

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Adopt Legislative Platform		4/17/07	4-5

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency adopt the attached Shasta County RTPA Legislative Platform.

SUMMARY

Adoption of the attached Legislative Platform will allow more timely submittal of letters from the RTPA chair in support of or opposition to proposed legislation or related actions.

DISCUSSION

Proposed legislation has the potential to help or hinder programs administered by the RTPA. It is often desirable to respond quickly to make legislators and others aware of issues affecting the RTPA. Adoption of the platform will give the RTPA chair and executive officer official direction to lobby for positive changes in legislation. Any correspondence related to the platform will be provided under the Executive Officer's Report at each RTPA meeting.

ALTERNATIVES


The Agency could choose not to adopt the proposed legislative platform. This is not recommended because it could delay sending timely letters until a regularly scheduled RTPA meeting is conducted.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING

There are no costs associated with adoption of the Legislative Platform.



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Attachment: Legislative Platform

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Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency

Legislative Platform

(Adopted _____, 2007)

1. Support efforts to implement legislation and guidelines that ensure Shasta County transportation projects are eligible for appropriate Proposition 1B funds and to increase the likelihood of funding.
2. Support efforts that maintain or increase funding available for transportation projects in Shasta County, including streets and roads, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.
3. Support ongoing efforts to protect and enhance federal funding as authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and to ensure that the federal government provides a fair share return of funding to California.
4. Support efforts that allocate a fair share of state and federal funding for transportation projects in Shasta County which target, at a minimum, a 100% return to source.
5. Support state policies that assure timely allocation of transportation revenue, including allocations of new funds available to the STIP process as soon as they are available.
6. Support efforts to assure a dedicated source of funding, other than the State Highway Account, for local streets and roads maintenance and repairs.
7. Support efforts that allocate funding for transportation projects in Shasta County based on stable and sustained revenue sources.
8. Support efforts to pursue a 55% voter threshold for county transportation measures.
9. Support more comprehensive planning at the regional level that is coordinated with other planning efforts, such as land use, economic development, water, and natural resources.
10. Support amendments to CEQA to minimize environmental review requirements for infill projects which implement regional plans for which there has been comprehensive environmental analysis.
11. Support efforts to enhance Caltrans project delivery, such as simultaneous environmental impact report (EIR) and engineering studies, and a reasonable level of contracting out of appropriate activities to the private sector.
12. Support efforts to encourage the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to expedite federal review and reduce delays in payments to local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way, and construction activities.
13. Oppose efforts that are inconsistent with this legislative platform.