

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.
8/14/23	California Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Planning, Office of Regional & Community Planning, Chief, Erin Thompson	Letter of award for FY 2023-24 SB1 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Sustainable Communities Formula Grant Funds

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	Letters 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. • Shasta Regional Transportation Agency • Butte County Association of Governments • North State Super Region • California State Senate, Senator Brian Dahle and Assemblywoman Megan Dahle
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.

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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director
Attachment: SRTA Correspondence Letters

August 4, 2023

Mr. Sean Tiedgen
Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
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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

California Department of Transportation

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August 14, 2023

Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Directors:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation Planning has reviewed all requests for the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Sustainable Communities Formula Grants. Based on this review, and in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Grant Application Guide (attached), final grant allocations are as follows:

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Sustainable Communities Formula Grants

SB 1 - Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account

MPO	FY 2023-24 Formula Grant Allocation
Tahoe Regional Transportation Planning Agency	\$163,750
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency	\$166,250
Madera County Transportation Commission	\$168,750
Butte County Association of Governments	\$178,750
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	\$198,750
Merced County Association of Governments	\$206,250
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	\$228,750
Tulare County Association of Governments	\$257,500
Stanislaus Council of Governments	\$298,750
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments	\$320,000
San Joaquin Council of Governments	\$357,500
Kern Council of Governments	\$391,250
Fresno Council of Governments	\$421,250
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	\$791,250
San Diego Association of Governments	\$1,042,500
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	\$2,030,000
Southern California Association of Governments	\$5,278,750
Total	\$12,500,000
Grant Expiration Date	Final Invoice Due Date
06/30/26	08/29/26

Grant work is reimbursable effective July 1, 2023, after the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program Agreement (OWP/OWPA), which includes the SB 1 MPO Sustainable Communities Formula grant and local match, is signed and approved by the Caltrans Deputy District Director of Planning. The full grant and local match amounts shall be programmed in the OWP/OWPA within 90-days of receiving the signed FY 2022-23 reconciliation letter.

As a reminder, Caltrans approval is required when making any scope of work or budget changes to the Sustainable Communities Formula grant activities that were submitted as part of the grant application process through the development of the OWP.

Please contact the appropriate Caltrans District Planning contact, listed below, with any questions concerning these grant funds.

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Sincerely,



ERIN THOMPSON
Chief, Office of Regional and Community Planning

Attachment
FY 2023-24 Grant Application Guide

- c: Finance Directors, Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Planning Directors, Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Regional Planning Seniors, Caltrans Districts
- Regional Planning Liaisons, Caltrans Districts



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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

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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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)



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July 24, 2023

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

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, and regional transit operator for Butte Regional Transit (B-Line). As a public transportation agency, we are charged with addressing our transportation system with a performance-based approach in the scope of the statewide and federal metropolitan planning process.

The cornerstone of the federal highway program transformation is the transition to a performance and outcome-based program. MAP-21/FAST Act integrate performance into many federal transportation programs and contains several performance elements. States and MPOs will invest resources in projects to achieve individual targets that collectively will make progress toward **national goals**. Furthermore, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is required to set and report on progress towards four sets of performance management targets.

- Safety Performance Management (PM1): Fatalities and Injuries
- Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Management (PM2): Infrastructure
- Condition
- System Performance Management (PM3): Freight movement, congestion, and reliability
- Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTSAP):
- State of good repair and safety for transit

It is in this context that I 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. This project clearly addresses each Performance Measure.

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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.

The north state of California looks forward to a favorable response from the US DOT. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Programming Director
Butte County Association of Governments



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July 26, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Subject: MPDG California Department of Transportation's and the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Pit River Bridge Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to submit this letter on behalf of the North State Super Region 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.

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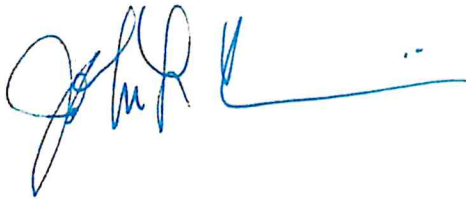
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The NSSR is comprised of California's 16 northern counties. Like many parts of America, the NSSR represents rural California where infrastructure investment is hard to come by. An investment in this project will demonstrate the administration's commitment to investing in rural America.

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 530.919.9739.

Sincerely,

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John Clerici, Executive Secretary
Lassen County Transportation Commission
Chair, North State Super Region

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July 28, 2023

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

Re: Pit River Bridge Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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

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Sincerely,


BRIAN DAHLE
Senator, 1st District


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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

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.

Respectfully,

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Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)