

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County and its incorporated cities. As the MPO, BCAG is required to prepare a Federal Transportation Improvement program (FTIP) every two years and a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that require federal funding or other approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In addition, this public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for the FTA. The FTIP identifies all non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality emissions modeling purposes. The FTIP indicates the area's short-term plan for use of federal dollars and other resources for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the transportation system and the achievement of federal air quality standards over the next four federal fiscal years. BCAG is also currently developing the 2012 RTP which identifies the long-range transportation plans for specific funding programs through the year 2035.

The draft 2010/11 (FFY 11) FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination has been prepared and is available for public review and input. In addition, the Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been updated to include specific FTA "Program of Projects" public participation requirements. BCAG has scheduled a public hearing to adopt the 2011 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination and amend the PPP at the August 26, 2010 Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Chico Municipal Building Council Chambers located at 421 Main Street, in Chico. The 2011 FTIP & Air Quality Conformity Determination is available for review at all Butte County Public Libraries and posted on the internet at www.bcag.org. The 2008 RTP will also be amended to update the projects as contained in the 2011 FTIP and to update the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination to ensure consistency between the Plan and the Program. Comments will be accepted until the adoption of the FTIP on August 26, 2010. The 2011 FTIP covers the period between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2014. Amendments to the FTIP and RTP can be made at any time by the BCAG Board of Directors.

Questions regarding the FTIP or the RTP can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager at BCAG at 530-879-2468 or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org.