APPENDIX 3 Public Involvement Documentation – Summary

BCAG undertook an extensive Public Participation Process in developing the 2020 RTP/SCS, Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination, and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. In accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan, BCAG held an extensive public outreach process prior to and during the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS. The development of this project was developed in consultation with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee comprised of the cities, county, Caltrans, the air district, public health, the university and other interested individuals. BCAG also reached out to each of the local Tribal Governments in Butte County and to communities traditionally underserved.

BCAG first reviewed its adopted Public Participation Plan and invited the public to review the plan itself. The process to update the 2020 RTP/SCS began in 2018. As various chapters or elements were prepared, the information was presented for review and comment to the BCAG Board of Directors. All BCAG meetings are open to the public. While formal workshops, presentation and hearings were held throughout the process, BCAG staff has always been available to inform and educate the public concerning the RTP/SCS and SEIR. BCAG's Interagency Consultation Review Group were also consulted in matters concerning air quality conformity.

Early outreach included a public workshop in Chico. Each public workshop typically consisted of a prepared power point presentation with an information brochure for the public which included an area to write comments and leave for staff. In addition, BCAG staff is bilingual in Spanish and was able to make the presentations in Spanish should there have been a need to. The specific documentation for those presentations are posted online at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html includes:

- Public Notices
- Brochures
- Power Point Presentations

In addition to the documentation to the RTP/SCS, the SCS portion of the RTP has specific public involvement criteria as well. The SCS portion of the SCS is also posted at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/Sustainable-Communities-Strategy/index.html.

Local Native American Tribal Governments were contacted via formal government-to-government correspondence. Copies of the outreach efforts are attached. In addition, Caltrans assisted in the distribution of the draft document for review and comment.

Notices were placed in the local newspaper and the process was worked through BCAG's advisory committees and Board of Directors meetings, all of which are public. In addition to specific workshops, BCAG has welcomed input throughout the process, however, typical input came from Caltrans. Once material was drafted, it was made available for review and comment at BCAG's website. Meetings, workshops/open house format gatherings were strategically held between 4 and 6 p.m. to enable those interested to attend after working hours. Most input were general questions of the types of projects or transit related operational issues. In fact, typical input received is generally positive in which the individual is not aware of the normal activities undertaken by BCAG.

Recognizing that a lot of people are not familiar with BCAG or the transportation planning or programming process, BCAG went out to lower income neighborhoods and stood outside a store, or library or wherever the location was to try to engage the public. General feedback was "we need more bike lanes, or what is happening over there" types of questions. Once BCAG would explain the process and how long it actually takes to deliver any type of project, bike/ped, transit, road or highway project, the individual would walk away.

BCAG staff also participated in various Spanish radio personality interviews on Facebook Live on Radio Mexicana with Juan Villagrana. On two separate occasions, BCAG was invited as a guest speaker to discuss BCAG, various projects like the development of the RTP/SCS and other specific projects in an effort to engage the Spanish speaking community to become part of the process.

In all of BCAG's presentations, it was made clear that the public may comment on the RTP/SCS at any time. Even if a comment is received after adoption of the Plan, BCAG welcomed the input for consideration. BCAG has also made staff available to present to any group, club or interested individual for all matters concerning BCAG, including the development of the RTP/SCS. BCAG recognizes the RTP/SCS is a living document that can be amended as necessary by the BCAG Board of Directors.

BCAG maintains a comprehensive email distribution list to those interested in BCAG's business plans and programs including local, state and federal agencies or governments. The list also includes private individuals or companies. BCAG utilized the "Constant Contact" program to make aware of the development of the RTP/SCS and the opportunity to be engaged.

Included in this appendix are copies of the committee memorandum which are open to the public and accessible. These memorandums date from June 2018 through October 2020. A final public workshop has been scheduled for November 5, 2020 to allow for approximately one month after the release of the full document in its entirety and the complete draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Comments are welcomed up until the RTP/SCS is approved.

Comments Received

BCAG received one official letter from Caltrans. The letter is included in this Appendix 4 followed by the action taken. Most of the comments are technical corrections and suggestions which BCAG will consider as it develops the next 2024 RTP/SCS upon conclusion of the Post Camp Fire Study and update to its Transit and Non-Motorized Plan.

Visualization Techniques & Enhanced Outreach

BCAG Posted workshop display advertisement on the entire Butte Regional Transit Fleet in English and Spanish and Hmong. In addition, BCAG placed display ads in known low income communities and spoke with local residents. Due to COVID-19, BCAG was required to follow Public Health guidelines and practice social distancing requirements as directed by the Governor. In doing so, in 2020, BCAG held its first zoom workshop in which a thorough power point presentation was presented. It was made known that for those who could not attend and were interested in participating and learning more about the RTP/SCS they could reference the recorded workshop. This workshop is posted online at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqFoiAzygRQ&feature=youtu.be. Or can accessed from the RTP/SCS webpage.



Outreach to Low Income Communities:



Chapmantown, Chico CA RTP/SCS Zoom Workshop Posting and Meeting With local patrons.



Southside Community Center Oroville, CA



Gridley Farm Labor Camp

Butte County Public Library



Specific Outreach Included:

Public Notices – Local Media Blast & Social Media (BCAG Facebook and Twitter)

Public Interest Emails (those who have specifically requested to be included)

Chico Public Library, Chico CA

Butte County Public Library, Oroville CA

Gridley Public Library, Gridley CA

California State University, Chico.

Butte Regional Transit Posting (Entire Transit Fleet) – English and Spanish

Constant Contact – Comprehensive Email Distribution from BCAG kept for outreach and newsletters

Native American Tribes

Freight Distribution Email Distribution w/ contacts from Caltrans

Butte County Board of Directors (August Board)

BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee – (Includes Caltrans, FHWA, FTA, Cities, County, Interest Group)

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Community Posting – In Person

- Chapmantown Community Market (Boucher Street Market, 1406 Boucher St, Chico, CA 95928)
- Oroville Butte County Library
- Oroville Southside Community Center (2959 Lower Wyandotte Rd, Oroville, CA 95966)

- Oroville African American Family & Cultural Center (3300 Spencer Ave, Oroville, CA 95966)
- Gridley Farm Labor Camp (850 E. Gridley Rd., Gridley CA 95948)
- Gridley Public Library

Zoom Workshops with recordings posted at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html

In addition, BCAG prepares a RTP/SCS Brochure in which interested individuals can fill out the back of the form and provide it to BCAG via fax, email, mail or in person:

Butte County 2020 RTP, Air Quality Conformity Analysis & Determination, Sustainable Communities Strategy, and Program Environmental Impact Report

The RTP/SCS is Butte County's long range metropolitan transportation plan for each mode of transportation. The plan identifies financial projections through 2040 and the BCAG Board of Directors' priorities on specific projects can be accomplished. The plan then quantifies the air quality impacts to ensure Butte County is in compliance with its air quality requirements. This long range "plan" can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board.

The RTP/SCS then serves as a foundation for the development of the shorter "action" plans called the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which satisfies California transportation planning requirements, and the federal counterpart referred to as the Federal Transportation Improvement Program or (FTIP) for all transportation projects that require federal approval or are "regionally significant.

A recent addition to the RTP/SCS is the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), first included as an element of the 2012 RTP in response to Senate Bill 375 - the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008. The SCS is intended to reduce the passenger vehicle greenhouse gas emissions associated with the plan.

All information pertaining to this project will be posted at the BCAG website at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html

Why Public Input?

A key part of BCAG's transportation planning process is to involve the public and solicit input. Public input is very important for the decision making process. The public's knowledge and perspective adds to the overall understanding of the transportation needs of the region. Therefore, throughout the development of the 2020 RTP and SCS, BCAG goes to the community to seek input keeping the public informed. Your comments and concerns will be documented as part of the process.

The RTP/SCS also serves as documentation for the BCAG Board's priorities for regional transportation funding to Butte County. As such, it is very important to be involved in the transportation decision-making process.

How Do I Provide Input?

Providing input is easy. Simply write BCAG a letter and mail it to 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA, 95928, by email at igarcia@bcaq.org or by phone at 530-809-4616. You can also use the back of this sheet, and mail it in or drop it off at the end of the public meeting. If you have any questions, please direct them to Mr. Ivan Garcia at the number or email identified above.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

Iván García BCAG Programming Manager

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BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #6
Action

December 10, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) FOR BUTTE COUNTY AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) with an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) every 4 years. The RTP/SCS is required to be adopted by December 2020.

DISCUSSION: The 2020 RTP/SCS is BCAG's long range regional transportation plan which covers the years from 2020 to 2040. The RTP/SCS serves as the foundation for the development of the short-range Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The RTP/SCS can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board of Directors.

The 2020 RTP/SCS contains the following:

- 1. RTP Document including all required components (Policy, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Action and Financial)
- 2. Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination demonstrating that the projects in the RTP conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements
- 3. Environmental Impact Report complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements

The RTP/SCS was developed in consultation with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee, which includes each of the cities, the county, Butte County Rancherias, citizen representatives, BCAQMD, and Caltrans. In addition, staff held Interagency Consultation Review meetings with the Air District, Caltrans, FHWA, and the EPA.

Staff has prepared and completed the 2020 RTP/SCS in accordance with BCAG's Public Participation Plan (PPP). Two final public meetings were held on November 5, 2020 and on September 3, 2020 to present the draft RTP/SCS and EIR. In addition, a public hearing notice was posted in local Butte County newspapers to solicit final comments on the draft 2020 RTP/SCS. An Executive Summary for the 2020 RTP/SCS is attached. Development of this document is a two-year process with extensive opportunities for public input.

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Environmental Impact Report

The RTP/SCS is a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The 2020 RTP/SCS Final Supplemental EIR is a supplemental and program EIR. A program EIR is a plan-level document that analyzes environmental impacts of the 2020 RTP/SCS on a programmatic level. Project-specific impacts should be analyzed in detail by project proponents as the individual projects are designed and engineered at a later date. A supplemental EIR need only include the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation. Therefore, the Final Supplemental EIR for the 2020 RTP/SCS focuses only on the resource topics to which the project would result in new environmental impacts not previously analyzed in the Final EIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS.

BCAG staff has worked with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to develop the program-level and supplemental EIR.

A draft Supplemental EIR was released for a 45-day public review period October 8, 2020 and a public hearing was held in October 2020. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15086, BCAG consulted with and requested comments on the draft Supplemental EIR from responsible agencies, trustee agencies with resources affected by the project, and other state, federal, and local agencies which exercise authority over resources which may be affected by the RTP/SCS. BCAG did not receive any comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR.

The BCAG Board is required to certify the Final Supplemental Environment Impact Report (EIR) and find that it complies with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In addition, the BCAG Board must adopt a Mitigation and Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations relative to the Supplemental EIR.

Attached to the memorandum is a Summary of CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

A complete final draft RTP/SCS and Supplemental EIR are posted on-line by chapter on BCAG's website at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/index.html and the EIR at: http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/2020-RTPSCS-EIR/index.html

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the Board open a public hearing for any final comments on the 2020 RTP/SCS and Supplemental EIR. If no significant comments are received, staff recommends the BCAG Board adopt the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy by Resolution 2020/21#06. This resolution also certifies the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopting Findings and Statement of Overriding Consideration, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. This resolution also authorizes staff to make any necessary changes to the RTP/SCS document to ensure timely approval by the required state and federal agencies.

Key Staff: Iván García, Transportation Programming Specialist

Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

ATTACHMENT

Summary of CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Findings for Significant PROJECT and Cumulative Impacts for Which Project's Incremental Contribution has Been Mitigated to Less than Significant Levels

For the following impacts, BCAG hereby finds mitigation measures have been identified in the Final Supplemental EIR that will avoid or substantially lessen the Project's incremental contribution to the following significant project and cumulative impacts to a less than significant (i.e., less than cumulatively considerable) level. The significant impacts and the mitigation measures that will reduce them to a less than significant level are as follows:

- Impact AQ-3: Mitigation Measure AQ-3
- Impact AQ-1; Mitigation Measure AQ-1
- Impact BIO-1; Mitigation Measure BIO-1
- Impact BIO-2; Mitigation Measures BIO-2(a)-(c)
- Impact BIO-3; Mitigation Measure BIO-3
- Impact BIO-4; Mitigation Measure BIO-4
- Impact BIO-5; Mitigation Measure BIO-5
- Impact CUL-1 (for archaeological and paleontological resources); Mitigation Measures CUL-1(a)-(d)
- Impact CUL-2; Mitigation Measure CUL-2
- Impact GHG-1; Mitigation Measure GHG-1
- Impact N-1; Mitigation Measures N-1(a)-(e)
- Impact N-2; Mitigation Measures N-2(a)-(b)
- Impact N-3; Mitigation Measure N-1(b)
- Impact TCR-1; Mitigation Measures TCR-1(a)-(b)

Findings for Significant PROJECT AND Cumulative Impacts for Which Project's Incremental Contribution has Not Been Mitigated to Less than Significant Levels

For the following impacts, BCAG hereby finds that mitigation measures have been identified in the Final Supplemential EIR that will reduce the Project's incremental contribution to the following significant cumulative impacts, but not to a less than significant

(i.e., less than cumulatively considerable) level. The significant impacts and the mitigation are as follows:

- Impact AG-1; Mitigation Measures AG-1(a)-(d)
- Impact CUL-1 (for historic structures); Mitigation Measures CUL-1(a)-(d)
- Impact T-2; Mitigation Measure T-1
- Impact WF-1; Mitigation Measure WF-1

STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS

BCAG adopts and makes this statement of overriding considerations concerning the Project's unavoidable significant impacts to explain why the project's benefits override and outweigh its unavoidable impacts.

Even with implementation of all feasible mitigation, the project will result in significant and unavoidable impacts as follows:

- 1. Implementation of the 2020 RTP/SCS would convert agricultural lands including Prime Farmland and lands under Williamson Act contract to non-agricultural uses. (Impact AG-1)
- 2. Implementation of the 2020 RTP/SCS would disturb known and unknown cultural resources such as historic structures. (Impact CUL-1)
- 3. Implementation of the 2020 RTP/SCS would interfere with achievement of the vehicle miles traveled reductions set forth by the state. (Impact T-2)
- 4. Implementation of the 2020 RTP/SCS would increase wildfire risks. (Impact WF-1)

Each benefit set forth below constitutes an overriding consideration warranting approval of the Project, independent of the other benefits, despite each and every unavoidable impact.

- a. The implementation of 2020 RTP/SCS transportation projects will provide for a comprehensive transportation system of facilities and services that meets the public's need for the movement of people and goods, and that is consistent with the social, economic, and environmental goals and policies of the region.
- b. The Project will improve transportation mobility and accessibility in the county.
- c. The Project will improve air quality by reducing emissions of ozone precursors compared to future No Project conditions.
- d. The 2020 RTP/SCS will contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles and light trucks, helping the Butte County area to achieve the regional GHG reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board.

- e. The Project will promote consistency between the California Transportation Plan 2025, the regional transportation plan and other plans developed by cities, counties, districts, Native American Tribal Governments, and State and Federal agencies in responding to Statewide and interregional transportation issues and needs.
- f. The construction of transportation projects will result in both short-term and long-term economic benefits to the Butte County area and its residents. Transportation projects will indirectly provide for a number of jobs relating to construction and maintenance. The RTP program includes transportation investments in the BCAG region. Other California MPO studies have shown that investments in regional transportation projects and programs provide numerous jobs locally (see, for example, SANDAG 2050 RTP/SCS, Technical Appendix 3, Table TA 3.1, average annual increase of 18,500 jobs).

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

BCAG finds that a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the 2020 RTP/SCS has been prepared for the project and has been adopted concurrently with these Findings (Public Resources Code, § 21081.6(a)(1)).





BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO 2020/2021 #06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS CERTIFYING THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND APPROVING THE 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) comprised of five member agencies: Butte County, the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville or Paradise; and

WHEREAS, BCAG is the agency responsible for maintaining a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process which will result in a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134(a) and (g), 49 U.S.C. §5303(f); 23 C.F.R. §450, and 49 C.F.R. §613; and

WHEREAS, BCAG is the Lead Agency in preparing the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and is required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21000 et seq.]; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(f), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is the public document used by a governmental agency to analyze the significant environmental effects of a proposed project, to identify alternatives, and to disclose possible ways to reduce or avoid the potential environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(a) specifies that a Program EIR (PEIR) be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related either: (1) geographically; (2) as logical parts in a chain of contemplated actions; (3) in connection with issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria, to govern the conduct of a continuing program; or (4) as individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental effects which can be mitigated in similar ways; and

WHEREAS, BCAG has determined that a Supplemental EIR (SEIR) is appropriate to assess the environmental impact of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the Butte County regional given no major new projects and policies since the 2016 RTP/SCS; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 RTP/SCS is consistent with Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines for supplemental EIRs as only minor additions and changes are necessary to make the 2016 RTP/SCS EIR adequate for the project as revised and conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines do not apply to the 2020 RTP/SCS; and

WHEREAS, the SEIR is a regional planning level analysis which analyzes environmental impacts of the 2020 RTP/SCS on a broad planning level, while presenting as much detailed information about the individual RTP projects that is available at this time; and

WHEREAS, project-specific impacts of the individual RTP project should be analyzed in detail by the implementing agencies as the individual projects are designed, engineered, and considered for approval at a later date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15086, BCAG consulted with and requested comments on the Draft SEIR EIR from responsible agencies, trustee agencies with resources affected by the project; and other state, federal, and local agencies which exercise authority over resources which may be affected by the RTP; and

WHEREAS, BCAG circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the proposed project on October 22, 2019, to trustee and responsible agencies, the State Clearinghouse, and the public; and

WHEREAS, a scoping meeting was held on November 7, 2019, at 4:00 PM in the in the BCAG Conference Room in the City of Chico to solicit concerns and issues relative to the RTP; and

WHEREAS, concerns raised in response to the NOP were considered during preparation of the Draft SEIR; and

WHEREAS, BCAG published a public notice of availability (NOA) for the Draft SEIR on October 8, 2020, inviting comments from the general public, agencies, organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the Draft SEIR was available for public review from October 8 through November 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088(a), BCAG, as the Lead Agency, must evaluate comments on significant environmental issues received from persons who review the Draft SEIR and must prepare a written response thereto; and

WHEREAS, BCAG received no comment letters, regarding the Draft Program EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Final SEIR document and the Draft SEIR, as amended by the Final SEIR, constitute the Final SEIR; and

WHEREAS, when making the findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(a)(1), the agency must also adopt a program for reporting on or monitoring the changes which have been either required in the project or made a condition of approval to avoid or substantially lessen significant effects, and which are fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other measures, as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(d); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared to outline the procedures for implementing all mitigation measures identified in the SEIR; and

WHEREAS, according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093(b), where the decision of the public agency allows the occurrence of significant effects which are identified in the Final SEIR but are not avoided or substantially lessened, the agency must issue a Statement of Overriding Considerations setting forth the specific reasons to support its actions based on the Final SEIR or other information in the record; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15093(c) provides that if an agency makes a statement of overriding considerations, the statement should be included in the record of the project approval and should be mentioned in the Notice of Determination.

WHEREAS, The results from the 2019 FTIP and 2020 RTP emissions analysis show that current and future emissions of the ozone precursors ROG and NOx will be no greater than the 2011 and 2017 base year emissions levels. Thus, Butte County, in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County (§51.464 and §51.436 – 51.440), has satisfied the "no-greater-than-2011" test for the 2008 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS and the "no-greater-than-2017" test for the 2015 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS. Based on this analysis, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Butte County Association of Governments finds as follows:
 - (a) The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) prepared for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the Butte County region was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and
 - (b) The Final SEIR was presented to BCAG's decision making body, the BCAG Board; and
 - (c) The BCAG Board has reviewed and considered information contained in the Final SEIR; and
 - (d) The Final SEIR reflects BCAG's independent judgment and analysis; and
 - (e) The Final SEIR consists of the Draft SEIR and the Final SEIR, which includes a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- 2. Based on and incorporating all of the foregoing recitals and findings supported by substantial evidence in the record and set forth in the "Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations," attached hereto and incorporated by reference, BCAG hereby certifies the Final SEIR for the 2020 RTP and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- 3. BCAG hereby approves the Butte County 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and Air Quality Conformity Determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BCAG BOARD of Directors finds that the RTP/SCS achieves the regional greenhouse gas targets established by the California Air Resources Board and meets the requirements of SB 375;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCAG Board of Directors authorizes its staff to make any necessary changes to the RTP/SCS document to ensure the timely delivery and approval of the RTP/SCS to the appropriate state and federal agencies;

	DPTED by the Butte County Association of Governments on the per 2020 by the following vote:
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
APPROVED:	BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ATTEST:	JON A. CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday - October 1, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

JOIN VIA ZOOM:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83808479547?pwd=NFVZSjJRdVlxR2xVYnJ3WmJZQmxLU T09&from=msft

> Meeting ID: 838 0847 9547 Passcode: 276695

1. INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OR COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.

FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND OR PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

COPIES OF STAFF REPORTS OR OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS REFERRED TO ON THE AGENDA ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (BCAG). PERSONS WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS MAY CALL BCAG TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE ITEM DESCRIBED ON THE AGENDA. DUE TO COVID-19 AND SOCIAL DISTANCING RECOMMENDATIONS, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.

<u>ITEM</u> <u>STAFF</u>

3. Minutes from September 3, 2020 TAC Meeting

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval.

4. Caltrans State Highway Projects Update

Cameron Knudson Information

SR 70 Corridor Update & SR 32 through Chico Projects under development

5. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Ivan Garcia Information

Final 2020 RTP/SCS Project Tables and Air Quality Exempt Projects

6. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy System Performance Report Brian Lasagna

Information

Presenting a Preliminary Draft System Performance Report

7. 2021 FTIP Development Schedule & Call for Projects

Ivan Garcia Information

Discussing the schedule for the 2021 FTIP and initiating a call for new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program and Highway Improvement Program projects for funding consideration

8. Caltrans Planning or Local Assistance Updates

Caltrans Information

Providing relevant updates to the committee

9. Other Items All



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 5
Information

September 3, 2020

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) - FINAL DRAFT PROJECT TABLES AND AIR QUALITY EXEMPT TABLE

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and federally designated Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MPO) for the Butte County region. As such, BCAG is required to prepare and update the RTP/SCS by December 2020.

DISCUSSION: Attached for the committee's review and comment are the final draft list of projects included in the 2020 RTP/SCS as well as the specific projects which are "exempt" from Transportation and Air Quality Conformity.

Minor descriptive changes may be made or estimated project costs. Staff is no longer able to add any non-exempt projects. Any future changes may require an amendment after the RTP/SCS is adopted on December 10, 2020.

Staff will inform the committee once the complete draft document is compiled and posted online. Hard copies will not be made unless requested.

BCAG staff will continue to inform the committee regarding the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS. Once adopted by the Board, the RTP/SCS can be amended at any time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information.

Key Staff: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 6
Information

October 1, 2020

2020 RTP/SCS - SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT

PREPARED BY: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

ISSUE: The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and federally designated Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MPO) for the Butte County region. As such, BCAG is required to prepare and update the RTP/SCS by December 2020 and include a System Performance Report

DISCUSSION: Federal transportation legislation (MAP-21) placed new and stronger emphasis on measuring and monitoring the performance of the transportation system and requires states and MPOs to implement a performance-based approach to planning and programming. 23 CFR 450.324 (f)(4) is a new requirement for MPOs to prepare a System Performance Report with each update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which evaluates the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the performance targets mandated in MAP-21.

BCAG has prepared a preliminary draft System Performance Report and included as Attachment #1, for the TACs review and comment. The report has been modeled after a similar report completed by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and meets all new federal requirements.

BCAG will be including the report with the release of the Draft 2020 RTP/SCS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the TACs information and awareness.

Key staff: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

Ivan Garcia, Programming Specialist



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Thursday - August 6, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

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<u>ITEM</u> <u>STAFF</u>

3. Minutes from May 7, 2020 TAC Meeting

Ivan Garcia

For review and approval.

4. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Ivan Garcia Information

Informing TAC of RTP/SCS schedule, updated project tables and public workshops

5. Butte Regional Transit Update

Sara Muse Information

Informing committee of transit related activities for B-Line

6. Caltrans Updates

Caltrans Information

Planning Local Assistance Maintenance / Emergency Relief

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Thursday - February 13, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

BCAG Conference Room 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 Chico CA 95928

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3. Minutes from December 5, 2019 TAC Meeting	Ivan Garcia	
For review and approval.		
4. 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program	Ivan Garcia	
Informing TAC of Revised 2020 RTIP Recommendations	Information	
5. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update	Brian Lasagna Information	
Informing the committee on the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS		
6. Active Transportation Program – Cycle 5	Ivan Garcia Information	
Discussion of new ATP Cycle 5 projects for consideration	mormation	
7. Butte Regional Transit Update	Sara Muse Information	
Informing committee of transit related activities for B-Line	mormation	
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Item # 5
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February 13, 2020

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

ISSUE: The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and federally designated Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MPO) for the Butte County region. As such, BCAG is required to prepare and update the RTP/SCS by December 2020.

DISCUSSION: The following activities related to the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS have been provided for the group's information and discussion.

Regional Modeling

BCAG staff is currently working with project consultants, Fehr & Peers and Chico State, in completing the update of BCAG's regional land use and travel demand models (TDM) for the analysis of the 2020 RTP/SCS.

Discussion Draft Land Use Scenario and Transportation Network

BCAG has developed a discussion draft land use scenario and transportation network for the purpose of testing the model and determining what additional steps would be required to meet applicable GHG reduction targets. The draft land use scenario is based on the latest regional growth forecasts, project information from local agencies, and recommendations included in the 2016 SCS Progress Report. A description of the draft scenario has been included as Attachment A. In addition, an updated transportation network has been prepared in coordination with BCAG's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Caltrans, and the local agencies (Attachment B).

Additional Strategies for Reducing VMT and GHG Emissions

A component of the 2020 RTP/SCS model update is to prepare an assessment of strategies for the BCAG region which can be used to further reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with passenger vehicles. Fehr & Peers has prepared a memo (Attachment C) summarizing applicable strategies. Once the model is operational, each strategy will be quantified.

Preliminary Outputs

Project consultants are currently finalizing the model validation and will be preparing preliminary outputs for the discussion draft land use scenario and transportation

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network. The outputs are expected to be completed by early spring and will be shared with the TAC when available.

Technical Methodology

BCAG staff is currently preparing the required technical methodology for estimating greenhouse gas emissions associated with the 2020 RTP/SCS. Upon completion, a draft will be sent to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for review. This document is required to be submitted prior to any official public outreach efforts for the Draft RTP/SCS. The complete document will be available on the BCAG website, once completed.

Schedule

Included as Attachment D for the TAC's review and comment is the latest schedule for the 2020 SCS. During the 1st quarter of 2020, as scheduled, BCAG staff will be working to complete the technical methodology, quantify the results of preliminary modeling, and provide an update to the BCAG Board.

BCAG staff will continue to inform the TAC regarding the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the TAC's discussion, awareness, and information.

Key staff: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

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Information

June 30, 2020

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

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Preliminary Outputs of Discussion Draft Land Use Scenario and Transportation Network BCAG has received preliminary modeling results for the discussion draft land use scenario and transportation network. The results meet the GHG targets for the region. The consultants are currently making a few minor adjustments. Once completed, the results will be summarized and presented to the PDG. Currently, there is no need to implement additional measures for meeting the targets.

ARB Review Submittal Package

In May 2020, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) provided regional agencies with an updated submittal package for the 3rd round of RTP/SCS review under SB 375. The package includes revised analysis reflecting new guidelines approved by the state in 2019. BCAG will be proposing revisions to the policy and action elements of the plan in order to meet the new requirements. Draft revisions will be available mid-July.

Public Outreach

Upon completion of the preliminary discussion draft analysis and revisions of the policy and action elements, BCAG will be conducting a 2nd round of public outreach prior to preparing the draft document. Details regarding the outreach format are still in discussion, considering the COVID-19 guidelines. The workshop(s) are scheduled to be held in late July. The TAC will receive notification when exact dates are determined.

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BCAG staff will continue to inform the TAC regarding the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the TAC's discussion, awareness, and information.

Key staff: Sara Cain, Associate Senior Planner

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For review and approval.		
4. 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program – Draft 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program	Ivan Garcia Information	
5. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Development – Action Element Draft Project List	Ivan Garcia Information	
Review of draft list of projects for RTP/SCS		
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BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 5
Information

November 7, 2019

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY – ACTION ELEMENT DRAFT PROJECT LIST

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: Attached for the committee's review is an updated project list of all local projects that will be included in the draft 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy.

DISCUSSION: The attached list of projects are detailed enough in order to prepare an appropriate regional emissions analysis required to evaluate and demonstrate air quality conformity and for development of the environmental impact report.

Where state highway projects are identified, BCAG consulted Caltrans District 3 to ensure consistency and linkage between the RTP/SCS, Caltrans' ITIP and SHOPP. This ensures consistency as well with the objectives contained in the State California Transportation Plan prepared by Caltrans.

In addition, the 2020 RTP/SCS will identify an "unconstrained" scenario to include projects that are not included as a result of insufficient funding.

Attached for the committee's review is the draft list of specific projects received by each of the local agencies. Staff is requesting member agencies and Caltrans confirm the projects list and provide any necessary changes.

Public Workshop

Attached for the committee's awareness is the public notice that was published in the local newspaper announcing BCAG's workshop for:

- 2020 RTP/SCS Supplemental EIR Scope. The detailed Notice of Preparation is posted at the BCAG website at:
 http://www.bcag.org/documents/planning/RTP%20SCS/2020%20RTP%20SCS/SEIR/BCAG%202020%20RTP-SCS%20NOP.pdf
- 2020 RTP/SCS Development
- 2020 RTIP Development for the 2020 STIP Cycle

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Open House Workshop Date and Location:

Thursday, November 7, 2019 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. BCAG Conference Room 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150 Chico, CA 95929

The attached notice was also posted on the Butte Regional Transit fleet.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

Brian Lasagna, Senior Planner

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County. As the MPO, BCAG is required to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) every four years. The RTP/SCS identifies the long-range transportation plans for specific funding programs by transportation mode through the year 2040. In addition, BCAG is required to prepare a short-range Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) document for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The **2020 RTP/SCS** will consist of the following:

- RTP/SCS Document Includes Policy Element, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Action Element & Financial Element
- 2. Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination demonstrating that the projects in the RTP conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements.
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements

The 2020 RTP/SCS is scheduled to be approved by BCAG in December 2020. This project is in its <u>early</u> stages of development.

The **2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)** will consist of programming recommendations for consideration by the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Board of Directors. The RTIP is scheduled to be adopted by BCAG on December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board of Directors Board Room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA 95928. Past RTIP projects have included the State Route 70 Corridor.

BCAG will be hosting a workshop to discuss:

- 2020 RTP/SCS Supplemental EIR Scope. The detailed Notice of Preparation is posted at the BCAG website at: http://www.bcag.org/documents/planning/RTP%20SCS/2020%20RTP%20SCS/SEIR/BCAG%20 2020%20RTP-SCS%20NOP.pdf
- 2020 RTP/SCS Development
- 2020 RTIP Development for the 2020 STIP Cycle

Open House Workshop Date and Location:

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All documents are available for review on the Internet at www.bcag.org. Comments or questions on the projects can be directed to Mr. Iván García, Transportation Programming Specialist for BCAG at 530-809-4616 or by email at igarcia@bcag.org. Comments can also be mailed to BCAG at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928.

****Se Habla Español**** NOTICIA PUBLICA

Si Ud. esta interesado en participar en el proceso de transportacion de Butte County Association of Governments, estas invitado a asistir una junta para aprender de los actividades, documentos y proyectos en su comunidad. Sea parte de el proceso!



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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ITEM STAFF 3. Minutes from June 6, 2019 TAC Meeting Ivan Garcia For review and approval. 4. 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program – Ivan Garcia Information Informing committee of development of the 2020 RTIP 5. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Ivan Garcia Strategy Development – Action Element Draft Project List Information Review of draft list of projects for RTP/SCS 6. Regional Transportation Planning Activities Update Brian Lasagna Information Presenting update on Camp Fire Regional Population & Transportation Study, Sustainable Communities Strategy Progress Report and Draft Long-Term Regional Growth Forecasts 7. Butte Regional Transit Update Sara Muse Information Informing committee of transit related activities for B-Line 8. BCAG / Caltrans Information Sharing BCAG/Caltrans Information Exchange of information regarding local projects underway and planned as well as receiving a Local Assistance update on matters concerning

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Item # 5
Information

September 5, 2019

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY – ACTION ELEMENT DRAFT PROJECT LIST

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and update the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by December 2020. Staff is currently developing the "Action Element" which includes each project to be included in the plan. The draft list of projects is attached for the committee's review.

DISCUSSION: The Action Element implements the Policy Element with the anticipated financial resources identified in the Financial Element and conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. The Action Element identifies (links) the specific projects currently funded in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). As such, the RTP/SCS is used as the foundation for the programming of projects in the FTIP and RTIP. The RTIP and the FTIP identify the majority of the transportation projects programmed or planned through the state and federal process. The projects contained in this section are detailed enough in order to prepare an appropriate regional emissions analysis required to evaluate and demonstrate air quality conformity.

Where state highway projects are identified, BCAG consulted Caltrans District 3 to ensure consistency and linkage between the RTP/SCS, Caltrans' ITIP and SHOPP. This ensures consistency as well with the objectives contained in the State California Transportation Plan prepared by Caltrans. In addition, this RTP/SCS attempts to identify which projects can't be completed due to a lack of funding for transportation as an "unconstrained" scenario.

Attached for the committee's review is the draft list of specific projects received by each of the local agencies. Staff is requesting member agencies and Caltrans confirm the projects list and provide any necessary changes. Once confirmed, staff will forward the list of projects for inclusion as applicable in the regional transportation model.

Once completed, staff will utilize the information for BCAG's mapping project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

Brian Lasagna, Senior Planner



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ITEM **STAFF** Ivan Garcia 3. Minutes from April 4, 2019 TAC Meeting For review and approval. 4. 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Ivan Garcia Strategy Development – Policy Element Information Review of draft Policy Element 5. 2019 BCAG Sustainable Communities Strategy Brian Lasagna **Progress Report – Draft Indicators** Information Discussion of draft indicators for the 2020 RTP/SCS 6. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration / U. S. EPA Ivan Garcia **Proposed Rule** Information Informing committee of proposed "Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule 7. Butte Regional Transit Update Sara Muse Information Informing committee of transit related activities for B-Line 8. Caltrans District 3 Update James Day & Angel Araiza Informing committee of Inactive Projects, Obligational Authority, Fast Act Rescission, DBE for 2020 and new Local Roadway Safety Plans 9. Other Items ΑII



Item # 4
Information

June 6, 2019

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT - POLICY ELEMENT

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and update the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by December 2020. The draft Policy Element of the 2020 RTP/SCS will be presented at the next BCAG Board meeting for review and comment.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the Policy Element is to identify legislative, planning, financial and institutional issues and requirements, as well as any areas of regional consensus. Part of this process includes consideration of Caltrans' California Transportation Plan (CTP) policy framework which provides goals and policies that can help with development of policies and strategies at the most regional level. The Policy Element presents guidance to decision-makers of the implications, impacts, opportunities, and foreclosed options that will result from implementation of the RTP.

The Policy Element is a resource for providing input and promoting consistency of action among state, regional and local agencies including; transit agencies, employment development departments, the California Highway Patrol, private and public groups, tribal governments, etc. California statutes state that each RTP shall (Government Code Section 65080 (b)) include a Policy Element that:

- 1. Describes the transportation issues in the region;
- Identifies and quantifies regional needs expressed within both short and longrange planning horizons (Government Code Section 65080 (b)(1)); and,
- 3. Maintains internal consistency with the Financial Element and fund estimates.

State law requires that the objectives shall (Government Code Section 65080 (b)(1)) be linked to short-range and long-range transportation implementation goals or horizons. Each objective should be consistent with the needs identified in the RTP as a means of strengthening the linkage between statewide system planning and ultimate project implementation. The RTP shall consider factors specified in Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code. The Policy Element should clearly convey the region's transportation policies and supportive strategies and related land use forecast assumptions. These land-use assumptions take into account the latest planning documents and associated policies of the local jurisdictions.

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As part of this Element, the discussion should:

- (1) relay how these policies were developed,
- (2) identify any significant changes in the policies from the previous plans and
- (3) provide the reason for any changes in policies from previous plans. The Policy Element should clearly describe the SCS strategies, including land use, transportation, and other measure intended to reduce per capita GHG emissions from passenger vehicles. It should also explain how the financial commitments are consistent with and support the land use pattern and personal mobility objectives of the RTP.

Camp Fire Impacts and Update to the Policy Element

Due to the significant impacts as a result of the camp fire, a more careful review of the policy element is necessary. Attached for the committee's review is the current Goals, Objectives and Policies included in the 2016 RTP/SCS. The BCAG Board has expressed concern with emergency evacuation/access, housing shortages and addressing various climate change impacts to the regional transportation system. Update to the Policy Element will be an iterative process as the complete RTP document is prepared to ensure consistency within the entire document.

At the committee meeting, staff will present for discussion some revised/updated language for consideration to address concerns raised by the BCAG Board and to ensure compliance with updated RTP/SCS guidance by the California Transportation Commission which has been updated since the last RTP/SCS was prepared.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

Brian Lasagna, Senior Planner



Item # 4
Information

March 7, 2019

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

ISSUE: BCAG is responsible for state and federally required transportation plans and programs in the region including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

DISCUSSION: The RTP/SCS is adopted every 4 years to identify the region's long-range transportation plan for a 20-year minimum horizon. The 2020 RTP/SCS will cover the years from 2020 to 2040. The current RTP/SCS was adopted in December 2016. As such, the update is scheduled to be adopted by December 2020. The process to update the Plan began at the start of the 2018/19 fiscal year and will be continue thru 2020.

The RTP/SCS serves as the foundation for the development of the short-range Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The RTP/SCS can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board of Directors. As information is developed it will be posted online at the BCAG website.

The 2020 RTP/SCS will contain the following:

- RTP/SCS Document including all required elements (Policy, Action, Financial and the SCS)
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination demonstrating that the projects in the RTP/SCS conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements.
- 3. Environmental Impact Report complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements

The following activities related to the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS have been provided for the Board's information and discussion.

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Camp Fire

Prior to the Camp Fire, BCAG staff had been coordinating with the local jurisdictions in preparing the long-term regional growth forecasts of population, housing, and employment, a key piece of the RTP/SCS which informs the forecasted development pattern included in the plan. Following the Camp Fire, BCAG staff have been meeting with state and federal agency and local jurisdiction partners to determine the best course of action for the 2020 RTP/SCS considering the significant impacts to population, housing, employment, and the transportation system. At this point, meeting the original target completion date of December 2020 appears to be the best path considering the cyclical nature of the plan (every 4 years) and the relation to other programs and projects which rely on the plan (i.e., Regional Housing Needs Plan, FTIP, Air Quality, and local land use, housing, and transportation plans and projects). Therefore, BCAG will resume development of the plan and work to utilize the "best available" data in preparing the regional growth forecasts and forecasted development pattern, as required by statute.

Schedule

Included as an attachment for the TAC's review and comment is the latest revised schedule for the 2020 RTP/SCS. As scheduled, BCAG staff is working to prepare the Policy, Action and Financial Elements over the next few months.

The Policy Element will include the goals, objectives and policies for the RTP/SCS. This chapter will be reviewed to ensure any changes in guidance are incorporated, such as prioritizing performance measures.

The Action Element includes each mode of transportation and will identify specific projects which can be reasonably anticipated to be completed within the timeframe of the plan.

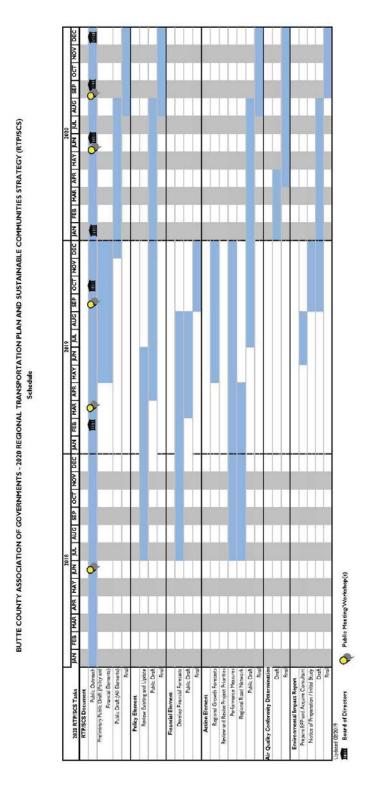
The Financial Element will identify financial projections for each fund source that is typically programmed in the FTIP and or RTIP.

BCAG staff will continue to inform the BCAG Board regarding the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS which is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors in December 2020. All aspects of the RTP/SCS are developed in consultation with the BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information only.

Key Staff: Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist

Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst



Schedule is also attached as a separate attachment to agenda on 11x17 format.



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PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OR COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.

FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND OR PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

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3.	Minutes from March 8, 2018 TAC Meeting	Ivan Garcia			
	For review and approval.				
4.	Public Workshop for BCAG Projects	Ivan Garcia Information			
	Inform committee of upcoming workshop for various plans and progra				
5.	Map 21 Performance Measures – Statewide PM2 & PM3 Targets	Brian Lasagna Information			
	Review and discussion of new performance measures	IIIIOIIIIalioii			
6.	Regional Traffic Counts 2017/18 Update	Brian Lasagna Information			
	Review and discussion of FY 17/18 traffic counts	inionnation			
7.	Caltrans Update Nim	a Kabirinassab Information			
	Verbal presentation concerning Caltrans projects & Local Assistance				
8.	Other Items	All			



Item # 4
Information

June 7, 2018

PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR:

- 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTAITON PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

PREPARED BY: Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager

ISSUE: Prior to the development of the 2019 FTIP and 2020 RTP/SCS, BCAG is required to hold a public workshop to allow for the opportunity for early input in the planning process prior to the development of the documents.

DISCUSSION: Staff has scheduled an open house / public workshop on June 20th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the BCAG offices.

Staff will be prepared to discuss the long-range RTP/SCS and its relationship to the short-range programming document, the FTIP. In addition, BCAG will be reviewing and potentially updating its adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP) including its Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments.

A general overview of each of these documents will be presented. The public notice has been attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information.

Key staff: Ivan Garcia, BCAG Transportation Programming Specialist

Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

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 Region Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. The purpose of the FTIP is to identify all transportation-related projects that have federal transportation funding require some type of approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In addition, all nonfederal, regionally significant projects are included. 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.

Notice is hereby given that BCAG is scheduled to begin the preparation of the 2019 FTIP and 2020 RTP/SCS. Development of these documents will include a new regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity purposes. As information is developed, the BCAG's website will be updated at: www.bcag.org/Planning/FTIP/index.html. If you are interested in being placed on an email distribution list, please email Mr. Ivan Garcia at igarcia@bcag.org. The 2019 FTIP is scheduled to be adopted on August 23, 2018. The 2020 RTP/SCS is scheduled to be adopted in December 2020. Information can also be reviewed at the Butte County Association of Governments office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928. An open house workshop to discuss the FTIP and RTP/SCS prior to the development of these documents is scheduled for June 20, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the BCAG conference room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico.

In addition, notice is hereby given that BCAG will be updating its Public Participation Plan (PPP) to update any legislative references and other minor changes which document how BCAG will notify the public on its planning and programming requirements. In addition, BCAG is addressing Limited English Proficiency federal requirements in the PPP. Lastly, BCAG is reviewing its Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments. Any changes will be incorporated as part of a new 2018 document. A new 2018 PPP is scheduled for adoption on August 23, 2016 by the BCAG Board of Directors. An open house workshop to review the PPP is scheduled for June 20, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the BCAG conference room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico.

All information related to the PPP and draft Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments can be found on-line at http://www.bcag.org/Planning/-Public-Participation-Plan-PPP/index.html.

Adoption of the FTIP, PPP and Policy for Government-to-Government Consultation with Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments is scheduled for 9 a.m. on August 23, 2018 at the BCAG Board of Directors Chamber located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928. Once adopted, these documents can be amended at any time by the BCAG Board. Questions regarding these products can be directed to Ivan Garcia, Transportation Programming Specialist at BCAG at 530-809-4616 or by e-mail at igarcia@bcag.org. Comments are also welcomed by email. Hard copies of the FTIP and PPP will be available at each of the Butte County Public Libraries for review and comment prior to approval. Please

contact the BCAG offices for translating assistance.



Item # 5
Information

June 7, 2018

MAP-21 PERFORMANCE MEASURES – STATEWIDE PM2 & PM3 TARGETS

PREPARED BY: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

ISSUE: As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Butte County region, BCAG is required to establish targets, track, and report the areas performance measures mandated under MAP-21, in coordination with Caltrans and the local jurisdictions.

DISCUSSION: Federal transportation legislation (MAP-21) placed new and stronger emphasis on measuring and monitoring the performance of the transportation system and requires states and MPOs to implement a performance based approach to planning and programming. Performance-based planning and programming includes using transportation performance measures, setting targets, reporting performance, and programming transportation investments directed toward the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes. The performance targets ensure states and MPOs invest resources in transportation projects that achieve national goals in safety, infrastructure condition, congestion, reliability, freight movement, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery delays.

On May 20, 2018, Caltrans approved the 2018 California Performance Management (PM2) and Performance Management 3 (PM3) targets – see Tables 1 & 2. PM2 targets are specific to infrastructure conditions (pavement and bridge) and PM3 reflects measures related to system performance (reliability, congestion, and air quality) on the National Highway System (NHS). The statewide targets take into consideration the availability of Senate Bill 1 and local measure funds, which Caltrans holistically anticipates will improve conditions over the four-year performance period.

BCAG staff is currently working with Caltrans to obtain the final datasets and methodology used in development of the statewide PM2 & PM3 targets. Once the information is gathered, BCAG staff will review with the TAC. MPOs will have the opportunity to establish individual targets for their regions or support the statewide targets. MPO target submittals are to be completed by November 16, 2018. Targets are to be reported and updated annually.

Table 1. Infrastructure Condition (PM2)

	Statew	ide Targets		
Pavement and Bridge	2-Year NHS Targets (1/1/2018 - 12/31/2019)		4-Year NHS Targets (1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021)	
Performance Measures	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
Pavements on the NHS				
Interstate	45.1%	3.5%	44.5%	3.8%
Non-Interstate	28.2%	7.3%	29.9%	7.2%
Bridges on the NHS	69.1%	4.6%	70.5%	4.4%

Table 2. System Performance (PM3)

Performance Measure	2017 Baseline Data	2-year Target	4-year Target	
Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate ¹	64.6%	65.1% (+0.5%)	65.6% (+1%)	
Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS ¹	73.0%	N/A	74.0% (+1%)	
Percentage of Interstate System Mileage Providing Reliable Truck Travel Time (Truck Travel Time Reliability Index)	1.69	1.68 (-0.01)	1.67 (-0.02)	
Total Emissions Reductions by Applicable Pollutants under the CMAQ Program ²				
VOC (kg/day)	951.83	961.35 (+1%)	970.87 (+2%)	
CO (kg/day)	6,863.26	6,931.90 (+1%)	7,000.54 (+2%)	
NOx (kg/day)	1,753.36	1,770.89 (+1%)	1,788.43 (+2%)	
PM10 (kg/day)	2,431.21	2,455.52 (+1%)	2,479.83 (+2%)	
PM2.5 (kg/day)	904.25	913.29 (+1%)	922.34 (+2%)	
*Annual Hours of Peak-Hour Excessive Delay Per Capita ¹	State and MPO must coordinate on a single, unified 4-year target.			
Sacramento UA	14.9 Hours	N/A	14.7 (-1.0%)	
San Francisco-Oakland UA	31.3 Hours	N/A	30.0 (-4.0%)	
San Jose UA	27.5 Hours	N/A	26.4 (-4.0%)	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim UA	51.7 Hours	N/A	51.2 (-1.0%)	
Riverside-San Bernardino UA	16.3 Hours	N/A	16.1 (-1.0%)	
San Diego UA	18.4 Hours	N/A	18.0 (-2.0%)	
*Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel ³	State and MPO must coordinate on a single, unified 2-year and 4-year target.			
Sacramento UA	22.8%	23.3% (+0.5%)	23.8% (+1%)	
San Francisco-Oakland UA	44.3%	45.3% (+1%)	46.3% (+2%)	
San Jose UA	24.5%	25.5% (+1%)	26.5% (+2%)	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim UA	25.6%	26.1% (+0.5%)	26.6% (+1%)	
Riverside-San Bernardino UA	22.7%	23.2% (+0.5%)	23.7% (+1%)	
San Diego UA	23.8%	24.8% (+1%)	25.2 (+1.4%)	
Percent Change in Tailpipe CO ₂ Emissions on the NHS Compared to the Calendar Year 2017 Level (Greenhouse Gas performance measure) ⁴	TBD	TBD	TBD	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and comment.

Key staff: Brian Lasagna, Regional Analyst

Ivan Garcia, Programming Manager