

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	October 13, 2015
SUBJECT:	Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM:	5-5
STAFF CONTACT:	Janie Coffman, Executive Assistant

Attached is correspondence determined to be of interest to the board of directors:

- July 7, 2015, letter from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding award of 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Grant
- July 28, 2015, letter from SRTA to Caltrans District 2 supporting the City of Redding's Highway Safety Improvement Program Application for Hartnell Avenue Safety Improvement Project
- July 31, 2015, letter from SRTA to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding Formal Amendment No. 4 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- August 3, 2015, letter from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration regarding Formal Amendment No. 4 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- August 4, 2015, letter from SRTA to California Energy Commission regarding the North Coast and Upstate Hydrogen Vehicle Planning Project
- August 17, 2015, letter from Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration regarding Formal Amendment No. 4 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- September 14, 2015, letter from SRTA to US Environmental Protection Agency regarding Shasta Incubator Farm Training (SIFT)
- September 16, 2015, letter from SRTA to California Air Resources Board regarding the adopted 2015 Regional Transportation Plan with Sustainable Communities Strategy
- September 17, 2015, letter from SRTA to Caltrans office of multimodal system planning in regard to the draft 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan

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July 7, 2015

Ms. Jennifer Pollom
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
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Redding, CA 96001

Dear Ms. Pollom:

Thank you for your application for the 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Grant for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016. As an applicant for this discretionary grant program, your application was reviewed and scored by a broad-based independent selection committee. The five members of the Committee consisted of members from transportation agencies, non-transit providers, and California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) staff.

In this year's grant application cycle, the Committee met in Sacramento on June 17, 2015 to review, discuss and score the applications. They reviewed a total of 26 applications which had requested a total of **\$5.8 million** dollars in federal funding, and approved **23 of the 26** applicants for funding.

Project applications were reviewed and scored using the project evaluation criteria that was included in the application forms and guidelines. This letter is to inform you that the following project has been approved for funding.

Approved Project Description	Tentative Amount Awarded	Conditions or Comments
Capital Assistance (Planning): Feasibility Study	\$30,000.00	Full Funding

Where conditional funding applies, you must meet the required conditions for funding by **Friday, July 31, 2015**. Failure to meet the deadline will result to withdrawal of funds from the project. The requested additional information on conditional projects should be sent to Ronaldo Hu at California Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 942874, MS 39, in Sacramento CA 94274-0001.

Ms. Jennifer Pollom

July 7, 2015

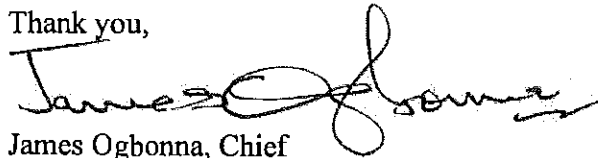
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In order to ensure your agency receives the awarded amount we ask that you make sure you are compliant with all FTA rules and regulations (ex. Title VI, Drug and Alcohol Policies, etc.).

Additionally, all project funds awarded must be programmed in the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prior to submittal of the awarded projects to the FTA for grant approval. Please work with your MPOs to ensure the funds for your projects are programmed by July 31, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the FY 2015 Intercity Bus applications, the project selection process, or the funding conditions please contact Ronaldo Hu at (916) 657-3955 or email: ronaldo_hu@dot.ca.gov.

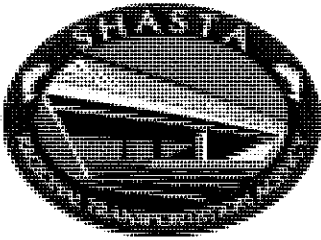
Thank you,



James Oghonna, Chief
Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Branch

Attachments

C: Mark Codey, DRMT
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July 28, 2015

Ian Howat, District Local Assistance Engineer
Caltrans Office of Local Assistance – District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001-0536

Re: Support for City of Redding's HSIP Application for Hartnell Avenue Safety Improvement Project

Dear Ian:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) has reviewed the City of Redding's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant application for the Hartnell Avenue Safety Improvement Project and strongly encourages the selection of this project for funding. The project reflects a well thought out and comprehensive approach to safety. In addition to two mid-block enhanced crossings on Hartnell Avenue between Churn Creek Road and Victor Avenue, the project will fill sidewalk gaps, replace curb returns with ADA compliant returns, narrow travel lanes to provide space for buffered bike lanes, and enhance access control at and near the intersection of Victor Avenue.

As documented in the 2015 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Shasta County, the proposed improvements are located in an identified 'disadvantaged community'. Due to low income, disability, or other factors, residents in disadvantaged communities are more likely to have limited access to a motor vehicle or ability to operate one. The proposed improvements will enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, as well as enhance access to public transportation (RABA Route 5, 6, and 7).

Furthermore, the proposed improvements help to implement the following 2015 RTP goals:

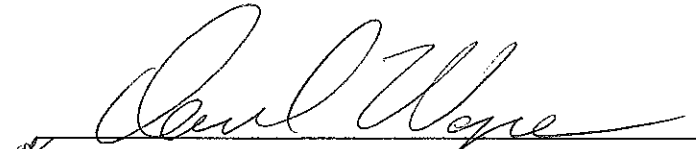
- Goal #3: Provide an integrated, context-appropriate range of practical transportation options.
 - Strategy B: Improve connectivity between public transportation and bicycling and walking to reflect the complete door-to-door trip from origin to destination.
- Goal #4: Create vibrant, people-centered communities.
 - Strategy A: Support the development and use of active transportation choices.
 - Strategy B: Apply targeted improvements within disadvantaged communities to enhance mobility, destination accessibility, transportation affordability, and economic opportunity.
- Goal #7: Practice and promote environmental and natural resource stewardship.
 - Strategy C: Develop and deliver flexible transportation systems and services able to adapt to changes in the environment, travel behavior, and travel mode choice.

July 28, 2015

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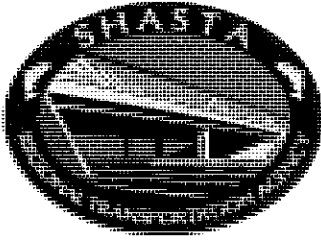
SRTA will provide in-kind technical support and integrate the proposed improvements into the upcoming Shasta County Active Transportation Plan and inventory of non-motorized facilities.

Sincerely,

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
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July 31, 2015

Mr. Bruce de Terra, Acting Chief
Department of Transportation
Division of Transportation Programming, MS 82
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Attention: Abhijit Bagde, SRTA FTIP Liaison

Subject: Formal Amendment No. 4 to the Shasta County 2015 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Mr. de Terra:

With the delegation authority provided 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. 4 to the 2015 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 2015 FTIP is financially constrained and the attached financial summary confirms that funding is available. Additionally, the amendment is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan. Shasta County is in conformance with federal air quality standards.

The amendment notification process complied with SRTA's adopted Public Participation Plan. The public review period is from Friday, July 17, 2015 through Thursday, July 30, 2015, meeting the requisite 14-day review period.

This amendment updates several grouped project listings revised since preparation of the 2015 FTIP, or amended at your staff's request. Formal Amendment No. 4 adds, or revises, the following projects as separate line items:

- **Grouped Projects for Operating Assistance to Transit Agencies, CTIPS ID 211-0000-0057:**
Adds Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311(f) funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 for

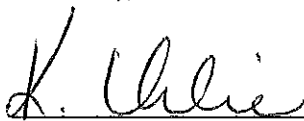
Burney Express intercity operating assistance (\$176.85K) awarded July 7, 2015. Project funding provides for three daily roundtrips.

- **Grouped Projects for Pavement Resurfacing and/or Rehabilitation on the State Highway System – Highway Maintenance, CTIPS ID 211-0000-0090:** Adds \$3.32M FY 2015/16 Highway Maintenance funding for three maintenance seal coat projects in eastern Shasta County: 1) SR 89 from PM 30.5 to 43.3 (from Lake Britton to the county line); 2) SR 299 from PM 67.8 to 74.0; and 3) SR 299 from PM 76.2 to 77.8. The latter two are near/in the communities of Burney and Johnson Park.
- **Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – HSIP, CTIPS ID 211-0000-0093:** Advances \$84K of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding from FY 2016/17 to FY 2014/15 for the city of Redding's Victor Avenue Project between Enterprise Park and Churn Creek Road. Additionally, zeroes out local match of \$17.089K as 100% federal funding is being offered by Caltrans as incentive for timely project obligation. Replaces FY 2014/15 local amount with HSIP funding. Also increases project costs, both federal and local shares, for city of Redding Buenaventura Blvd. (between Placer St. and Lakeside Dr.) and East Cypress Ave. (East Cypress/Rosemary Ave. and East Cypress /Beverly Dr.) projects. Finally, adjusts the city's Old Oregon Trail Project (between Midland Dr. and Bear Mountain Rd.) by increasing the federal share, and bringing forward \$49K HSIP funding to FY 2014/15.
- **Grouped Projects for Safety, Shoulder and Pavement Resurfacing and/or Rehabilitation – Minor Program, CTIPS ID 211-0000-0108:** Adds \$2.617M of FY 2015/16 Minor Program funding for three separate locations and purposes: a) install fiber hubs on Interstate 5 (I-5) from Tormey Drain Bridge to 0.2 miles south of Churn Creek Bridge; b) install fiber hubs on SR 44 from Liberty Street to I-5; and c) widen 0.3 mile of pavement on SR 299 west of Fall River Golf Road.
- **Grouped Projects for Planning Activities, CTIPS ID (211-0000-0120):** Adds new FTA 5311(f) \$30K award for a FY 2015/16 Airporter Feasibility Study to be conducted by SRTA.

With this transmittal, SRTA 2015 FTIP Formal Amendment No. 4 is being provided directly to Caltrans. An electronic copy will be transmitted to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA. The approved amendment will be posted to the SRTA website at <http://www.srta.ca.gov>. Please recommend this formal amendment for approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact senior transportation planner Kathy Urlie at (530) 262-6194, or kurlie@srta.ca.gov, if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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

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Attachments: SRTA Resolution Number 13-14 – Delegation Authority for Formal FTIP Amendments

Summary of Changes Table

Financial Tables (Tables 1-3)

Amended and Prior/Original Programming Pages for FTIP Projects

Grouped Project Listing Tables

C: Wade Hobbs – FHWA, CA Division
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August 3, 2015

Mr. Vincent P. Mammano
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Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
201 Mission Street, Suite 1650
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Attention: Mr. Jack Lord

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Lord and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) 2014/15 - 2017/18 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|--|
| 4 | State, Local and Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">This amendment modifies and programs projects in the SRTA region. It includes projects with funding from the State Minor Program, Highway Maintenance Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs. |

See enclosure.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. SRTA has certified that this FTIP amendment is financially constrained, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures per SRTA's Public Participation Plan.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve SRTA's Amendment No. 4. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of project for federal funding.

Mr. Vincent P. Mammano/Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
August 3, 2015
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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

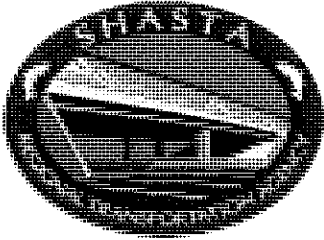
Sincerely,



BRUCE DE TERRA
Acting Chief
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Enclosures

c: Karina OConnor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Daniel S. little - Shasta County Regional Transportation Agency
Kathy Urlie - Shasta County Regional Transportation Agency



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August 4, 2015

California Energy Commission
Contracts, Grants and Loans Office
Attn: PON-14-607
1516 Ninth Street, MS-18
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: North Coast and Upstate Hydrogen Vehicle Planning Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As Executive Director of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA), I would like to express support for the North Coast and Upstate Hydrogen Vehicle Planning Project that is funded by the California Energy Commission (Agreement Number CEC-ARV-14-055). This project will focus on developing a regional plan for hydrogen fueling infrastructure in the counties of Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

This project would support SRTA's 2015 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy goals, including:

- Develop an integrated, context-appropriate range of local and interregional transportation choices;
- Accommodate all modes of transportation; and
- Support the adoption of fuel cell vehicles by the local community

Approximately \$14,000 has been approved by the SRTA Board of Directors for staff time in support of alternative vehicles and fuel projects such as this. SRTA would support the project by providing technical assistance and regional coordination. It is our understanding that up to \$2,000 of planning assistance funds from the grant is available to SRTA for reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 262-6190 or by email at dlittle@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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August 17, 2015

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Acting Chief, Division of Transportation Programming
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SUBJECT: SRTA MPO 2015 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 4

Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 4 to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated August 3, 2015. Amendment No. 4 to the SRTA 2015 FTIP was approved by on July 31, 2015, by the SRTA Executive Director in accord with the delegation of authority provided by the SRTA Board of Directors by SRTA Resolution #13-14, dated December 10, 2013. This SRTA FTIP amendment proposes: the addition of a new grouped project listing for transit planning, specifically the SRTA Airporter Feasibility Study; and the modification of three previously listed grouped projects including previously approved grouped listings for Operating Assistance to Transit Agencies, State Highways Pavement Resurfacing and Rehabilitation, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and various safety projects included in the State Minor Safety Improvement Program.

Pursuant to the *December 15, 2014, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region IX*, we accept the proposed modifications to the 2015 FTIP/FSTIP for the SRTA Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the SRTA MPO's 2015 FTIP, including Amendment No.4, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 112-141, the "*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*" (MAP-21).

The changes proposed to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by this amendment are associated with projects that are either exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126 or 93.127; or are proposed for implementation in

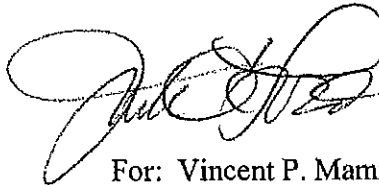
areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov ; or Hymie Luden of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2732, or by email at Hymie.Luden@dot.gov .

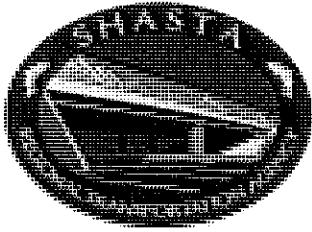
Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator
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September 14, 2015

Local Foods, Local Places
Office of Sustainable Communities (MC 1807T)
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Recommend Shasta Incubator Farm Training (SIFT) Project Grant Application for Funding

To Whom It May Concern:

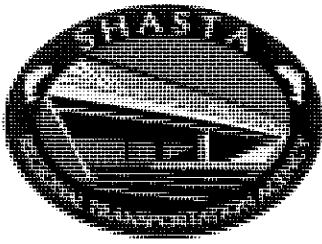
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) supports the Shasta Incubator Farm Training (SIFT) Project and recommends it for funding under the Local Foods, Local Places Technical Assistance Grant Program. If funded, the SIFT Project will be instrumental in establishing a sustainable regional food system and increasing access to local fresh food for healthy diets in far northern California. More specifically, the SIFT Project focuses on one of the most critical but overlooked component of the food system – the human capital required to perpetuate agricultural production. In order to maintain and grow a reliable food supply, a new generation of farmers is needed. The SIFT Project will help recruit, train, and provide an entry point for new farmers entering the workforce.

SRTA has been actively engaged in developing the SIFT Project concept and will incorporate the initiative into efforts at the regional level to establish a consolidated food hub. The food hub will bring essential but often prohibitively costly services together for the benefit of small and medium-sized producers as well as facilitate the efficient aggregation, wholesale, and distribution of local fresh foods within the county, to neighboring regions, and the greater marketplace. Both the regional food hub initiative and the SIFT Project require a broad range of stakeholders, collaboration, and sharing of resources to achieve desired results. Together, these projects bring together partners representing regional transportation agencies; private sector producers and distributors; non-profit agricultural and economic development entities; higher education and vocational institutions; resource conservation districts, and public health and human service providers.

Again, SRTA strongly encourages funding of the SIFT Program. Working together, we can help sustain the region's agricultural industry, provide long term food security, and enhance access to healthy, locally produced foods. Thank you for your time and consideration of this valuable project.

Sincerely,

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September 16, 2015

Mr. Richard W. Corey, Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
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Re: Adopted 2015 Regional Transportation Plan with Sustainable Communities Strategy

Dear Mr. Corey:

The 2015 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Shasta Region – including the region's first Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) – was formally adopted by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) Board of Directors on June 30, 2015. The plan achieves regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for both 2020 and 2035. Enclosed is a copy of the adopted plan for ARB's review.

Over the last six months SRTA has worked closely with ARB staff – exchanging data and detailed information concerning the plan's assumptions, strategies, methods, and modeling procedures. The technical review by ARB staff has been comprehensive and in-depth. In particular, we commend ARB staff's effort to understand our RTP/SCS technical process without any attempt to influence the plan's content.

Implementing the plan and achieving the goals therein will require transportation policy and program alignment at the local, regional, and state level plus an actively engaged private sector. The community of metropolitan planning organizations throughout California is well-versed in establishing these critical relationships and crafting solutions that fit localized opportunities, needs, and challenges. We urge ARB to continue communicating with and engaging individual regions and the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) to keep the ball moving in the right direction.

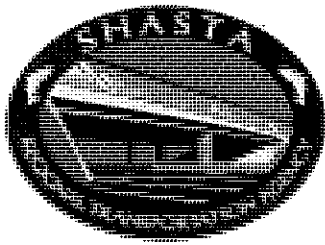
Should you have any questions or need clarification of any kind, please let us know.

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Enclosure



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September 17, 2015

Tracey Frost, System Planning Branch Chief
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Subject: Draft 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Frost:

As follow up to our December 16, 2014 initial comments on the 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP), please note that we have additional comment in response to the most recent draft.

As mentioned in SRTA's December comments, regional agencies that are willing to dedicate their Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds to the interregional system should be given higher consideration for Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds. State and regional partnerships such as these are what the Legislature had in mind with Senate Bill (SB) 45. Table 16 on page 121 demonstrates that Interstate 5 (I-5) has the largest local fund contribution of the three identified corridors in the Sacramento Valley-Oregon Corridor (I-5, SR 70, and SR 99) at 28% between 1998 and 2014. This contrasts to less than 2% for SR 70, and just over 16% for SR 99. However, on the same page, the ITSP states: *"The majority of the local funding has been on SR 70 and SR 99."* Please clarify.

Page 122 states:

"Priority investments for the Sacramento Valley–Oregon Corridor over the next two decades will primarily focus on closing gaps on SR 70 by upgrading remaining two-lane segments to four lanes and continuing the fix-it-first policies. In Shasta County, I-5 has received substantial support from Shasta Regional Transportation Agency as a priority for investment of RIP funding and completion of the 6-lane section between Redding and Anderson is a top priority for interregional investment in the corridor. Expanding SR 70 between Marysville and Oroville is also a priority for the corridor."

Thank you for recognizing SRTA's partnership on the I-5 corridor and calling out remaining needs as a "top priority". We read this to mean that I-5 needs in this area will be given equal consideration to SR 70 needs. Please clarify.

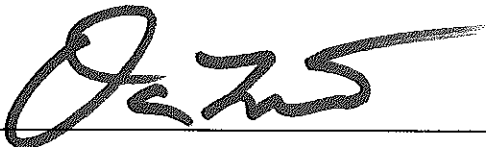
Additionally, the "Corridor Analysis" on page 121 states:

"The analysis implies the improvement with greatest benefit for interregional freight movement along I-5 should be focused in the southern portion of the State."

This is unsubstantiated as there is no comparative analysis between southern and northern California's I-5 segments. This analysis should recognize the critical northern segment identified on page 122. I-5 from southern Shasta County through the Sacramento River Canyon—unlike all other areas of California—has no alternative facility to support goods movement needs of the Pacific Northwest. Projects such as replacing the bridges over Shasta Lake or the Redding to Anderson gap address the most vulnerable pinch points needed to sustain Oregon and Washington goods movement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 530-262-6191, or dlittle@srta.ca.gov, if you have questions regarding the above comments and corrections.

Sincerely,

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