

## BCAG Board of Directors

### Agenda Item #4 - Action

**Date:** December 12, 2024

**Subject:** Approval of Resolution 2024/2025-06 Amendment #1 to the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination

**Contact:** Ivan Garcia, Programming Director

**Summary:** The BCAG Board of Directors adopted the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) on September 26, 2024. The FTIP included an Air Quality Conformity Determination consistent with the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy. Amendment to the 2025 FTIP is required to ensure consistency with the new 2024 RTP/SCS scheduled for adoption on December 12, 2024. This amendment supplants the Air Quality Conformity Determination. No other changes have been made.

The Air Quality Emissions Analysis and Conformity Determination for the 2025 FTIP and 2024 RTP/SCS is posted at BCAG's webpage at:

<https://www.bcag.org/PlansProgramsModel/Regional-Transportation-Air-Quality-Planning/index.html>.

Staff held an Interagency Consultation Review meeting to inform the required federal and state agencies of this amendment. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with BCAG's adopted Public Participation Plan.

**Action(s) requested:**

- Hold public hearing for comment.

If no significant comments are received during the public hearing:

- Approve Amendment #1 to the 2025 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination and Authorize the Chair to sign Resolution # 2024/25-06.

*Note: If significant comments are received, staff will address and bring the revised document before the Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

**Attachments:**

- Resolution No. 2024/2025-06

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**AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR BUTTE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Butte County in accordance with 23 USC 134(b)(6); and Section 450.306 of the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Rule;

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”) into law on November 15, 2021 requires the Butte County Association of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with the State and transit operators, to include all projects to be funded under Title 23 and the Federal Transit Administration grants; and requires BCAG to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP);

**WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments has prepared Amendment #01 to the 2025 FTIP as attached to this resolution for the purpose of updating the Air Quality Conformity Determination to ensure consistency with the 2024 RTP/SCS;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 FTIP is consistent with the metropolitan transportation planning regulations pursuant to Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 450, Title 23, United States Code Section 134, and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 FTIP is consistent with the transportation system described in the current 2024 RTP/SCS;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 FTIP is financially constrained by year and includes a financial plan that demonstrates which projects can be implemented using committed funds and affirms the availability of funding;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 FTIP includes all regionally significant projects to be funded from local, state, or federal resources;

**WHEREAS**, projects in the 2025 FTIP satisfy the transportation conformity provisions of 40 CFR 93.122(g) and all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 including the establishment of federal performance management targets for safety, pavement and bridge conditions, reliability and congestion, and transit assets and safety in the planning region;

**WHEREAS**, The results from the 2025 FTIP and 2024 RTP emissions analysis show that current and future emissions of the ozone precursors ROG and NOx will be no greater than the 2011 and 2017 base year emissions levels. Thus, Butte County, in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule requirements applicable to Butte County (§51.464 and §51.436 – 51.440), has satisfied the “no-greater-than-2011” test for the 2008 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS and the “no-greater-than-2017” test for the 2015 8-hour federal ozone NAAQS. Based on this analysis, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) and all applicable sections of the EPA’s Transportation Conformity Rule.

**WHEREAS**, Butte County does not have any required Transportation Control Measures in the State Implementation Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 FTIP satisfies the requirements by the Federal Transit Administration for the “Programming of Projects” (POP);

**WHEREAS**, BCAG developed the 2025 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Butte County Association of Governments hereby approves Amendment #1 for the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that BCAG staff is hereby directed and authorized to work with the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to make any necessary changes or corrections that may be needed to ensure the timely delivery of the FTIP to obtain its approval;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the BCAG Board authorizes its staff to administratively modify/amend the 2025 FTIP as outlined in the procedures defined in the FTIP in accordance with BCAG’s Public Participation Process (PPP).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Butte County Association of Governments on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**APPROVED:**

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BILL CONNELLY, CHAIR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**ATTEST:**

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ANDY NEWSUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS