



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2020
SUBJECT: Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM: 5-5
STAFF CONTACT: Amy Lindsey, Administrative Associate

Attached and summarized below is correspondence determined to be of interest to the board of directors.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	To	Subject
5/13/20	The Honorable Senator Beall, Senate Transportation Committee, State Capitol Building	Letter of Support for SB 1291 (Committee on Transportation) Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
5/15/20	Caltrans District 2, Associate Planner Aaron Casas, Regional and Community Planning	Letter of request for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant deadline extension for Sustainable Shasta: A Walk and Bike Network for Downtown.
5/20/20	Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Programming, SRTA FTIP Liaison, Abhijit Bagde	Letter of formal amendment No. 10 to the Shasta 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)


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Attachment: SRTA Correspondence Letters



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May 13, 2020

The Honorable Senator Beall
Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol Building

Re: **SUPPORT** for SB 1291 (Committee on Transportation) Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program: submissions.

Dear Senator Beall:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency supports Senate Bill (SB) 1291, which would provide much needed flexibility to regional agencies that would otherwise develop the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) under the federal SAFE Vehicles Rule (Part 2) implementation uncertainties.

Our support is based on the bill only temporarily suspending a more stringent state requirement of a new FSTIP every two years. The underlying federal requirement of a new FSTIP every four years remains in place.

Two factors drive this need. First, there is a significant amount of uncertainty related to the implementation of the SAFE Vehicles Rule. Part 2 of the rule was just unveiled at the end of March and will likely be effective sometime in June. The changes in fuel efficiencies create unknowns related to modeling factors needed to make air conformity determinations. If statewide conformity cannot be determined, billions in transportation projects—including rail and transit projects—will be at risk as soon as October.

Second, the FSTIP process requires a tremendous amount of work and coordination with local jurisdictions. To obtain the needed approvals by September, much of the work in many regions begins in January, or sooner. For the larger regional agencies, that require air quality conformity determinations for their metropolitan areas, the regular timeline is untenable given the current date.

Thank you for gaining the support of the Senate Committee on Transportation to author this important bill, given the significant consequences to the state if an FSTIP is not completed by October 1. Please do contact me if you have any additional questions at 530-262-6192 or dlittle@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Little".

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (MPO)

Cc: SRTA Board of Directors
Caltrans, HQ Federal Programming Group



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I'm writing to request a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant deadline extension for Sustainable Shasta: A Walk and Bike Network for Downtown. The 2018 Carr Fire set the Shasta region back many months and just as we had regained full momentum, the Novel Corona Virus Covid-19 broke out. We were preparing to enter the final phase of our outreach efforts for this project when everyone was ordered to stay home.

The California Transportation Commission acknowledged the challenge Covid-19 is placing on agencies by postponing the Active Transportation Program (ATP) deadline to September 15. Sustainable Shasta is tied to the ATP as this grant helps local agencies in the Shasta region prepare public outreach materials, project drawings, and cost estimates, so their ATP projects may compete better. In order to complete our outreach process, flesh out application materials, and allow for unpredictable Novel Corona Virus Covid-19 developments later this year, we are requesting a deadline extension through February 1, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2020

Mr. Muhaned Aljabiry
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Division of Transportation Programming, MS 82
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Attention: Abhijit Bagde, SRTA FTIP Liaison

Subject: Formal Amendment No. 10 to the Shasta 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

With the delegation authority provided to me by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) Board of Directors per attached SRTA Resolution #13-14, dated December 10, 2013, I hereby approve Formal Amendment No. 10 to the Shasta 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for forwarding to Caltrans for review and recommendation of approval to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The amendment is consistent with metropolitan transportation planning regulations per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450. As amended, the 2019 FTIP is financially constrained, and the attached financial summary confirms that funding is available. Additionally, the amendment is consistent with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. Shasta County is in conformance with federal air quality standards.

The amendment notification process complied with SRTA's adopted 2019 Participation and Partnership Plan (Title VI). The public and interagency review period ran from May 4 through May 18, 2020, meeting the requisite 14-day review period.

This amendment updates the following:

- **Grouped Projects for Transit Operations (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0057)** – Updates this grouped project listing to add \$500,000 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds to each of Fiscal Years (FYs) 2020/21 and 2021/22. Also adjusts local funds for FYs 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22.

- **RABA Passenger Loading Facilities (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0058)** – Switches out \$120,000 of match funds in FY 2019/20 from Local Transportation Funds (LTF) to Proposition 1B funds within this Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) listing.
- **RABA Capital Vehicles (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0059)** – Amendment decreases the investment in RABA revenue vehicles originally using primarily FTA Section 5307, LTF, and FTA 5339 funds. Some Proposition 1B funds assist in backfilling some of the fund adjustment.
- **RABA Transit Capital (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0060)** – Adds some additional FTA 5307 funds for purchase of non-revenue vehicles and miscellaneous capital equipment. Eliminates LTF funding and uses Proposition 1B as matching funds.
- **Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction – HBP (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0083)** – Revises programming to the March 31, 2020 most recent update from the Caltrans Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Headquarters office. The amendment provides an almost \$1.7 million increase of federal funds in FY 2019/20, but decreases FYs 2020/21 and 2021/22 funds just over \$1.7 million in the subsequent FTIP years.
- **Social Services Transit (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0122)** – Programs FTA Section 5310 funds of \$153,400 that were awarded in FY 2019/20 for the purchase of two vehicle shuttles for Dignity Health Connected Living, the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency provider for the Shasta region.
- **Downtown to Turtle Bay Non-Motorized Improvements (CTIPS ID No. 111-0000-0268)** – City of Redding local funds for this project were moved from FY 2020/21 to FY 2022/23, as the city investigates various potential alignments for the project, as well as potential future funding sources.
- **Fix 5 Cascade Gateway (CTIPS ID No. 111-0000-0269)** – This project was previously known as the Interstate 5 North Redding Six-Lane Project. The project purpose has been revised from a lane widening in each direction to adding changeable/moveable lanes to enhance freight and traveler operation and safety. As additional Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds were added to this project outside the active programming years of the 2019 FTIP, the prior and new programming pages in this amendment are added for information only.
- **Cottonwood Lasso Bicycle/Pedestrian Project (CTIPS ID No. 111-0000-0281)** – RIP funds were approved and programmed to this proposed project, however for FY 2022/23. Since this programming year is outside the 2019 FTIP active years, the new programming page for this project is included for information only.

With this transmittal, Shasta 2019 FTIP Formal Amendment No. 10 is being provided directly to Caltrans. An electronic copy will be transmitted by email to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA. The approved amendment is posted to the SRTA website at <http://www.srta.ca.gov>. Please recommend this formal amendment for federal approval.

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For questions, please do not hesitate to contact Senior Transportation Planner Kathy Urlie at (530) 262-6194, or kurlie@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: SRTA Resolution Number 13-14 – Delegation Authority for Formal FTIP Amendments
Redding Area Bus Authority Program of Projects for FTA Sections 5307 and 5339
Summary of Changes Table
Financial Tables (Tables 1-3)
Amended and Original Programming Pages for FTIP Projects
Grouped Project Listing Tables for Transit Operations and Highway Bridge Program

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