

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	February 29, 2024
SUBJECT:	Approve 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan
AGENDA ITEM:	16
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) 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 adopt Resolution No. 24-01, approving the 2024 *Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan*.

DISCUSSION:

The 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan is required by the federal transportation bill, known as 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 changes in federal and state guidelines since the last update.

The 2024 *Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan* will be used by SRTA for reviewing FTA 5310 funding applications. 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 residents in need;
- 6) Maintain current level of transportation services; and
- 7) Expand outreach and regional education of services

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The 14-day public comment period for the plan was from January 23, 2024, to February 6, 2024. 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 more significant changes are requested, the plan may be considered for approval at the April 2024 board meeting.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

RABA, DHCL, and SSTAC 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 to vote on the matter. ///*

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 potentially costs associated with SRTA staff time. 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](#)

B: Resolution 24-01