

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	5/7/14
SUBJECT:	Amend the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan to Include Active Transportation Program Projects (Public Hearing)
AGENDA ITEM:	9
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SUMMARY:

Amending projects into the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will ensure project eligibility for non-motorized projects in the new Active Transportation Program (ATP).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Hold a public hearing to amend the 2010 RTP;
2. Adopt Resolution 14-04 finding that the RTP amendment is consistent and within the scope of the 2010 RTP Environmental Impact Report; and
3. Amend the 2010 RTP to include new projects for ATP funding eligibility.

DISCUSSION:

Transportation projects that are included in the RTP are eligible to receive state and federal funding. The list of RTP projects is meant to be comprehensive but, on rare occasions, needs to be updated to reflect unanticipated needs.

The new ATP is for non-motorized projects such as bike lanes and pedestrian paths. Local agencies intend to submit ATP proposals for the following projects. Amending these projects into the 2010 RTP will ensure ATP program eligibility.

- Sacramento River Trail Lighting: This project will improve safety by installing solar lights on two sections of the river trail - between Caldwell Park and the Sundial Bridge and between the Sundial Bridge and the Highway 44 overpass.
- Henderson Trail: This project will construct roughly one mile of multi-use trail in the Henderson Open Space (behind Cobblestone Shopping Center on Hartnell Avenue). The project will connect the Cypress Street Bridge to residential areas on the southeast side of the river.
- Safe Routes to Schools (Infrastructure): These projects will improve safety and accessibility and reduce vehicle traffic in the vicinity of schools.
- Safe Routes to Schools (Non-Infrastructure): These projects will encourage walking and bicycling to school while providing public outreach concerning traffic safety.

Other candidate ATP projects that are presently listed in the 2010 RTP are the city of Shasta Lake's Churn Creek Trail and the city of Redding's Sacramento River Trail to Downtown, Browning Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, and Candlewood Trail around Gregory Pond (north of Highway 44 between Victor Avenue and Shasta View Drive).

Staff recommends approval of the 2010 RTP Amendment. A public hearing is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may decline to amend the projects into the 2010 RTP which may make them ineligible for ATP funding.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Candidate ATP projects were identified in consultation local agencies, Caltrans District 2, and other interested organizations. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

Amending the projects into the 2010 RTP will have no fiscal impact on SRTA and may result in needed grant funding for the projects listed.



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Attachment: Resolution 14-04: Amend the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan to Include Active Transportation Program Projects