

APPENDIX D - GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

- AAA** - **Area Agency on Aging**. A regional agency organized to administer senior citizens' activities funded under the Older Americans Act. See also AOA, CDA, PSA.
- AB** - **Assembly Bill**. A term often used to identify a specific piece of legislation originating in the State Assembly (e.g., AB 120 is the Social Service Transportation Improvement Act).
- AB 69** - **State Legislation (Chapter 1253, Statutes of 1972)**. Created the multi-modal California Department of Transportation and required State and Regional Transportation Plans to address transportation issues and assist local and state decision makers shape California's transportation infrastructure.
- AB 1663** - **State Legislation**. Created the North Coast Railroad Authority in 1989 to preserve and protect the viability of the rail system in northern California.
- ACTION ELEMENT** - **Identifies Programs and Actions**. To implement the Regional Transportation Plan.
- ADA** - **Americans with Disabilities Act**
- AIP** - **Airport Improvement Program**. A federal program that provides funding for specific airport improvement projects.
- ALP** - **Airport Layout Plan**
- AOA** - **Administration on Aging**. Federal agency that administers the Older Americans Act. Many senior citizens' transportation services are funded under this act.
- APCD** - **Air Pollution Control District**. A county agency that adopts regulations to meet state and federal air quality standards.
- AQMD** - **Air Quality Management District**. A regional agency formed by two or more counties, which adopts regulations to meet state and federal air quality standards.
- BTA** - **Bicycle Transportation Account**
- CAA** - **Community Action Agency**. In Shasta County, the county department that administers federally funded programs to assist low-income citizens in attaining self-sufficiency. These programs are administered at the state level by the Office of Economic Opportunity, and at the federal level by the Department of Health and Human Services. See also HHS.
- CAAP** - **California Aid to Airports Program**. A state program of financial assistance to airports. Consists of an Annual Grant Program and an Acquisition and Development Program.

- CALTRANS** - **California Department of Transportation.** This department is primarily responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the State's Transportation system. The department also provides technical assistance to local and regional governments.

- CASP** - **California Aviation System Plan.** A comprehensive plan for the development of the state aviation system, including inventory, forecasts, policy plan, system requirements, financial, and action plan elements.

- CAATS** - **California Alliance for Advanced Transportation Systems.** An organization formed to provide a forum for public/private partnerships that would deploy advanced transportation technologies.

- CARB** - **California Air Resources Board.** The state agency responsible for implementation of the federal and State Clean Air Acts. Provides technical assistance to air districts preparing attainment plans; reviews local attainment plans and combines portions to them with state measures for submittal to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to U.S. EPA.

- CCR** - **California Code of Regulations.** The set of administrative regulations to interpret and implement state law. The regulations for implementation of the Transportation Development Act are contained in Title 21, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2 of the CCR. See also PUC, TDA.

- CDA** - **California Department of Aging.** The state agency which administers senior citizens' programs funded under the Older Americans Act. See also AAA, AOA, PSA.

- CEQA** - **California Environmental Quality Act.** State law that requires the environmental effects associated with proposed plans, programs and projects be fully disclosed.

- CFR** - **Code of Federal Regulations.** A series of publications that contain the regulations of the various federal departments, administrations, agencies and bureaus. These regulations and the periodic changes to them are distributed in the Federal Register.

- CIP** - **Capital Improvement Program**

- CMA** - **Congestion Management Agency.** The county agency responsible for developing, coordinating and monitoring the Congestion Management Program.

- CMP** - **Congestion Management Program.** A state mandated countywide program to identify the critical road system, set level of service (LOS) and transit standards, develop transportation demand management and trip reduction strategies, and programs for analyzing land use impacts and identifying needed capital improvements.

- COATS** - **California-Oregon Advanced Transportation System**

- COG** - **Council of Governments.** A planning agency, created by formal agreement among various units of local government, which is designed to provide coordinated, comprehensive regional planning. There is no COG in Shasta County. See also MPO.

- CTC** - **California Transportation Commission.** The State Commission that adopts projects and allocates funds for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

- CTIS - **California Transportation Investment Strategy**. Relates to a unit and process within Caltrans that gathers and compiles all transportation data. Data may be accessed electronically and used by all RTPAs and others.

- CTP - **California Transportation Plan**. Developed by Caltrans submitted to the Governor. It includes a policy element describing state transportation policies and system performance objectives, a strategies element incorporating broad system concepts and strategies synthesized from RTP, and a recommendations element that includes economic forecasts and recommendations to the Legislature and Governor.

- CTSA - **Consolidated Transportation Service Agency**. A local agency designated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency to implement local social service transportation coordination plans. In Shasta County this agency is staffed by the Redding Area Bus Authority.

- DOT - **Department of Transportation**

- DSMP - **District System Management Plan**. A district's long-range plan for management of transportation system in its jurisdiction.

- EIR - **Environmental Impact Report**

- FAA - **Federal Aviation Administration**. One of the modal administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

- FBO - **Fixed Based Operator**

- FCR - **Flexible Congestion Relief**. State funded program of projects to increase capacity and reduce congestion on existing transportation system.

- FEMA - **Federal Emergency Management Administration**

- FHWA - **Federal Highway Administration**. One of the modal administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Among other things, responsible for the administration of the FHWA planning funds program.

- FINANCIAL ELEMENT - **Summarizes Cost of Implementation**. Summarizes the cost of implementing the projects in the Regional Transportation Plan considering a financially constrained environment.

- FRA - **Federal Railroad Administration**

- FSTIP - **Federal State Transportation Improvement Program**. A three-year list of transportation projects proposed for funding developed by the state in cooperation with MPOs and in consultation with local non-urbanized governments. The FSTIP includes all FTIP projects as well as other federally funded rural projects.

- FTA - **Federal Transit Administration**. Federal funds to provide transportation for elderly and/or handicapped and to aid in the development of transit systems in both urbanized and non-urban areas.

- FTIP - **Federal Transportation Improvement Program**. A three-year list of all transportation projects proposed for federal funding within the planning area of an MPO. It is

developed as a requirement for funding. In air quality nonattainment areas the plan must conform to a State Implementation Plan.

- GOAL** - **A Desired End-Result Toward which Effort is Directed.** They are expressed in general terms and are timeless.
- GOODS** - **A Product** of agriculture or mining or an article of commerce.
- HHS** - **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (formerly HEW).** Federal department responsible for administering a wide variety of social service programs, many of which have transportation components.
- HOV** - **High-Occupancy Vehicle.** A generic term used to describe any type of multi-seat, rubber-tired vehicle designed to carry more passengers than a conventional sedan. This class ranges from vans to interstate transit coaches.
- HSA** - **Human Service Agency.** A generic term used to describe any of a wide variety of agencies whose primary function is to provide human or social services to disadvantaged persons. In Shasta County, HSA's are primarily private, nonprofit corporations.
- ICASP** - **Interregional California Aviation System Plan**
- IIP** - **Interregional Improvement Program.** Under the STIP reforms of SB 45, the STIP now consist of two board programs, the IIP and TIP. The IIP is funded with 25% of the State Highway Account revenues programmed through the State Transportation Improvement Program.
- IPG** - **Intermodal Planning Group.** A group comprising regional representatives of the modal administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation. This group reviews and approves MPO work programs, and monitors MPO performance in achieving program objectives. See also FHWA, OWP, FTA.
- IRRS** - **Inter Regional Road System.** A statewide system of roads outside of urbanized areas, deemed to be of statewide significance and therefore eligible for funding as such.
- ISTEA** - **Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.** Superseded by TEA 21, mandated planning requirements and created funding programs for transportation projects.
- ITIP** - **Interregional Transportation Improvement Program.** Funds capital improvements, on a statewide basis; including capacity increasing projects primarily outside of an urbanized area. Projects are nominated by Caltrans and submitted to the California Transportation Commission for inclusion in the STIP. The ITIP has a 4-year planning horizon and is updated every two years by the CTC.
- ITS** - **Intelligent Transportation Systems.** Is the application of advances sensor, computer, electronics, and communication technologies and management strategies to increase the safety and efficiency to the surface transportation system.
- ITSP** - **Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan.** Describes the framework in which the state will carry out its responsibilities for the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP).

- LOS** - **Level of Service.** A letter designation (A through F) pertaining to traffic operational conditions, indicating ease of maneuverability and relative congestion at peak hour: A represents free flow; F represents stop-and-go conditions approaching gridlock.
- LTC** - **Local Transportation Commission.** A commission composed of local elected officials of the cities and county, charged with the responsibility for administering funds made available under the Transportation Development Act and for regional transportation planning. The Shasta County LTC is also the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). See also MPO, RTPA, TDA.
- LTF** - **Local Transportation Fund (SB 325).** A separate fund established in the county treasury solely for transportation purposes, pursuant to the Transportation Development Act. This fund is administered by the LTC, and may be used for either transit purposes or streets and roads, depending on local needs. The source of this fund is the 1/4-cent gasoline sales tax, apportioned back to the counties by the state. See LTC, TDA.
- MIS** - **Major Investment Study.** A planning document that is required before the project can be considered for funding by the state. The MIS is designed to provide decision makers with better and more complete information on the options available for addressing identified transportation problems before funding decisions are made.
- MODE** - **A Particular Form of Transportation.** Examples include, automobiles, railroads, bicycles, trucks, buses and ships. Multi-Modal refers to a grouping of these transportation forms.
- MOU** - **Memorandum of Understanding.** A legal instrument representing an agreement between governmental entities. For example, the authority and responsibilities of the Shasta County Metropolitan Planning Organization were established by a MOU executed between the cities, the county, Redding Area Bus Authority and Caltrans. See also MPO, OWP.
- MPO** - **Metropolitan Planning Organization.** An organization created by intergovernmental agreement to carry out regional transportation planning responsibilities in urbanized areas (with a population over 50,000) through an Overall Work Program (OWP). These responsibilities are mandated by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a condition to receipt of federal planning funds. The Shasta County LTC has been designated as the MPO. See also LTC, MOU, OWP.
- NEPA** - **National Environmental Protection Act.** Federal legislation that created an environmental review process similar to CEQA, but pertaining only to projects having federal involvement through financing, permitting or federal land ownership.
- NPIAS** - **National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems.** Comprehensive listing of airports eligible for federal aid.
- OBJECTIVE-** **A Broadly Defined Management Course.** Intended to guide decision-making towards the attainment of goals. An objective may also set the limits within which effort toward goal achievement must stay.
- OES** - **Office of Emergency Services.** Shasta County OES would have the primary responsibility of implementing and monitoring contingency plans in the event of a

severe energy shortage. Specific plans outlining implementation actions and assigning responsibilities have not yet been developed locally.

- OMB** - **Office of Management and Budget.** A federal office that establishes federal standards for state and area clearinghouse review procedures through Circular A-95. See also A-95, OPR.
- OPR** - **Office of Planning and Research.** State planning agency. Also functions as State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental notification and review at the state level.
- OWP** - **Overall Work Program.** (Described in CFR as the Unified Planning Work Program - UPWP.) An annual program of planning projects required to be accomplished by each MPO. The OWP specifies the scope of each planning element, which party to the MOU is responsible, and funding sources and amounts. The OWP must be reviewed and approved by the IPG. See also IPG, MOU, MPO.
- PL** - The term applied to **FHWA planning funds.** These are the funds that are programmed into the OWP as part of FHWA support for local transportation planning. See also FHWA.
- POLICY** - **A Measurable, Attainable and Desired Level of Achievement of a Goal.** Including the time span within which it is to be achieved, reflecting established priorities and falling within constraints set by policy.
- PMS** - **Pavement Management System**
- PSA** - **Planning and Service Area.** A numbered, multi-county region served by an Area Agency on Aging. PSA-2 AAA is headquartered in Yreka and administers Older Americans Act programs in Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. See also AAA, AOA, CDA.
- PUC** - California **Public Utilities Code.** The body of law, which regulates public utilities in the state and provides the statutory authority for the implementing regulations in the California Code of Regulations. See also CCR, TDA.
- RABA** - **Redding Area Bus Authority.** A public transit authority governed by a board of elected officials from the county and City of Redding. RABA derives its authority from a Joint Powers Agreement between the city and the county and from a ballot measure passed in the November 1977 general election.
- RIP** - **Regional Improvement Program.** Under the STIP reforms of SB 45, the STIP now consists of two broad programs, the RIP and IIP. The RIP is funded from 75% of the new STIP funds, divided by formula among fixed county shares. Each county selects the projects to be funded from its county share in its RTIP.
- RTIP** - **Regional Transportation Improvement Program.** This is a phased, multi-year program of planned transportation improvement projects arranged by priority, describing each project, funding amounts and sources, and time frame. Projects nominated for funding are approved by the CTC. The RTIP is used at the state and federal levels to compile their TIP's (STIP and FTIP) and assign relative priorities.

- RTP** - **Regional Transportation Plan**. A coordinated planning effort of local agencies that identifies and attempts to resolve regional transportation issues. State law requires each RTPA to prepare, adopt and submit a Regional Transportation Plan biennially.
- RTPA** - **Regional Transportation Planning Agency**. Local government body responsible for transportation planning of a designated area (usually a county).
- SB 45** - **State Bill 45 (Chapter 622, Statutes of 1997, Kopp)**. Mandated major transportation reform legislation impacting many areas of transportation planning, funding and development.
- SB 1435** - **State Legislation (Kopp)**. Implementing ISTEA in California.
- SHA** - **State Highway Account**. The SHA is the state's primary source for funding transportation improvements. Revenues from state fuel tax (gasoline and diesel fuel excise tax), truck weight fees and the federal highway funds are deposited into SHA. SHA provides funding for 1) non-capital outlays (maintenance, operations, capital outlay support, etc.), 2) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), 3) State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), 4) local assistance, etc.
- SHOPP** - **State Highway Operations and Protection Program**. A program created by state legislature, which includes projects needed to maintain the integrity of the state highway system, primarily associated with safety and rehabilitation without increasing roadway capacity. SHOPP is a four-year program of projects, approved by the CTC separately from the STIP cycle.
- SIP** - **State Implementation Plan**. Required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The SIP is an air quality plan developed by the California Air Resources Board in cooperation with local air districts for attaining and maintaining Federal Clean Air Standards.
- SRTP** - **Short Range Transit Plans**. Developed by transit agencies, they describe local transit conditions and needs. SRTPs can be input to an RTP. RTP goals and policies shape transit systems.
- STIP** - **State Transportation Improvement Program**. A seven-year program identifying all transportation improvement projects for which the CTC has committed funding.
- SMSA** - **Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area**. An identification by the Federal Bureau of Census which designates an area (usually a county) with a total population of over 100,000 which contains a metropolitan area of at least 50,000 population. Shasta County comprises the Redding SMSA.
- SSTAC** - **Social Service Transportation Advisory Council**. A council that is comprised and conducts its activities as specified in the California Public Utilities Code Sections 99238 and 99238.5.
- STA** - **State Transit Assistance** (Senate Bill 620). Derives from the 1/4-cent State sales tax. Provides for aid to regions in developing transit systems to transport general public passengers on a regular and continuing basis. May also be used for same purposes as the Local Transportation Fund. See also LTF.

- TEA - **Transportation Enhancement Activities Program.** Federal funding source to be used for transportation-related capital improvement projects that enhance quality-of-life, in or around transportation facilities.
- TAC - **Technical Advisory Committee.** Advises SCRTPA Board of Directors on technical matters.
- TEA 21 - **Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.** Signed into law and amended in 1998, made a number of changes in the metropolitan transportation planning process. These changes reflect the evolution and maturing of the nation's transportation planning process since the passage of ISTEA.
- TCM - **Transportation Control Measures.** Regulatory measures or system improvements that seek to alter individual travel behavior and ease traffic congestion.
- TCRP - **Traffic Congestion Relief Program**
- TDA - **Transportation Development ACT** (Senate Bill 325). Created Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) funded by 1/4 cent of the 6 cent retail sales tax extended to include tax on gasoline through the Local Transportation Fund (LTF).
- TDM - **Transportation Demand Management.** Strategies that facilitate decreases in vehicular trips miles traveled and increase vehicle occupancy by expanding traveler choice in terms of travel method, time, route, cost and the quality and convenience of the travel experience.
- TIP - **Transportation Improvement Program**
- TP&D - **Transportation Planning and Development** (an account established by SB 325). Previously called Transportation Planning and Research. Provides funds to the state and local governments for transportation planning purposes.
- TSM - **Transportation System Management.** Within fiscal constraints, maximizes efficiency and safety of a transportation system. TSM seeks to improve mobility, conserve energy, maintain air and environmental quality, and aid in urban revitalization without building additional roads.
- U.S. EPA - **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.** Reviews and approves the State Implementation Plan, including emissions budgets used in RTP conformity assessments.