

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Response to Questions on
Request for Proposals (RFP) to perform the following:

- Supplemental EIR for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan
- Assess the performance potential of Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) strategies
- Support SRTA in the preparation of SCS submittal documentation to the California Air Resources Board (ARB)

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Q1: Due to many recent changes under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) even a basic update to a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) requires quite a bit of work. Would SRTA consider proposals higher than the estimated budget.

A1: SRTA will consider all proposals that are responsive to the RFP, including those that propose a higher budget. SRTA understands that the level of work requested this time around is greater than the previous effort. As stated in the 'Contract Amount and Award' section of the RFP (page 11), both the initial and maximum project budget are estimates only and are not reflective of what the final contract budget will be. Additionally, "consultant selection will be based on a combination of funding availability and the value of the services to be provided."

Q2: If SRTA knows that a Supplemental EIR is needed, is an Initial Study necessary?

A2: SRTA based the RFP scope on the prior effort. Sections 15060 and 15063 of CEQA state that if "an EIR will clearly be required for the project, an Initial Study is not required but may still be desirable." Since few changes are anticipated between the 2018 and 2022 Regional Transportation Plans, including the environmental impacts under CEQA, SRTA is open to removing the Initial Study component of Task 2. However, SRTA will rely on consultant to advise on all environmental effects that may potentially be significant and ensure adequate information is included in the Notice of Preparation and Supplemental EIR. SRTA requests consultants advise in their proposal to the RFP on how best they think SRTA should proceed.