo Cedro Community Park Project

Dear Ms. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to support the above project which proposes to construct pedestrian and Class II bicycle facilities, and plant trees along Cedro Lane and Old Highway 44 in Palo Cedro, California.

Located adjacent to the Deschutes Road interchange at State Route 44, this area is a transportation hub for several schools, stores and other businesses in the area.

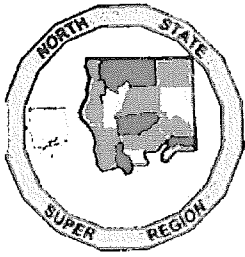
Overall, the primary goal of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is met by this project in creating a transportation environment that encourages non-motorized alternatives. This project encourages alternatives to traveling by vehicle, thereby improving congestion, air quality and safety. Non-motorized alternatives are promoted heavily in the RTP, and this project fits in the network of recent similar projects including: Dana to Downtown, East Redding bike lanes, and Deschutes Road bike lanes.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jan Bulinski at (530) 245-6821 or jbulinski@co.shasta.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
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October 20, 2011

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United States Department of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Subject: 16-County Support for Interchange Improvements at I-5 and Deschutes Road in Shasta County, California

Dear Department of Transportation:

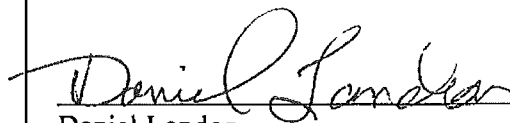
The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency and the City of Anderson have partnered for a TIGER 3 National Infrastructure Investments project on Interstate 5 at the Deschutes Road Interchange.

The Deschutes Road Interchange serves a major interregional retail and industrial center. The interchange was built at the same time as Interstate 5 but lacks a northbound off-ramp. This lack of access is a major impediment to further development and redevelopment of prime industrial land that would aid this economically distressed community. This \$7.285 million project would construct the northbound off-ramp and a modern roundabout at Deschutes Road. The City of Anderson is ready to begin construction next spring.

The North State Super Region (NSSR) has reviewed TIGER 3 projects submitted by its regional agency members and this is one of several applications being supported by the NSSR. The endorsement of this regional agency application is in no way intended to diminish other TIGER 3 applications that may be submitted by agencies within the NSSR area.

The NSSR represents all 16 regions north of the San Francisco and Sacramento regions, comprising 26% of California's land area and 37% of its state and federal roads. The primary focus of the NSSR is to support economic development, access, and efficient goods movement through strategic transportation network investments. The Deschutes Road Interchange will help the NSSR meet these goals and promote geographic equity. We urge the Department of Transportation to recognize the collaborative efforts of the NSSR and select this project for funding.

Sincerely,


Daniel Landon
Chair, North State Super Region