

Background Information:

Consent Calendar:

2. Approval of the October 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Regular Agenda:

3. Review Public Input on the Regional Transportation Plan's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), and direct staff to finalize the Regional Transportation Plan and DEIR.

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) as the lead agency has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The 2016 RTP is intended to guide future transportation projects for the next 20 years. The Draft EIR is a Program EIR and per the CEQA Guidelines, a Program EIR is an EIR that may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project. The purpose of a Program EIR is to allow the lead agency to consider broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures at an early time when the agency has greater flexibility to deal with basic problems or cumulative impacts.

At the October TCTC Meeting, the draft environmental impact report (EIR) was discussed and presented with a PowerPoint Presentation by Rincon Consultants. The deadline to submit Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Draft EIR comments ended on November 4th. This meeting provides an additional opportunity for the TCTC to make comments on the DEIR.

The next steps for RTP EIR include responding to Draft EIR comments, potentially making changes to the Draft EIR based upon the comments received if appropriate, and releasing the Final EIR in the beginning of December. TCTC staff is planning on placing the Final EIR at the December 14th TCTC agenda for certification.

As part of the Draft RTP comment period, public comments received will be included and responded to in the Final RTP, in Appendix J - Public Participation Results. TCTC staff is planning on placing the Final Regional Transportation Plan at the December 14th TCTC agenda for adoption.

A Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was held on Wednesday October 12th, 2016 at 3pm.

- One member from the public spoke, John Buckley from the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center (CSERC).

As of this writing (Nov 3rd), the TCTC has received three written comment letters (attached) from the Central Valley Water Control Board, Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council, and CSERC.

As TCTC's EIR consultant, Rincon Consultants will address all of the Draft EIR comments in the Final Draft EIR; the document will include the submitted comments along with a written response.

Environmental Review Findings

The TCTC has prepared a Draft Program EIR due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects resulting from program implementation. The EIR prepared for the 2016 RTP identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts, and monitoring requirements. Significant and unavoidable impacts on the environment are anticipated in the following areas:

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change;
- Traffic and Circulation;
- Cultural Resources.

Based upon the comments and letters received, it is clear that RTP and DERI need to highlight the multi-modal aspects of planned projects and the overall balanced approach of the RTP. Furthermore, staff has confirmed the critical importance of Peaceful Oaks interchange to support County General Plan Land Uses and Economic Development. Staff is not recommending significant changes to the RTP at this time.

Attachments:

RTP Draft EIR - Public Comment Letters

Recommended Actions:

Review Public Input on the on the Regional Transportation Plan's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and direct staff to finalize the Regional Transportation Plan and DEIR.

Regular Agenda:

4. Review and Comment on the SR 120/108 Intersection Control Evaluation Report

The TCTC has received a copy of the revised Intersection Control Evaluation (FLE) Report for SR 120/108 (attached). The ICE report is presented to the TCTC for review and comment. The ICE report evaluates traffic signal, high tee and round-a-bout designs in regard to each designs' ability to achieve project objectives. Staff from the TCTC and County will provide input on to the Project Development Team through the project development phase. Catrans intends on narrowing the project down to one preferred alternative and push the project out to construction.

Attachments:

Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Report SR 108 Intersection Improvement report.

Recommended Action:

Review and comment on the ICE report for SR120/108 intersection.

5. Approval and Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for Engineering and Transportation Planning Consulting Services.

As you may recall, the TCTC distributed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals to for engineering and transportation planning consulting services for various projects included in the TCTC's Overall Work Program.

Statements of Qualifications were received from the following firms:

- Wood Rodgers
- TJKM
- AECOM
- Mott MacDonald
- Kimley Horn and Associates

The Review Committee scored each of the statements of qualifications and ranked Wood Rodgers as the top firm. The Committee recommends the TCTC award the agreement to Wood Rodgers as the most qualified firm.

A final Agreement has been negotiated with Wood Rodgers, which is hereby presented to the TCTC for final approval and execution. The Agreement has been approved by the TCTC's legal counsel and Risk Manager.

Financial Impact:

The Scope of Work will be set forth in Work Orders that will be approved by the parties on various projects included in the TCTC Overall Work Program. Work Orders will be approved by the Executive Director of the TCTC and an authorized representative of the Consultant. The Consultant will be paid on a time and reimbursable expense basis at the rates set forth the Agreement.

Attachment:

*Request for Qualifications
Agreement with Wood Rodgers*

Recommended Actions:

Approve the proposed Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc., and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

6. Consideration of joining Alpine, Calaveras, San Joaquin and the California Bicycle Coalition to examine Routes 4, 49 12, 108 and 120 to be improved to promote safe travel of bicyclists and other users of the State Routes.

The TCTC staff has participated in several conference calls to discuss the attached scope of work. Revisions to the proposed Grant Application and scope of work are underway. The proposed study would require a \$397,825 grant and \$20,000 local match from the TCTC.

The project will facilitate multi-modal improvements on the State Highway System, particularly in areas where the highways function as s Main Street. Staff believes partnering with the bicycle coalition will make our region more competitive in future grant programs.

The TAC and CAC recommend the TCTC support this project.

Attachments:

Scope of Work for STPG 2017-18 Grant (Draft)

Recommendation Action:

Support the proposed grant application with a commitment of \$26,000 toward the local match development.

7. Reports

- 8. CLOSED SESSION:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Authority: Government Code Section 54957) – Executive Director