

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.**

This public notice also satisfies the "Program of Projects" (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program, Section 5307, Section 5311, Section 5311(f), and Section 5339 FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Program. If no comments are received on the proposed POP, the proposed transit program (funded with FTA dollars) will be the final program.

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 September 27, 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.