

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	June 20, 2024
SUBJECT:	Review and Comment on the DRAFT Shasta 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program
AGENDA ITEM:	12
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SUMMARY:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (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 is being prepared for public review this summer with approval at the September SRTA meeting. Staff is seeking comments from the board of directors following their review of the initial draft.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Review and comment on the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP; and
2. Authorize the executive director to prepare the DRAFT Shasta FTIP for a 30-day public review period and make revisions and administrative modifications to the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP in response to public and agency comments before submitting to Caltrans for review by August 2024.

DISCUSSION:

The Shasta FTIP is updated every two years and must be approved by SRTA, as the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, in order 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 that the FTIP is consistent with anticipated revenues and must provide 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 DRAFT 2025 FTIP (Attachment A) satisfy these requirements and will be integrated following federal approval of Amendment 7 to the 2023 FTIP (Attachment B), anticipated for later this month.

SRTA has little discretion to change FTIP project selection and priorities, as most are set by the delivering agencies in accordance with federal and state funding requirements. Projects outlined in Appendix A of the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP will, however, include ones approved by the SRTA Board of Directors through other planning or programming processes. Examples include the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project and some Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, which will be integrated following federal approval of Amendment 7 to SRTA's 2023 FTIP.

Following federal approval of Amendment 7 to SRTA's 2023 FTIP, the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP is anticipated to program a total of \$459.1 million in funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2027/28. This

includes over \$49 million in local funds, almost \$304 million in state funds, and just under \$96 million in federal funds. Table 1 of Appendix F to the 2025 FTIP will show revenue estimates sufficient for covering identified programming needs for the four-year period following federal approval of Amendment 7 to SRTA's 2023 FTIP later this month.

The DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP will be released in July 2024 to interested agencies and the public for a 30-day comment period. The Redding Area Bus Authority's (RABA's) FTA Section 5307 and 5339 Program of Projects is included in the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP under Appendix I and shares the FTIP comment period and publication process to satisfy federal requirements. Comments during the review period will be included in the draft document before submitting to Caltrans. Caltrans will review and provide feedback on the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP in August before the final DRAFT 2025 FTIP is presented to the SRTA Board of Directors for approval at the special board meeting in September.

ALTERNATIVES:

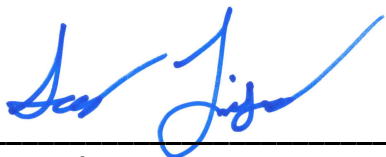
The board of directors may continue the item and request additional information following federal approval of Amendment 7 to the 2023 FTIP anticipated later this month. However, this would require an additional special board meeting before the public review period starting between late June and early August, potentially delaying the September special board meeting and 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 June 5, 2024, to receive an update on the DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP programs \$459.1 million over a four-year period. The SRTA Board of Directors must approve the FTIP for agencies' projects to receive federal transportation funding.



Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments:

A: DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP (May be viewed online at):

[https://srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9498/DRAFT Shasta 2025 FTIP?bidId=](https://srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9498/DRAFT_Shasta_2025_FTIP?bidId=)

B: Amendment 7 to the 2023 FTIP (May be viewed online at

[https://srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9483/FINAL Shasta 2023 FTIP Forma Amendment No7 6-6-2024?bidId=](https://srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9483/FINAL_Shasta_2023_FTIP_Forma_Amendment_No7_6-6-2024?bidId=)

**Note for Attachments A and B – Due to document size, allow extra time for download. A hard copy of either document is available upon request. Submit either: email request for hard copy to SRTA at srta@srta.ca.gov; or call 530-262-6190.*