



## BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Item #5 Action

December 7, 2023

### APPROVAL OF 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) FOR BUTTE COUNTY

**PREPARED BY:** Iván Garcia, Programming Director

**ISSUE:** BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15, 2023, for the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**DISCUSSION:** The purpose of the RTIP is to identify programming recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2024 STIP will cover the five fiscal year period beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

The STIP is comprised of the following funding programs:

- 1) 75% - Regional Improvement Program (RIP). Projects are nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) like BCAG as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) document.
- 2) 25% - Interregional Improvement Program (IIP). Projects are nominated by Caltrans as part of their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

BCAG requested project nominations from member jurisdictions for consideration of programming in the 2024 RTIP with a funding target of \$8.4 million. Staff received 8 project submittals totaling over \$20 million and have reviewed each of the projects.

Table 1 identifies the 2024 RTIP recommendations. These projects were reviewed with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee at their October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and the BCAG Board at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The project recommendations have not changed.

The projects recommended for programming meet the requirements identified in the 2024 STIP Guidelines and are in alignment with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) adopted by California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) in July 2021 and consistent with BCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

**TABLE 1  
2024 RTIP RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>PROJECTS RECOMMEND FOR THE 2024 RTIP</b>		
<b>Agency &amp; Project</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
Chico – Eaton Rd / SR 99 Roundabout	\$6,300,000	<b>\$6,300,000</b>
County – Palermo Safe Routes to Schools Project	\$2,625,000	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
BCAG - North Valley Passenger Rail Project	\$2,500,000	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
BCAG - Planning, Programming & Monitoring	\$738,000	<b>\$738,000</b>
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,163,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,538,000</u></b>

2024 RTIP Recommendations =	<b>\$10,538,000</b>
2024 RTIP Fund Estimate =	<u>\$8,433,000</u>
<b>Over Programmed =</b>	<b>\$2,105,000</b>

While the 2024 RTIP recommendations are above the 2024 Fund Estimate provided to Butte County, STIP guidelines allow regions like BCAG to make a programming recommendation up to 200% of its target. BCAG may be consulted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding adjustments, to financially constrain the STIP after all statewide RTIPs and Caltrans’ Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) have been submitted.

For those projects submitted and not recommended for the 2024 RTIP, staff has prepared a separate agenda item outlining other funding options for those projects.

The RTIP was developed in accordance with BCAG’s Public Participation Process and has noticed this item for a public hearing to solicit final comments from the public. Project location maps are attached.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Staff requests the Board Chair open a public hearing to solicit final comments. If no significant comments are received, staff and the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee recommend the BCAG Board of Directors adopt the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Butte County by Resolution #2023/24-07. This resolution also authorizes staff to make any necessary adjustments in consultation with the California Transportation Commission. Any changes made will be presented to the BCAG Board.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, Programming Director  
 Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst



**BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO 2023/24-07**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Butte County in accordance with Government Code Section 29532; and California Governments Code Section 65080 requires Butte County Association of Governments as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency to prepare, adopt and submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission, pursuant to sections 65080.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Butte County identifies project recommendations to be funded utilizing Regional Improvement Program / State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds approved for BCAG programming by the CTC and other state, federal fund or local funds;

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 RTIP identifies projects which at the time of adoption may require modifications to the Project Programming Request funding sheets by BCAG staff prior to the adoption of the STIP by the California Transportation Commission;

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 RTIP is consistent with the current approved Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies; and to the best of BCAG's knowledge, at the time of RTIP adoption, the projects identified for funding in the proposed 2024 RTIP are not anticipated to be impacted by implementation of the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient Vehicles Rule Part One – One National Program which became effective on November 26, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, BCAG certifies the 2024 RTIP is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies included in the adopted 2020 RTP/SCS;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Butte County in accordance with California Government Code 65080 and Chapter 622 of the Statutes of 1997 (SB 45) and the adopted STIP Guidelines and authoristaff to

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make any necessary changes to the RTIP document including the Project Programming Request funding sheets to ensure its timely submittal and approval to Caltrans and or the California Transportation Commission for adoption into the STIP.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

