

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE: October 10, 2017
SUBJECT: Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM: 5-5
STAFF CONTACT: Amy Lindsey, Executive Assistant

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

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Subject
6/6/17	Vincent P. Mammano, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration	Federal approval letter - Formal Amendment No. 3 to the Shasta 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
6/8-6/20/17	Shasta Living Streets Del Norte Local Transportation Commission Siskiyou Economic Development Shasta County Department of Public Works Modoc County Transportation Commission Trinity County Transportation Commission Caltrans District 2	Support Letters: RABA's Low or No Emission Grant Application
8/28/17	Bruce De Terra, State Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Programming	State approval letter - Formal Amendment No. 4 to the Shasta 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director



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June 6, 2017

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Mr. Bruce de Terra
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California Department of Transportation
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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: SRTA MPO 2017 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 3

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 3 to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2017 FTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated May 30, 2017. Amendment No. 3 to the SRTA 2017 FTIP was approved on May 26, 2017 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: adds a new individual project listing for Social Services Transit; modifies four grouped project listings; and adds one new grouped project listing for railroad/highway crossing safety improvements.

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 2017 FTIP/FSTIP for the SRTA Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region in accordance with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning* that was published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. We find that the SRTA MPO's 2017 FTIP, including Amendment No.3, 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 114-94, the "*Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act*" (FAST Act).

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

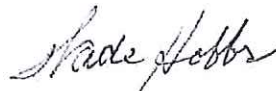
areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal Air Quality Standards, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made.

We are approving this amendment with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FHWA and FTA funding requirements. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Jerome Wiggins of the FTA Region IX Office at (415) 734- 9575, or by email at Jerome.Wiggins@dot.gov; or Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at Wade.Hobbs@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration



For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

Shasta Living Streets

Better bikeways, trails, walkable cities and vibrant public places

June 8, 2017

Mr. Brian Crane
City of Redding, Public Works Department
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Re: Enthusiastic support for RABA's FTA Low or No Emission Grant Application

Shasta Living Streets enthusiastically supports the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's project proposal for the *Federal Transit Administrations Low or No Emission Grant Program*. The project's objective is to introduce two all-electric transit buses to RABA's fleet and install supporting infrastructure, including two fast-charge bus charging stations. Doing so will provide citizens within the RABA service area access to all-electric transit buses, as well as promote the use of battery-electric buses throughout the region. Funding from this grant will provide RABA, along with partners Redding Electric Utility and electric bus manufacturer Proterra, Inc., the support to purchase zero-emission buses that will replace aging diesel buses and expand the fleet.

This project furthers Federal Transit Administrations' mission to enhance citizens' mobility, accessibility, and economic well-being through the development and management of public transport services that are comprehensive, affordable, efficient, reliable, safe, and environmentally sound.

The project will be of great value to RABA and citizens in our region by helping to create environmentally sustainable transportation choices that link people, jobs and community conveniently, consistently and safely

- Improves air quality and reduces vehicle emissions
- Promotes increased use of zero and low-emission buses
- Improves fleet fuel efficiency
- Provides long-term operational and maintenance cost savings

Shasta Living Streets is a local organization dedicated to building better bikeways and trails, walkable cities that are served by convenient and reliable transit, and vibrant public places in Shasta County.

We believe making bicycling, walking and transit safe, reliable and convenient for everyday transportation brings tremendous advantages – it allows families to be healthy and save money on transportation, makes more vibrant and connected communities, and supports our local businesses by helping them attract customers, retain talented staff and attract tourists.

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This project will help our region develop environmentally sustainable transportation choices that link people, jobs and community conveniently, consistently and safely.

Doing so will benefit residents in our region by making Redding and Shasta County

- More affordable
- More economically vibrant

And by

- Reducing the number of car trips
- Improving the health of residents by offering transportation choices that increase daily active transportation
- Encouraging transit-oriented development
- Reducing levels of pollution and greenhouse gas emissions

These benefits are especially important for our region as we look to a future of increased growth and development in Shasta County and far Northern California.

Shasta Living Streets looks forward to working with RABA and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency to promote alternative fuel transit options for citizens. We will market and promote use of these services, sharing information about routes and access opportunities. In collaboration with RABA and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency we will continue to develop and provide amenities and services that help incentivize and support local resident and visitor use of transit and RABA services in our region.

We are very excited to see this innovative project moving forward and whole-heartedly offer our organization's support. Thank you for improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and businesses in our region by ensuring this project receives support and funding.

Sincerely,



Anne Wallach Thomas
Executive Director, Shasta Living Streets

CC: Daniel S. Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

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June 12, 2017

Brian Crane, P.E.
Director of Public Works
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Subject: RABA's FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program Application Support Letter

Dear Mr. Crane:

The Del Norte Local Transportation Commission is pleased to support the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) project proposal for the Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) Low or No Emission Grant Program. The project's objective is to introduce two all-electric transit buses to RABA's fleet and install supporting infrastructure, including two fast-charge bus charging stations. The project will provide citizens within the RABA service area access to all electric transit buses, as well as promote the use of battery-electric buses throughout the region. Funding from this grant will provide RABA, along with partners Redding Electric Utility (REU) and electric bus manufacturer Proterra, Inc., the support to purchase zero-emission buses that will replace aging diesel buses and expand the fleet.

This project furthers FTA's mission "to enhance citizens' mobility, accessibility, and economic well-being through the development and management of public transport services that are comprehensive, affordable, efficient, reliable, safe, and environmentally sound." The project will also be of great value to RABA and Shasta County in the following ways:

- Improves air quality and reduces vehicle emissions;
- Promotes increased use of zero and low-emission buses;
- Improves fleet fuel efficiency; and
- Provides long-term operational and maintenance cost savings.

The Del Norte Local Transportation Commission supports RABA and SRTA in their efforts to transition to alternative fuel transit options. The project will strengthen connections in northern California and will establish a model for northern partners to learn from and follow.

Good luck on the grant application.

Cordially,

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Tamera Leighton, Executive Director
Del Norte Local Transportation Commission



Copy: Daniel Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency



June 12, 2017

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Brian Crane, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Redding
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Subject: RABA's FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program Application Support Letter

Dear Mr. Crane:

The **Siskiyou Economic Development Council representing the Upstate Regional Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness** is pleased to support the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) project proposal for the Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) Low or No Emission Grant Program. The goal of this Low or No Emission Grant project is congruent with the role of Upstate Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness to foster planning and infrastructure in a five-county region including Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn and Colusa Counties. The Low or No Emission Grant project objective is to introduce two all-electric transit buses to RABA's fleet and install supporting infrastructure, including two fast-charge bus charging stations. The project will provide citizens within the RABA service area access to all electric transit buses, as well as promote the use of battery-electric buses throughout the region. Funding from this grant will provide RABA, along with partners Redding Electric Utility (REU) and electric bus manufacturer Proterra, Inc., the support to purchase zero-emission buses that will replace aging diesel buses and expand the fleet.

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Redding is our major urban center in Northern California and is a transit hub effecting much of our region's economy. Redding is currently in nonattainment for certain air quality standards. Redding is the only major area in our far Northern California region with this distinction and any efforts to improve air quality will significantly help the surrounding region.

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Further, our region has been preparing to apply to the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program which requires stakeholders to document an annual conservation of >250,000 gallons of petroleum fuel. We currently do not meet this threshold to start a Clean Cities Program, however, with the addition of these zero emission buses we will likely reach the threshold to engage the Clean Cities Designation.

This grant program will act as a model to our surrounding region and demonstrate the potential replicability at our local transit agencies. We have been in discussions with Pacific Power regarding zero emission buses in Siskiyou County and we look forward to learning from the efforts of this project.

The Siskiyou Economic Development Council representing the Upstate Regional Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness looks forward to working with RABA and SRTA to promote alternative fuel transit options for citizens in the RABA service area:

- Our organization can help in implementing this project where it is appropriate regarding our current California Energy Commission Alternative Fuels Readiness Planning and Implementation grant for the Upstate Region.

We appreciate your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Logan B. Smith, PhD | Senior Program Manager
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CC: Daniel S. Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency



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June 13, 2017

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Shasta County looks forward to working with RABA and SRTA to promote alternative fuel transit options for citizens in the RABA service area:

Good luck on the grant application.

Sincerely,


Patrick J. Minturn, Director

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c: Dan Little, Executive Director, SRTA

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June 14, 2017

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Dear Mr. Crane:

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Good luck on the grant application.

Sincerely,

Debbie Pedersen
Executive Director
Modoc County Transportation Commission

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June 14, 2017

Brian Crane, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Redding
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Subject: RABA's FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program Application Support Letter

Dear Mr. Crane:

The Trinity County Transportation Commission is pleased to support the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) project proposal for the Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) Low or No Emission Grant Program. The project's objective is to introduce two all-electric transit buses to RABA's fleet and install supporting infrastructure, including two fast-charge bus charging stations. The project will provide citizens within the RABA service area access to all electric transit buses, as well as promote the use of battery-electric buses throughout the region. Funding from this grant will provide RABA, along with partners Redding Electric Utility (REU) and electric bus manufacturer Proterra, Inc., the support to purchase zero-emission buses that will replace aging diesel buses and expand the fleet.

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RABA's effort to improve air quality and reduce pollutant emissions through this project will be a benefit to the entire north state region, especially neighboring counties such as Trinity. This will set a strong precedence for counties that are in attainment areas, but would like to convert small bus inventories from gas and diesel to electric in the future. Trinity County looks forward to learning from RABA as they partner with local agencies and begin to convert their bus fleet to electric.

Many Trinity Transit riders connect with RABA buses in Redding to reach destinations within their service area for their medical, social and shopping needs, therefore, our intercity riders will benefit from the electric buses that RABA procures.

The Trinity County Transportation Commission looks forward to working with RABA and SRTA to promote alternative fuel transit options for citizens in the RABA service area:

Good luck on the grant application.

Sincerely,

Richard Tippet, Executive Secretary
Trinity County Transportation Commission

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June 20, 2017

Brian Crane, P.E.
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Subject: RABA's FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program Application Support Letter

Dear Mr. Crane:

California Department of Transportation-District 2 is pleased to support the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) and Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) project proposal for the Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) Low or No Emission Grant Program. The project's objective is to introduce two all-electric transit buses to RABA's fleet and install supporting infrastructure, including two fast-charge bus charging stations. The project will provide citizens within the RABA service area access to all electric transit buses, as well as promote the use of battery-electric buses throughout the region. Funding from this grant will provide RABA, along with partners Redding Electric Utility (REU) and electric bus manufacturer Proterra, Inc., the support to purchase zero-emission buses that will replace aging diesel buses and expand the fleet.

At the California Department of Transportation, we adopted The California Transportation Plan 2040. This Plan defines specific goals to achieve a vision for the State of California and fits this grant's application specific objectives:

- Improve Multimodal Mobility and Accessibility for All People
- Preserve the Multimodal Transportation System
- Support a Vibrant Economy
- Foster Livable and Healthy Communities and Promote Social Equity
- Practice Environmental Stewardship

The California Department of Transportation looks forward to working with our partners RABA and SRTA to promote alternative fuel transit options for citizens in the RABA service area.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS BALKOW
Deputy Director of Planning and Local Assistance
Caltrans District 2

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August 28, 2017

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Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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Attention: Ms. Tashia Clemons

Attention: Mr. Ted Matley

Dear Ms. Clemons and Mr. Matley:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) 2016/17 - 2019/20 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|---|
| 4 | State and Transit Transportation Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">This amendment adds and modifies projects from the SRTA region. It includes projects with funding from the Highway Maintenance Program, State Minor 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 2017 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 28, 2017
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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bruce De Terra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

BRUCE DE TERRA
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

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