

## REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Authorization to Submit Shasta Area Regional Blueprint Plan		10/24/06	<u>4-3</u>

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency authorize the Executive Officer to submit the attached FY 06/07 Regional Blueprint grant application and execute all required documents pursuant to the attached resolution.

### SUMMARY

At the July 25, 2006 RTPA meeting, the Agency authorized staff to prepare and submit a Regional Blueprint grant application for FY 06/07. The attached 'Shasta Area Regional Blueprint' grant application was submitted to Caltrans on October 2, 2006. The attached resolution is required before Caltrans submits recommended projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in November.

### DISCUSSION

The Regional Blueprint Planning Program is intended to better inform regional and local decision-making, through a broad-based and proactive public engagement process. With the help of innovative digital map-based forecasting technology, the Blueprint planning process will help generate a regional growth strategy.

A successfully completed Blueprint plan will enable the Shasta County RTPA to remain competitive for transportation funds. In addition, a Blueprint provides information critical to other efforts, such as environmental impact reports, capital improvement programs, redevelopment plans, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the traffic model.

Grant awards will be announced December 15, 2006. The Shasta County RTPA has applied for \$384,200 in grant funds. If awarded, staff will prepare an amendment to the Overall Work Program (OWP) to include the Blueprint planning project.

The attached Shasta County Blueprint fact sheet provides further information. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Blueprint process will require extensive involvement with a variety of agencies and entities, including Caltrans District 2 and various local agencies. Letters in support of the Blueprint planning process have been received from: City of Redding, City of Anderson, City of Shasta Lake, City of Red Bluff, City of Corning, Shasta County, Tehama County, the Tehama County Transportation Commission, and the McConnell Foundation.

FINANCING

If approved, grant funds would need to be placed in the RTPA's Overall Work Program (OWP). A minimum 20% local match is required which can consist of in-kind services such as local agency and RTPA staff time (reimbursed by state planning funds).

Grant applications with additional match will be more competitive. We can receive additional match credit for many city, county and RTPA activities currently planned over the next three years that would support or help to implement Blueprint goals. Examples include GIS data gathering, general plan updates, specific plans and transportation studies. Given these related planning activities, proposed match is conservatively estimated to nearly equal the \$384,200 requested.

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Attachment: Resolution 06-12  
Shasta County Blueprint Fact Sheet  
Blueprint Grant Application