

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	June 22, 2023
SUBJECT:	Funding Workshop: Presentation and Discussion Regarding Transportation Funding – No Action will be taken
AGENDA ITEM:	4
STAFF CONTACT:	Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors receive a presentation regarding federal transportation funding available to the Shasta region.

DISCUSSION:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) serves as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) for the Shasta County region. SRTA's mission statement is to "Maximize state, federal, and other revenues sources for cost-effective transportation investment strategies that connect communities, people, and goods." This is carried out by studying the region's transportation needs, working with regional partners to determine what improvements are needed over the next 5-20 years, and working with or supporting regional partners in pursuing all potentially eligible funding sources.

Federal transportation funds are made available to states, regions, and local government and public transit agencies through both formulaic and competitive programs under the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). The Highway Trust Fund is financed from the federal excise taxes collected on gas and diesel fuel – 18.4¢ per gallon of gasoline and 24.4¢ per gallon of diesel fuel. These federal excise taxes have not changed in 30 years – since 1993.

Approximately 85 percent of the HTF is allocated to the Highway Account which provides funding for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and other surface transportation projects. The remaining 15 percent goes to the Mass Transit Account, which funds public transit services and projects.

Staff's presentation will focus on the various formula and competitive federal transportation programs available. A future workshop will focus on state transportation funding.

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Jessica Carlson, Chief Fiscal Officer