

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
SPECIAL STUDIES (TPSS) PROGRAM REQUEST FORM**
Fiscal Year 2010-2011

TPSS Line Item Number:	74-11-11-A9
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Instructions: Email a Word File

Note: Only Operating Expense (OE) dollars available

An electronic version of this application is available at <http://onramp/hq/tpp/offices/osp/specialstudies.html>

SPECIAL STUDY CONTRACT TITLE:	Transportation and Economic Development Study	
Division/District and Office/Branch:	Division of Transportation Planning/ Office of Regional and Interagency Planning	
Division/District Number and Unit:	74/3789	
Financial information	State Portion	\$45,000
	Federal Portion	\$180,000
	Total Request	\$225,000
Is this a new project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no and funded in prior year, list project EA and amend		

Application must be filled out completely and all attachments included for special study to be considered for funding

Required Documents:

1. Signed Program Request Form

List all other funding sources that will be used to supplement this special study (this is in addition to what is being funded from SPR, if any). Double click on box and choose the checked option, to check the box.			
	Fund Source	Amount	Fiscal Year
Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	SPR <input type="checkbox"/>	\$	
State <input type="checkbox"/>	PTA <input type="checkbox"/> SHA <input type="checkbox"/>	\$	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	\$	

Provide the a) federal and/or State mandate that requires the proposed project or b) state the statutory authority to conduct this special study.

1. U.S.C Title 23 Section 505. State Planning and Research
2. U.S.C. Title 49 for statewide and regional transportation planning
3. SAFETEA-LU, Section 6001
4. California Public Resources Code Section 75120 et seq.
5. California Government Code Sections 14000, 14000.5, 14030, 65080 et seq.
6. California Streets and Highways Code 164(a)

Scored Questions

- *Enter answers in the areas provided below each question*
- *Points that will be used for scoring are included on the right side of the text box (100 points possible)*

1. Special Study Summary (half page suggested)

Briefly describe the study, stakeholders, and final product.

The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (SCRTPA) will initiate a study to gain a better understanding of the relationship between economic development and the transportation system in the North State Super Region. The North State Super Region consists of sixteen counties in Northern California: Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Sierra, and Nevada Counties. The regional transportation planning agencies of these counties have joined together in a partnership for coordinated planning.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate economic development opportunities and challenges and identify a tiered list of effective transportation investments that promote economic development and sustainability in the North State Super Region. This study will develop a comprehensive economic development strategy report for approximately forty-seven cities and sixteen counties of the North State Super Region. It will provide a blueprint for directing more transportation resources, and their effective implementation into the North State Super Region. It will also assist in gaining a better understanding of regional short-and long-term economic trends that may occur and how they may impact the transportation system.

SCRTPA and its partner regional transportation planning agencies will collaborate with other agencies and local governments in the North State Super Region, including economic development corporations (EDCs). The EDCs are organizations established to help create new business opportunities and economic growth. The scope of work will be developed in coordination with the sixteen counties. This collaborative approach will provide numerous opportunities to make the connection between businesses, the community, and transportation. The analysis will also be used by transportation and environmental planners, project managers, design engineers, and landscape architects to highlight and better support regional sustainability objectives. By coordinating and partnering on transportation and economic development, the North State Super Region will cultivate a vision for future growth and economic development.

2. Special Study Objectives

Describe the issues, benefits, and purpose of the proposed study.

This study will provide insight into the economic development and transportation opportunities and challenges in the North State Super Region. The region currently lacks data that illustrates the efficiency and the needs of the transportation network to support and enhance economic development. This study will provide a better understanding about transportation investments, and it will also assess how the transportation network supports the economy of the region. The study will serve as a guide and tool to develop an economic development strategy. It will assess the economic development opportunities and identify transportation investments to leverage transportation resources in the North State Super Region.

3. Scope of Work

Complete table below identifying general task descriptions, deliverables, timeframes, estimated cost, and total.
(Add additional lines as needed)

Task description	Deliverable/Outcome	Timeframe	Estimated Cost
Request for Proposal (RFP) Released	Executed RFP	September- October 2011	\$0
Develop a Study Approach & Framework/Work Plan	Framework/Work Plan Report	October-December 2011	\$20,000
Develop the Economic Profile of the Region & Describe the Transportation Network	Economic Profile & Transportation Network Report	January 2011-June 2012	\$60,000
Assess how Transportation Supports the Economy of the Region	Analysis of how transportation supports regional economies	August 2012-April 2013	\$75,000
Recommend Transportation Investments to Improve the Economy	List of recommended transportation investments	June 2012-April 2013	\$70,000
		Estimated Total	\$225,000

4. Describe how this study supports Caltrans Transportation Goals statewide?

Study does not have to support every goal. Additional information can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/paffairs/about/mission.html>

Safety - The study will significantly enhance our efforts to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system that serves the mobility of people and goods throughout the Northern State by identifying strategic transportation needs in the region.

Mobility - The study will create an improved regional transportation network by identifying strategic transportation investments for economic development in the North State Super Region. This will help the regional agencies and Caltrans deliver an efficient transportation system that provides mobility for people, goods, and services in the region.

Delivery - By recommending transportation investments for economic development, this study will help Caltrans and the regional transportation planning agencies to deliver strategic transportation projects for the region. This will support improved delivery by improving the project selection process. It will also help to support increased investment of transportation funds in the North State Super Region.

Stewardship – The study will provide our partner agencies cost effective and innovative solutions that provide an accurate understanding of regional economic development and transportation issues. The study will help the future preservation and use of the state and regional highway system by evaluating economic development opportunities and challenges. It will provide valuable information that will help regional and local decision makers, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission to make wise investments of transportation funds.

Service - The valuable information provided by the study will serve the regional and local planning needs of the North State Super Region. It will give regional and local planners, engineers and decision makers new tools to provide transportation improvements to help their communities.

5. Please explain how this study is related to the development and implementation of the California Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), and is necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of the metropolitan transportation planning process and content requirements (links can be found on the SPR intranet website at <http://onramp/hq/tpp/offices/osp/basesprprogram.html>)

The CTP is a long-range transportation plan for meeting the State's mobility needs. Like the CTP, the study will identify possible investments, goals, and objectives for diversifying and enhancing the Northern State economy and transportation system. The study will identify ways of connecting transportation planning, land use management, and economic development and investment strategies. The study will also support the economy by improving access for local businesses, residents, interregional travel and goods movement. This study is also related to the FSTIP; the study will identify economic development and transportation investments that can be prioritized in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and it will ultimately lead to the development of capital improvements/projects that are programmed into the FSTIP.

This study will also address a critical component of the metropolitan planning process. The metropolitan planning process focuses on encouraging and promoting the safe and efficient management of the transportation system. This activity will focus on enhancing the regional transportation system to foster development and economic growth in the North State and support the improvements of the regional transportation system.

6. Special study Outreach

Describe how the study outcome will be shared with MPOs, RTPAs, local agencies, and other stakeholders.

The final report for this study will be posted on the Regional Blueprint Planning Program website (<http://calblueprint.dot.ca.gov/>), and the North State Super Region website (<http://www.superregion.org/>). The study will be presented at a Rural Blueprint Workshop. It will also be shared with the economic development corporations of the North State Super Region.

7. Special study Outcome

Describe what would be a successful study outcome and how the study will be carried forward to the next stage.

The successful outcome of this study will be a description of the transportation and economic development needs in Northern California, an assessment of the transportation network, and recommendations for transportation investments to support economic development in the North State Super Region. Ultimately, a successful outcome will be increased transportation funding for transportation projects to support job growth and improved prosperity for the North State Super Region.

Required Signatures

Project Manager:

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Alan Hottel Acting for Manke Mortenson

Signature

4/13/11

Date

Project Manager Supervisor:

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Signature

4/13/11

Date

By signing this document, the project manager agrees, upon project award, to meet with DOTP TPSS and DOTP Resource Management Staff to provide a project briefing to determine contract method. Project Manager agrees to provide complete contract documents, including scope of work, bids, progress reports, and deliverables in a timely manner.

Division/District Resource Manager:

Name _____ Title _____ Phone No. _____

Signature

Date

DOTP Resource Manager Funding Approval:

Name Cheryl Babcock Title Resource Mgr Phone No. 654-4499

Cheryl Babcock

Signature

4-13-11

Date

By signing this document, the DOTP Resource Manager certifies accuracy and availability of funding.