

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	June 22, 2023
SUBJECT:	Approve Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Project List
AGENDA ITEM:	7-7
STAFF CONTACT:	Keith Williams, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

Staff solicited project nominations from local agency partners for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) exchange funds. The recommended projects are provided in the attachment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Approve FY 2022/23 RSTP exchange funds for local agency projects pursuant to the attachment; and
2. Authorize the executive director to execute RSTP exchange sub-recipient cooperative agreement amendments with each local agency partner to receive RSTP exchange funds.

DISCUSSION:

SRTA receives federal RSTP apportionments that may be used for a variety of highway, bridge, transit, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects. It is SRTA's longstanding practice to exchange all of its federal RSTP funds for state exchange funds. Federal RSTP funds are allocated to the region through Caltrans, with whom SRTA enters into an agreement to exchange the funds for State-Only funds, eliminating the need for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and other federal requirements, thereby reducing local agency partners' administrative burdens and potential projects' costs.

SRTA receives approximately \$1.8 – \$2.4 million annually, which SRTA distributes to the county of Shasta and the cities of Anderson, Redding, and Shasta Lake based on population. The county of Shasta also directly receives an additional \$672,168 in RSTP funds annually from the state that is not passed through SRTA. Partners receive a Notice to Proceed (NTP) upon board of directors' approval of the project list. They have three years from the NTP date to invoice SRTA for reimbursement of exchange funds. By policy, RSTP funds are held in a separate SRTA bank account until requests for eligible costs incurred on approved projects are received. SRTA has signed an agreement with Caltrans for a \$2,409,442 allocation of FY 2022/23 RSTP exchange funds.

Per SRTA's RSTP policies, staff recommends the FY 2022/23 RSTP exchange funds be distributed as follows:

Jurisdiction	FY 2022/23 Formula RSTP ¹
SRTA (Regional STIP Funds) ²	\$15,000
Anderson ²	\$174,376
Redding	\$1,587,982
Shasta Lake	\$175,465
Shasta County ³	\$456,619
Total	\$2,409,442

At its April 2018 meeting, the board of directors revised SRTA's RSTP policies to include an annual project nomination process. Once the board of directors approves projects for RSTP use, local jurisdictions enter into sub-recipient cooperative agreements with SRTA for using and requesting reimbursement for the funds. In response to concern about timely use of funds, the SRTA Board of Directors revised the policies at the February 2022 meeting to address funds not requested for reimbursement on eligible projects within the required three-year performance period.

From May 25, 2023, through June 9, 2023, SRTA staff solicited project nominations for FY 2022/23 RSTP exchange funding. The attachment summarizes the submissions received from all four local agencies. >>>All submitted projects are eligible for RSTP exchange funding and SRTA staff recommends approval<<<.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may alter staff recommendations, local projects, and amounts. Alternatively, the board of directors may allocate funds for any eligible purpose, outside the formula allocation process, per SRTA policy.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Local agency partners nominated the RSTP exchange projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RSTP funds are provided back to the region via the federal excise tax on gasoline. The recommended action distributes SRTA's FY 2022/23 RSTP exchange funds for local agency projects as provided in the attachment.

Jessica Carlson, Chief Fiscal Officer

Attachment: Shasta Nominations – FY 2022/23 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Funds – Projects Recommended for Programming (*Not available for TAC*)

¹ City/County funds allocated by population based on 1-1-2023 Dept. of Finance population estimates, released 5-1-2023. Annual allocation updated based on Caltrans FY 2022-23 exchange agreement apportionment agreement, 05-02-2023.

² Anderson target reduced by \$15,000 for 5th annual installment to SRTA for 12-year payback for loss of STIP funds due to Anderson undermatch to RASL project. SRTA amount reflects \$15,000 allocation towards STIP funds due to undermatch.

³ Does not include the amount (\$672,168) the county exchanges each year directly with the state.