

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019
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
4/24/19	Bruce De Terra, Chief, Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Programming	Approval recommendation to US DOT for Amendment #5 to SRTA's 2018/19 – 2021/22 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
5/14/19	Kathy Grah, Chief, Office of Community and Regional Planning, California Department of Transportation	Letter of approval for SRTA's FY 19-20 Overall Work Program and Overall Work Program Agreement
5/17/19	Erin Thompson, Chief, Office of Regional Planning, California Department of Transportation	Grant award letter for the ShastaReady Extreme Climate Event Mobility and Adaptation Plan
5/21/19	Kathy Grah, Chief, Office of Community and Regional Planning, California Department of Transportation	Letter of approval for Amendment #5 to SRTA's FY 2018/19 Overall Work Program (OWP)
5/24/19	Tashia J. Clemons, Director, Planning & Environment, Federal Highway Administration	Letter of Approval for SRTA's 2019 FTIP Formal Amendment #5, on behalf of both FHWA and FTA

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	To	Subject
4/23/19	Bruce De Terra, Chief, Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Programming	Letter of local approval for Formal Amendment #5 to the Shasta 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
4/23/19	- The Honorable Jim Beall, California State Senator, Capitol Office - The Honorable Brian Dahle, California State Assembly, Capitol Office - The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris, California State Assembly, Capitol Office	Letters of concern regarding proposed changes to California's Active Transportation Program

4/30/19	Debbie Pedersen, Executive Director, Modoc Transportation Agency/Sage Stage	Letter of support for Modoc Transportation Agency's FTA 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program
5/1/19	Jessica Riske-Gomez, Transportation Manager, Tehama County Transportation Commission	Provided input on the Tehama County Regional Transportation Plan 2019
5/1/19	Jim Graham, Interim Director of Planning, Plumas County	Provided input on the Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan 2019
5/14/19	Caltrans, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)	Low Carbon Transit Operation Program Semi-Annual Report – Expansion of Express Services
5/14/19	Caltrans, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)	Low Carbon Transit Operation Program Semi-Annual Report – Sunday Transit Service Demonstration Project

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
Attachment: SRTA Correspondence Letters

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April 24, 2019

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Federal Highway Administration
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Mr. Edward Carranza, Jr.
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, TRO-9
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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) 2018/19 – 2021/22 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|--|
| 5 | Local and State Transportation Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This amendment modifies projects that include funding from the Highway Bridge Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program. |

See enclosure.

The updated programming is for projects in an 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 Number 5. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Mr. Vincent Mammano/ Mr. Edward Carranza, Jr.
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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

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BRUCE DE TERRA
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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

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May 14, 2019

Dan Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
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Dear Mr. Little:

Caltrans District 2 is pleased to advise you of our recommended approval of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) FY 19-20 Overall Work Program and Overall Work Program Agreement. Original documents have been forwarded to Caltrans Office of Regional Planning.

We look forward to the continued coordination with SRTA Board and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your regional planning liaison, Mr. Aaron Casas at (530) 225-4732 or by email at Aaron.casas@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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KATHY GRAH
CHIEF, Office of Community and Regional Planning

c: Aaron Casas, Associate Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 2
Tom Balkow, District Deputy Director Planning and Local Assistance
Gilbert Valencia, Associate Transportation planner, Office of Regional Planning
Jackie Karhs, Branch Chief, Office of Regional Planning

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May 17, 2019

Mr. Daniel S. Little
Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Dear Mr. Little:

On behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation Planning, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency for the recent award of the following transportation planning grant:

Public Transportation Account - Adaptation Planning	
Grant Fiscal Year (FY)	2019-20
Grant Title	ShastaReady Extreme Climate Event Mobility and Adaptation Plan
Grantee	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Sub-Recipient	
Grant Award	\$289,850
Local Match	\$48,700
Total Project Amount	\$338,550
Grant Expiration	February 28, 2022 - time extensions are not allowed
Final Invoice Due	April 28, 2022

Conditions of Grant Acceptance

Grant work cannot begin until all Conditions of Grant Acceptance have been satisfied. To assist with this process, Caltrans District staff will schedule a teleconference with your agency to discuss the conditions below, as well as other project revisions that may be necessary to accept grant funding. Please submit the following items to Caltrans District 2 no later than November 1, 2019. Failure to satisfy these conditions will result in the forfeiture of grant funds.

1. Coordinate with Caltrans District Planning staff to make necessary revisions to the Grant Application Cover Sheet, Scope of Work, and Project Timeline. An initial review of these documents will require the following revisions:

"Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability"

- Revise the Grant Application Cover Sheet and Project Timeline so the Total Project Cost equals the Grant Funds Requested plus Local Match.
- 2. If requesting reimbursement for indirect costs, these costs must be included in the grant Scope of Work and Project Timeline. An Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) must be submitted to Caltrans Audits and Investigations. Instructions for submitting an ICAP are available at the following webpage: <http://dot.ca.gov/audits/>
- 3. If utilizing third-party in-kind contributions to satisfy the minimum local match requirement, a Third-Party In-kind Valuation Plan must be completed. These contributions consist of goods and services donated from outside the grantee's agency (examples: donated printing, facilities, interpreters, equipment, advertising, staff time, and other goods or services). A Third-Party In-kind Valuation Plan Checklist and sample can be found at the following webpage: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/Grants/grants.html>
- 4. Submit a formal Amendment for the current Fiscal Year (FY) Overall Work Program (OWP) and OWP Agreement (OWPA). The OWP/OWPA formal amendment must include the OWPA, OWP Budget Summary and a standalone Work Element. These three items must show consistent funding information for the grant project and include the full grant and local match amounts. The Work Element name and number must remain the same until the project is completed.

Next Steps

Once the District has approved all items required to fulfill the Conditions of Grant Acceptance, the following steps will need to occur:

- Once the OWP/OWPA formal amendment is processed, Caltrans District staff will send a Notice to Proceed letter. Grant work cannot begin until this letter is received by the grantee.
- Caltrans District staff will schedule a grant kick-off meeting with Caltrans staff and the grantee.
- Grant administrative requirements:
 - Quarterly Progress Reports (a brief narrative of completed project activities)
 - Request for Reimbursements/invoices (RFRs) submitted at least quarterly, but no more than monthly.
 - Local match commitments in the amount shown above, including any local match amount above the minimum amount that is required with every RFR/invoice.
 - All work must be completed by February 28, 2022.
 - Final RFR/invoice and final product due no later than April 28, 2022. The final RFR/invoice will not be processed by Caltrans until the final product is submitted.

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- o For your convenience, a toolbox to aid you during this process is located at the following webpage: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/Grants/grants.html>

If you have questions concerning the Grant Program requirements or these funds, please contact, Aaron Casas, Caltrans District 2 Liaison at 530-225-4732 or Gilbert Valencia, Caltrans Headquarters Liaison at (916) 653-3076.

Sincerely,



ERIN THOMPSON
Chief, Office of Regional Planning

c: Michael Kuker, Assistant Transportation Planner, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

Kathy Grah, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 2
Aaron Casas, Associate Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 2
Gilbert Valencia, Transportation Planner, Caltrans Headquarters

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May 21, 2019

Dan Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Dear Mr. Little:

Caltrans District 2 is pleased to advise you of its recommendation for approval of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's (SRTA) FY 2018/2019 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment #5.

We look forward to working with SRTA and continuing the great working relationship between your agency and Caltrans. This approval will ensure that SRTA has their OWP finalized and in place, so we can properly reimburse SRTA for all planning work associated with the OWP and its Work Elements.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact your Regional Planner Aaron Casas, at (530) 225-4732.

Sincerely,

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KATHY GRAH
CHIEF, Office of Community and Regional Planning

c: Aaron Casas, Associate Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 2
Tom Balkow, District Deputy Director Planning and Local Assistance
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U.S. Department
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May 24, 2019

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In Reply Refer To:
HDA-CA

Mr. Bruce de Terra
Chief, Division of Transportation Programming
California Department of Transportation, MS 82
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Muhaned Aljabiry

SUBJECT: Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) FY 2019 FTIP Amendment # 5

Dear Mr. De Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of Amendment # 5 to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 24, 2019. SRTA adopted Amendment # 5 on April 23, 2019. This amendment to SRTA's FTIP:

- Modifies projects in the SRTA region. Funding sources Highway Bridge Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program and State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, *Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the FY 2019 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SRTA region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register.

We find that the SRTA's FTIP, through Amendment # 5, 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).

We have determined that this program modification is exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93. This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This approval is provided with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ projects or any other project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this SRTA FSTIP amendment, please contact Scott Carson (scott.carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,

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Tashia J. Clemons
Director, Planning & Environment
Federal Highway Administration



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 23, 2019

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

Subject: Formal Amendment No. 5 to the Shasta 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dear Mr. De Terra:

With the delegation authority provided to 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. 5 to the Shasta 2019 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 2019 FTIP is financially constrained, and the attached financial summary confirms that funding is available. Additionally, the amendment is consistent with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. Shasta County is in conformance with federal air quality standards.

The amendment notification process complied with SRTA's adopted 2016 Participation and Partnership Plan (Title VI). The public and interagency review period ran from April 8 through April 22, 2019, meeting the requisite 14-day review period.

This amendment updates the grouped project listings bulleted below. Additionally, \$647,726 of Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Highway Infrastructure Program funding has been added to regional revenue, but not yet programmed.

- **Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Collision Reduction Program (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0075)** – Updates the listing by adding a new \$11.935 million curve improvement project on State Route (SR) 299 in Fiscal Years (FYs) 2018/19, 2020/21, and 2021/22 near Ingot from 2.7 miles east of Seamans Gulch Road to 1.2 miles west of Du Bois Road.

- **Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0083)**
- Updates the listing of Highway Bridge Program (HBP) projects to the one Caltrans, Headquarters issued on March 26, 2019. There are five adjustments to existing projects.
- **Grouped Projects for Safety Improvements – Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (CTIPS ID No. 211-0000-0093)** – Increases federal funding \$503,810 for the city of Redding Old Oregon Trail between Midland Drive and Bear Mountain Road bridge project for FY 2021/22. Decreases local share \$128,110. Total estimated project cost is now \$2,264,000.

With this transmittal, Shasta 2019 FTIP Formal Amendment No. 5 is being provided directly to Caltrans. An electronic copy will be transmitted by email to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA. The approved amendment is posted to the SRTA website at <https://www.srta.ca.gov/156/Federal-Transportation-Improvement-Progr>. Please recommend this formal amendment for federal approval.

For questions, do not hesitate to contact Senior Transportation Planner Kathy Urlie at (530) 262-6194 or kurlie@srta.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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 Original Programming Pages for FTIP Projects
Grouped Project Listing Tables

C: Scott Carson, FHWA CA Division
Ted Matley, FTA Region 9
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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 23, 2019

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senator
Capitol Office
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Subject: Proposed Changes to California's Active Transportation Program

Dear Senator Beall,

Thank you for your leadership in active transportation and striving to improve the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP's perennial oversubscription is a testament to strong demand the program is addressing. We like the ATP and are impressed with the evolution it has undergone. The ATP has brought active transportation dollars to our region, and we are invested in securing much more. Consequently, we have some concerns regarding the changes to the ATP, proposed through Senate Bill (SB) 152, which present an alternative allocation of funding.

From a rural/small urban perspective, the proposed changes diminish local efforts, including in Shasta County, to build complete active transportation networks. They also discourage competition which is generating higher quality projects. As in many communities across the state, the Shasta Region relies predominantly on grant funding to expand its bicycle and pedestrian network or build safer, higher quality facilities. Lowering the ATP's statewide portion from 50% to 10% reduces funding opportunities for most California regions to relative insignificance.

All regions could use additional funding, but the ATP application and selection process is working well and improving with each cycle. Changing the funding allocation could disrupt much of the progress already achieved. Currently, broad stakeholder input makes the process fair and serves the public. Iterative program changes have created an application eliciting projects that clearly respond to public input, address collision history, and improve public health and mobility. The rigors of the application foster a more transparent planning process and lead to transformative projects. The program's standard scoring rubric, by project type, screens out less transformative projects that otherwise may have been selected through a less competitive, smaller pool of local applications.

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is invested in an ATP with its current competitive funding allocation. SRTA staff has served on the ATP Technical Advisory Committee, educated the public on the ATP funding opportunity, and worked hand-in-hand with local agencies to develop projects that will compete well. The Shasta Region's efforts, along with the efforts of other agencies across the state, support and facilitate higher quality applications. Better applications move the ATP and California closer toward their active transportation goals, and particularly better than a formula program. We support the California Transportation Commission's hard work with agencies across the state that molded the ATP into its current form.

Thank you for reviewing our concerns, and we look forward to working with you more closely on maintaining an ATP that serves all of California. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 23, 2019

The Honorable Brian Dahle
Capitol Office
State Capitol Room 3104
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: Proposed Changes to California's Active Transportation Program

Dear Assembly Member Dahle,

I am writing to request your support of California's successful Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP's perennial oversubscription is a testament to strong demand the program is addressing. We like the ATP and are impressed with the evolution it has undergone. The ATP has brought active transportation dollars to our region, and we are invested in securing much more. Consequently, we have some concerns regarding the changes to the ATP, proposed through Assembly Bill (AB) 1402, which present an alternative allocation of funding.

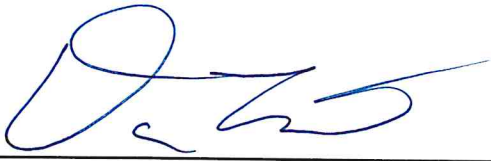
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Thank you for reviewing our concerns, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

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April 23, 2019

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
State Capitol
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: Proposed Changes to California's Active Transportation Program

Dear Assembly Member Petrie-Norris,

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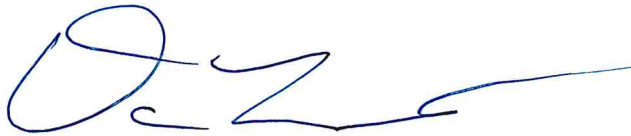
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Sincerely,



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 30, 2019

Debbie Pedersen, Executive Director
Modoc Transportation Agency/ Sage Stage
108 S. Main Street
Alturas, CA 96101

Subject: Supporting Modoc Transportation Agency's FTA 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program

Dear Ms. Pedersen:

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) endorses and supports continuing efforts by the Modoc Transportation Agency (MTA) and Sage Stage to provide public transportation that connects Modoc County with other northstate regions. These connections provide access to much needed services in our region, as well as offers the opportunity for travelers to piece services together to enabling travel elsewhere within the United States and abroad.

SRTA is pleased to coordinate regularly with Modoc Sage Stage to help people access needed transportation in nearby urbanized areas. SRTA understands that many northstate residents depend and rely upon the Sage Stage services to access general and specialized medical services that are only remotely available, and to connect to Redding for medical services and appointments. Connecting with RABA, Greyhound, Amtrak, and Trinity Transit are much needed services.

SRTA supports efforts to obtain critical funding to sustain intercity transportation bus services, such as the FTA 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program, and we look forward to continued services to meet our regional needs.

Sincerely,

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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

From: Julie McFall <jmcfall@srta.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 4:20 PM
To: Jim Graham <jimgraham@countyofplumas.com>
Cc: Amy Lindsey <alindsey@srta.ca.gov>
Subject: PCTC RTP Update

Hi Jim,

In response to your letter dated 3/28/19 (Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan 2020) SRTA would like to offer the following input:

- SRTA is planning to implement the Salmon Runner, an intercity bus that will run between Redding and Sacramento, in late 2019-early 2020. We would like to encourage existing services to connect to the Salmon Runner and encourage agencies to apply for new funding for feeder routes to the Salmon Runner. Additional information can be found here: <https://gosalmonrunner.com>
- SRTA recently applied for a grant through Caltrans, ShastaReady, to study the region's emergency preparedness and potential emergency impacts to regional facilities (Level of Service, roadway operations and maintenance, etc.). If we are awarded the grant, we would like to reach out to our regional partners to gather information.
- SRTA's 2018 RTP Update is located here <https://www.srta.ca.gov/300/2018-RTP>, and includes information related to additional projects in the region, goals, and objectives.

We appreciate you reaching out with regard to PCTC's RTP, and we are happy to discuss further as needed.

Thank you,
Julie

Julie McFall, MA
Associate Transportation Planner
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From: Julie McFall <jmcfall@srta.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 4:24 PM
To: Jessica Riske-Gomez <jriskegomez@tcpw.ca.gov>
Cc: Amy Lindsey <alindsey@srta.ca.gov>
Subject: TCTC RTP Update

Hi Jessica,

In response to your letter dated 2/5/19 (Tehama County Regional Transportation Plan 2019) SRTA would like to offer the following input:

- SRTA is planning to implement the Salmon Runner, an intercity bus that will run between Redding and Sacramento, in late 2019-early 2020. We would like to encourage existing services to connect to the Salmon Runner and encourage agencies to apply for new funding for feeder routes to the Salmon Runner. Additional information can be found here: <https://gosalmonrunner.com>
- SRTA recently applied for a grant through Caltrans, ShastaReady, to study the region's emergency preparedness and potential emergency impacts to regional facilities (Level of Service, roadway operations and maintenance, etc.). If we are awarded the grant, we would like to reach out to our regional partners to gather information.
- SRTA's 2018 RTP Update is located here <https://www.srta.ca.gov/300/2018-RTP>, and includes information related to additional projects in the region, goals, and objectives.

We appreciate you reaching out with regard to TCTC's RTP, and we are happy to discuss further as needed.

Thank you,
Julie

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Subject: Semi-Annual Report: SRTA 17-18-D02-012 May 2019

LCTOP,

I have attached the Semi-Annual Report for Project ID 17-18-D02-012, Sunday Transit Service Demonstration Project. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

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Lead Agency	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Project Name	Sunday Transit Service Demonstration Project
Project ID	17-18-D02-012
Project Type	Operations - Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Vouchers
Regional Entity	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Funding Year	FY 17-18
Funding Amount	\$231,865
Reporting Period	October 1st - March 31st

1) BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project will provide free fares for riders and development of an app to run the service on Sundays during the demonstration project.

2) BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT:

a. Has work on the project started?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b. If "Yes" when?

October 22, 2018

c. If "No" why? (Skip to question #4)

Please describe why the project has not started (no more than 3 lines).

d. Describe any portion of the scope of work from the original project allocation request that have been completed during the reporting period?

App development is in progress.

e. Overall Project Completion (percent)

8%

f. Anticipated Completion Date

December 31, 2021

3) PROJECT BENEFITS AND RESULTS: Please provide quantitative responses for questions a-e and qualitative descriptions of the benefits and co-benefits for f-g listed below for the project. (If this is a capital project and no benefits or results are not available until project completion, leave blank. If this is an operational project, provide an update on benefits and results from the reporting period).

a. Ridership increases (both total and percentage for the reporting period):

#	Ridership increase (#)
%	Ridership increase (%)

b. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction:

#	VMT reduction (#)
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c. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission reduction (from ARB Quantification Methodology Tool)
Please provide all assumption:

#	GHG reduction (MTCO _{2e})
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d. Fuel Use Reduction (Not for all projects):

Click here to enter text.

e. Energy Use Reduction (Not for all projects):

Click here to enter text.

f. Disadvantage Community (DAC) Benefit (if you have a DAC within your service area):

Please explain how this project benefits a DAC within your service area (no more than 7 lines).

g. Total California Climate Investment Dollars Expended to Benefit a DAC (if applicable);

Enter the \$ amount.

Co-Benefits (such as job creation, transportation cost savings, fuel cost savings and energy cost savings, respiratory disease incidents, climate adaptation enhancement).

Please explain any co-benefits of this project (no more than 7 lines).
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4) IDENTIFY ANY CONTRACTS INITIATED THAT WILL EXPEND LCTOP FUNDS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT (Capital projects only):

Contract #:	2018-07
Vendor Name:	Routematch Software, Inc.
Start Date	September 26, 2018
End Date	December 30, 2021
Dollar Amount	\$49,920
If no contract has been initiated please explain:	Click here to enter text.

5) INTEREST EARNED TO DATE ON LCTOP FUNDS, FOR THIS PROJECT:

Amount Awarded:	\$231,685
Interest Rate:	.40%
Interest Earned:	927.46

The Lead Agency is required to report semi-annually on the activities and progress made on the project to the Department of Transportation to ensure the project and activities funded from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds are being executed in a timely manner, within the scope and cost approved at the time of allocation, and are achieving the intended purposes.

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Subject: 16-17-D02-008 Semi-Annual Report

LCTOP,

I have attached the Semi-Annual Report for Project ID 16-17-D02-008, Expansion of Express Services. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

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Lead Agency	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)
Project Name	Expansion of Express Services
Project ID	16-17-D02-008
Project Type	Operations - Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Vouchers
Regional Entity	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Funding Year	FY 16-17
Funding Amount	\$270,105
Reporting Period	October 1st - March 31st

1) BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is designed to provide free-fare days for riders using the Crosstown Express. The route is the only transit bus service for the Redding Civic Auditorium, Turtle Bay Exploration Park, and Sundial Bridge. Crosstown Express is the only RABA route with a 30 minute headway and runs for approximately 8 service hours daily (from 8:20 AM to 12:20 PM & 2:50 PM to 6:50 PM) on weekdays.

2) BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT:

a. Has work on the project started?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b. If "Yes" when?

September 25, 2017

c. If "No" why? (Skip to question #4)

Please describe why the project has not started (no more than 3 lines).

d. Describe any portion of the scope of work from the original project allocation request that have been completed during the reporting period?

No free fare days were offered during the reporting period.

e. Overall Project Completion (percent)

70%

f. Anticipated Completion Date

June 30, 2019

3) PROJECT BENEFITS AND RESULTS: Please provide quantitative responses for questions a-e and qualitative descriptions of the benefits and co-benefits for f-g listed below for the project. (If this is a capital project and no benefits or results are not available until project completion, leave blank. If this is an operational project, provide an update on benefits and results from the reporting period).

a. Ridership increases (both total and percentage for the reporting period):

#	No free fares were provided during the reporting period.
%	No free fares were provided during the reporting period.

b. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction:

#	N/A
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c. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission reduction (from ARB Quantification Methodology Tool)
Please provide all assumption:

#	N/A
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d. Fuel Use Reduction (Not for all projects):

N/A

e. Energy Use Reduction (Not for all projects):

N/A

f. Disadvantage Community (DAC) Benefit (if you have a DAC within your service area):

N/A

g. Total California Climate Investment Dollars Expended to Benefit a DAC (if applicable);

N/A

Co-Benefits (such as job creation, transportation cost savings, fuel cost savings and energy cost savings, respiratory disease incidents, climate adaptation enhancement).

The Crosstown Express route serves riders commuting between Canby Road Transfer Center (with access to Mt. Shasta Mall, Hilltop Drive hotels, and numerous shops/restaurants) and the Downtown Transfer Center (with access to interregional connections through partner services like Susanville Rancheria, Trinity Transit, and Sage Stage). The Crosstown Express also serves the Redding Civic Auditorium, which hosts community events and educational classes.

4) IDENTIFY ANY CONTRACTS INITIATED THAT WILL EXPEND LCTOP FUNDS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT (Capital projects only):

Contract #:	Click here to enter text.
Vendor Name:	Click here to enter text.
Start Date	Click here to enter a date.
End Date	Click here to enter a date.
Dollar Amount	Click here to enter text.
If no contract has been initiated please explain:	There is no contract for this project; RABA invoices SRTA directly.

5) INTEREST EARNED TO DATE ON LCTOP FUNDS, FOR THIS PROJECT:

Amount Awarded:	\$270,105 (\$141,640 paid to RABA June2018; \$128,465 remaining)
Interest Rate:	.40%
Interest Earned:	\$513.86 (on remaining \$128,465 awarded)

The Lead Agency is required to report semi-annually on the activities and progress made on the project to the Department of Transportation to ensure the project and activities funded from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds are being executed in a timely manner, within the scope and cost approved at the time of allocation, and are achieving the intended purposes.

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