

GLENN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Technical Advisory Committee

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AGENDA ITEM
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ISSUE:

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)

BACK-UP:

RSTP Description

BACKGROUND:

Three local jurisdictions (Glenn County, City of Orland, and the City of Willows) currently receive RSTP funds. As funding sources have become limited and are generally limited for our rural area, the need for collaboration among local agencies for regionally significant projects is greater. The Glenn County Transportation Commission Executive Director would like to hold a discussion regarding alternative uses for RSTP funds. This could be to fund larger regional projects or a regionally significant project within one of the local jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

Regional Surface Transportation Program

The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) was established by California State Statute utilizing Surface Transportation Program Funds that are identified in Section 133 of Title 23 of the United States Code.

Projects eligible for funding from the RSTP include:

- ❖ Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements on
 1. Federal-aid highways (i.e., on any highways, including NHS and Interstate Highways that are not functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors).
 2. Bridges (including bridges on public roads of all functional classifications), including any such construction or reconstruction necessary to accommodate other transportation modes, and including the seismic retrofit and painting of and application of calcium magnesium acetate on bridges and approaches and other elevated structures.
- ❖ Mitigation of damage to wildlife, habitat, and ecosystems caused by a transportation project funded under RSTP.
- ❖ Capital costs for transit projects eligible for assistance under the Federal Transit Act and publicly owned intracity or intercity bus terminals and facilities.
- ❖ Carpool projects, fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs, and bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways on any public roads in accordance with Section 217 of Title 23, U.S.C.
- ❖ Highway and transit safety improvements and programs, hazard elimination, projects to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife, and railway-highway grade crossings. Safety improvements are eligible on public roads of all functional classifications
- ❖ Highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs.
- ❖ Capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management and control facilities and programs.
- ❖ Surface transportation planning programs
- ❖ Transportation enhancement activities.
- ❖ Transportation control measures listed in Section 108 (f)(1)(A) (other than clauses xii & xvi) of the Clean Air Act.
- ❖ Development and establishment of management systems under Section 303 of Title 23, U.S.C.
- ❖ Wetlands mitigation efforts related to RSTP projects.

In accordance with Section 133 (f) of Title 23 of the United States Code, approximately 76% (\$225 million dollars per year) of the state's RSTP funds must be obligated on projects which are located within the 11 urbanized areas of California with populations greater than 200,000 people. (See attached map for UZAs greater than 200,000 population). The apportionment and distribution for such obligation is calculated based on relative population.