

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE: August 31, 2023
SUBJECT: Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM: 7-3
STAFF CONTACT: Amy Lindsey, Administrative Associate

DISCUSSION:

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

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Subject
8/4/23	California Air Resources Board, Compliance Assistance and Outreach Branch, Branch Chief, Annmarie Rodgers	Letter confirming SRTA's Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan meets ICT regulation requirements.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	To	Subject
6/30/23	Whom it May Concern	Letter of support to the proposed feasibility assessment of Dignity Health Connected Living's Resilience Hub application through PG&E's Better Together Giving Program.
7/21/23	Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, The Honorable Pete Buttigieg	Letter of support of the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Pit River Bridge (Project) application for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2023-24 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program.
8/9/23	Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition, Mr. Tim Taylor	Letter of support for Sacramento Clean Cities in its proposal to DE-FOA-0002893, Area of Interest 14.

Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment: SRTA Correspondence Letters



Gavin Newsom, Governor
Yana Garcia, CalEPA Secretary
Liane M. Randolph, Chair

August 4, 2023

Mr. Sean Tiedgen
Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, California 96001
stiedgen@srta.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Tiedgen:

Thank you for submitting the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan (Rollout Plan) as required by the Innovative Clean Transit regulation (California Code Regulations (CCR) Title 13 § 2023.1(d)) on June 26, 2023. Staff reviewed the Rollout Plan and concluded that:

- (1) The Rollout Plan is complete and meets the requirements of CCR Title 13 § 2023.1(d)(1)(A)-(H)
- (2) A copy of Resolution 23-07 is provided to show the Rollout Plan is approved and adopted by your Board

I am pleased to inform you that the Rollout Plan has met the regulation's requirements. On behalf of my team, I wish you successful implementation of this plan and appreciate your leadership in protecting local community health through adoption of zero-emissions technologies.

If you have any questions regarding the Innovative Clean Transit regulation, please contact Dr. Yachun Chow, Manager of the Zero Emission Truck and Bus Section, at Yachun.Chow@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Rodgers

Annmarie Rodgers, Branch Chief, Compliance Assistance and Outreach Branch

cc: Yachun Chow, Ph.D., Manager, Zero Emission Truck and Bus Section



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June 30, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: Dignity Health Connected Living Resilience Hub

I am pleased to submit this letter of support to the proposed feasibility assessment of Dignity Health Connected Living's Resilience Hub application through PG&E's Better Together Giving Program.

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) for the Shasta Region. In 2022, SRTA completed the ResilientShasta Extreme Climate Event Mobility and Adaptation Plan which evaluated the vulnerability of the region's transportation systems to climate and extreme weather events and developed an adaptation plan based upon the results. The vulnerability assessment identified that the region's most significant threats are wildfires, heatwaves, extreme precipitation, and flooding all of which are anticipated to increase in frequency and severity.

Although SRTA's primary focus is transportation mobility, we support Connected Living's application for an assessment as a resilience hub. Connected Living provides transportation to seniors, disabled, and low-income individuals throughout rural areas of Shasta County. In our rural areas these groups of individuals have the greatest challenges in having access to reliable transportation to transport them to the facility for food bank and resilience services. Connected Living's participants are often the most vulnerable to climate and extreme weather events.

SRTA and Connected Living have had a successful partnership for over 20 years. Connected Living is our contracted provider of Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) services for the Shasta Region, through our ShastaConnect branded transportation services. We are proud to continue our partnership in the vital work of improving transportation mobility for the Shasta Region, especially for those who are most vulnerable, and we encourage you to award funding to Connected Living's application.

Respectfully,

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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

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July 21, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Pit River Bridge (Project) application for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2023 – 2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program. Caltrans and USBR are requesting \$130 million in grant funding for the environmental phase of the Project.

The Project proposes replacement or rehabilitation and widening of the existing bridge to meet all modes of transportation. The bridge stands as the highest combination highway/railroad bridge in the world and is the only federally owned interstate freeway bridge in the United States. Originally built by USBR in 1941 as a two-lane bridge, the Project crosses Shasta Lake, 12 miles north of Redding, in Shasta County and currently supports four lanes of Interstate 5 (I-5) traffic, Union Pacific's railroad operations, and Amtrak's Coast Starlight passenger line from Los Angeles to Seattle. I-5 is the only north-south Interstate freeway in Northern California, facilitating critical goods movement along the Western United States connecting Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington, and Canada. Additionally, interregional public transportation travels along this corridor, daily crossing the Pit River Bridge.

This Project will address Pit River Bridge's complex operational, maintenance, safety, and structural needs; help meet federal performance measure goals; and provide reliable access to the national transportation network for individuals in rural areas, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and areas impacted by extreme weather events including wildfires, landslides, and snow. This Project will provide an equitable safeguard against the risk of significant economic, transportation, and safety disruptions in the future.

Federal funding for the environmental phase of this Project is critical to moving forward and ensuring a safe facility that addresses all modes of transportation will stand for years to come. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at our office at (530) 262-6190 or by email at stiedgen@srta.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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August 9, 2023

Tim Taylor
Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition
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RE: Letter of Support - Proposal # 2893-1756

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is pleased to support Sacramento Clean Cities in its proposal to DE-FOA-0002893, Area of Interest 14. The proposed project, *ZEV Fleet Academy* will help fleets in rural and remote areas in Northern California evaluate their fleets, learn about options for battery and fuel cell electric vehicles and charging/fueling infrastructure, and create actionable transition plans that emphasize the energy and environmental benefits to priority communities, which includes small businesses and nonprofits. It will help underserved communities in meeting California's Advanced Clean Fleet regulation, engage with their utility about charging infrastructure and/or produce hydrogen, and find incentive funding to increase equitable access to clean transportation.

SRTA, as an island Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in California's North State serving the Shasta County region, studies the region's transportation needs, pursues all potential funding sources, and determines what improvements will be made based on local values and priorities through our seven-member board of directors; which is made up of city and county elected officials. SRTA worked with our local transit providers to complete their Innovative Clean Transit rollout plans, assisted the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) in their first electric bus grant application and procurement, and is in early development for an intercity bus hydrogen refueling station and fuel cell electric motorcoach procurement for future intercity bus service. SRTA is interested in participating in the *ZEV Fleet Academy* and will share project information widely with our partners and regional contacts. Staff can assist with outreach in the region, connecting with local workforce development organizations, and could assist with identifying potential venues for an in-person event.

On behalf of SRTA, I look forward to helping the *ZEV Fleet Academy* project deliver direct information, technical assistance, and coaching to fleets and other appropriate stakeholders in rural California communities, including Shasta County.

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