



# MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## AGENDA

**Monday, November 2, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.**

### Teleconference

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- During the meeting: make oral comments on the conference call by phone or video when public comment is invited by the Chair.

Thanks to all for your interest and cooperation.

**NOTE: All items are considered for action unless otherwise noted.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Convene as RTPA
3. Recess as RTPA – Reconvene as Policy Advisory Committee

**PUBLIC EXPRESSION – Please refer to notice at top of this Agenda.**

4. Participation is welcome in Council meetings. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person and not more than ten minutes per subject, so that everyone can be heard. "Public Expression" time is limited to matters under the Council's jurisdiction that may not have been considered by the Council previously and are not on the agenda. No action will be taken. Members of the public may comment also during specific agenda items when recognized by the Chair.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

5. Recognition of Retiring Board Member – Richey Wasserman
6. Covelo SR 162 Corridor Multi-Purpose Trail Project
  - a. Concurrence or Direction to Staff on Additional Contracting
  - b. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee
7. Approval of Local Agency Funding Formula for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant from California Department of Housing & Community Development

## CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items are considered for approval in accordance with Administrative Staff, Committee, and/or Directors' recommendations and will be enacted by a single motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration, upon request by a Director or citizen.

8. Approval of October 5, 2020 Minutes

## RATIFY ACTION

9. Recess as Policy Advisory Committee – Reconvene as RTPA – Ratify Action of Policy Advisory Committee

## REPORTS

10. Reports – Information - *No Action*
  - a. Caltrans District 1 – Projects Update and Information
    - i. State Route 20 at Blosser Lane in Willits
    - ii. District 1 Active Transportation Plan
    - iii. Projects Map Gallery Online Tool
  - b. Mendocino Transit Authority
  - c. North Coast Railroad Authority
  - d. MCOG Staff - Summary of Meetings
  - e. MCOG Administration Staff
    - i. Financial Update – Budget Revenues
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on EV Charging Infrastructure 2020 – October 7-8, 2020
    - iii. Miscellaneous
    - iv. Next Meeting Date – Monday, December 7, 2020
  - f. MCOG Planning Staff
    - i. Draft Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan to SSTAC Meeting on November 16, 2020 for Public Review and Comment – *verbal report*
    - ii. Miscellaneous
  - g. MCOG Directors
  - h. California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Delegates

## ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjourn

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### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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- a) a majority vote determines that an “emergency situation” exists as defined in Section 54956.5, **or**
- b) a two-thirds vote of the body, or a unanimous vote of those present, determines that there is a need to take immediate action and the need for action arose after the agenda was legally posted, **or**
- c) the item was continued from a prior, legally posted meeting not more than five calendar days before this meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

If agendaized, MCOG may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation or personnel matters (i.e. contractor agreements). Discussion of litigation or pending litigation may be held in closed session by authority of Govt. Code Section 54956.9; discussion of personnel matters by authority of Govt. Code Section 54957.

**POSTED 10.27.2020**

Next Resolution Number: M2020-10





## MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS STAFF REPORT

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**TITLE:** SR 162 Corridor Multi Use Trail – Funding Update,  
Contracting Needs, and Ad Hoc Committee Appointment

**DATE PREPARED:** 10/23/20  
**MEETING DATE:** 11/02/20

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Nephele Barrett, Executive Director

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**BACKGROUND:** In 2014, MCOG completed the Covelo/Round Valley Non-Motorized Needs Assessment and Engineered Feasibility Study and subsequently applied for Active Transportation Program grant funding for the SR 162 Corridor Multi Use Trail based on that study. At that time the MCOG Board approved \$250,000 in RSTP Partnership Funding for local match and contingencies on the project. A total of \$2,672,000 was awarded in ATP funding.

In May 2016, MCOG entered into a contract with GHD, Inc. to complete the environmental, design, and preliminary right-of-way work for this project. Due to some delays in obtaining permission to enter properties for analysis and seasonal timing, field work didn't begin until the spring of 2017. On December 4, 2017, the MCOG Board adopted the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) CEQA document for this project that identified a preferred alternative.

The design and right-of-way phases commenced following the adoption of the IS/MND. In February 2019, MCOG entered into a contract with Bender Rosenthal, Inc. (BRI) for right-of-way appraisal and acquisition services. In September 2019, GHD completed the 95% design and technical specifications. BRI and MCOG have been working diligently with Caltrans to ensure that all right-of-way work is completed to their satisfaction since Caltrans will be owner of the trail on all non-tribal lands. Because the circumstances of the project differ from a standard project, Caltrans has had numerous concerns that needed to be addressed before entering into a cooperative agreement, which has caused some delay in the right-of-way (ROW) phase. Property owners that will be affected by this project can expect to be contacted by BRI to begin the appraisal process in the next few months. Any easements on tribal lands will require the approval of both the property owner(s) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Along with delays, we have also experienced cost increases on the project. Because the project parallels a State highway and the fatalities have been on the Caltrans facility, Caltrans has been working with us to obtain additional funding. The initial grant funding amount was based on the 2014 Engineered Feasibility Study. Since the award of grant funds, MCOG has approved the addition of \$200,000 in RSTP Partnership Funding for the project, for a total of \$450,000 (see attachment for summary of all existing funding). Caltrans District 1 staff recently submitted an application for \$1,661,000 in Complete Streets funding available through the SHOPP. That request was primarily for construction funding (based on the newest estimates from GHD's 95% plans), but also included funding for ROW. Unfortunately, we have been informed that the additional ROW request is not eligible for the program. The remainder of the request requires CTC approval, which we anticipate at the December CTC meeting.

Unfortunately, we have just recently learned of additional right of way funding needs that will most likely exceed the available ATP funding and utilize a portion of remaining RSTP funds. George Rau/Munselle Engineering had previously been a subconsultant to GHD. In that role, they provided initial surveying and legal descriptions that were used by BRI. Their work under GHD's contract has come to an end, but there is now a need for additional surveying and legal description work to complete the ROW appraisal and acquisition process. Rau/Munselle and GHD would prefer that this work continue through a contract directly with Rau/Munselle. Unfortunately, an initial estimate provided by George Rau identifies another \$90,000 in work remaining. Grant funding for ROW totals \$213,000, and we have approximately \$135,000

remaining in approved RSTP funds. The BRI contract is for \$150,358. This means that Rau's contract would require the remaining programmed ROW grant funding and part of the RSTP, leaving very little for acquisition. We believe it's important to move forward with the process, but recognize that obtaining additional funding will be critical.

With Board concurrence, we would like to move forward with the additional surveying/legal description work by Rau/Munselle. This is consistent with the existing allocations of funding and won't require an amendment. We've been informed by Caltrans that this additional work would meet sole source requirements (rather than a competitive procurement), but are working with them to provide written confirmation.

However, moving forward, we know there will be the need for additional decisions and potential amendments to the existing grant funding. We believe that working through these issues could be better accommodated by an ad hoc committee of the Board and recommend the appointment of a committee at this meeting.

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**ACTION REQUIRED:** Although MCOG policies and procedures don't require Board approval for individual contracts if they are consistent with approved funding, because this contract would result in a future funding shortfall, we would like the Board to provide direction/concurrence regarding a contract for continued surveying and legal description work. Staff also requests that the Board appoint an ad hoc committee for the project.

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**ALTERNATIVES:** Appoint an ad hoc committee and defer direction regarding the contract for additional ROW support activities. This is not recommended as it will cause delays in the ROW process.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the board provide staff direction to move forward with the Rau/Munselle contract, contingent on written confirmation from Caltrans that sole source requirements have been met, and appoint an ad hoc committee for the project.

## Existing Funding

	Funds				
	Total	ATP	Match (RSTP)	Committed	Remaining
PA & ED	\$ 616,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 616,000	\$ -
PS & E	\$ 329,000	\$ 272,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 329,000	\$ -
R/W	\$ 213,000	\$ 213,000	-	\$ 151,000	\$ 62,000
CON	\$ 2,672,000	\$ 2,672,000	-	\$ -	\$ 2,672,000
RSTP Contingencies/Additions*	\$ 390,292	\$ -	\$ 353,000	\$ 255,408	\$ 134,885

\*Includes ~\$37K in match savings from PA&ED







## MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS STAFF REPORT

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**TITLE:** Approval of Local Agency Funding Formula for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant from California Department of Housing & Community Development

**DATE PREPARED:** 10/26/20  
**MEETING DATE:** 11/02/20

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**SUBMITTED BY:** James Sookne, Program Manager

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**BACKGROUND:** In 2019, AB 101 (the budget trailer bill), established the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, intended to fund planning related to housing production and implementation of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Part of this program is the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program, providing one-time, formula-based funding to multi-county agencies or COGs responsible for RHNA. Under this program, MCOG is eligible to receive a total of \$383,245 to be used for activities that “increase housing planning and accelerate housing production.” Eligible activities include providing technical assistance, performing infrastructure planning, and conducting feasibility studies. Funds may also be suballocated to cities and counties for these activities. The JPA Amendment approved by MCOG in April allowed MCOG to participate in the program.

Regions can apply for funding until January 31, 2021, and will have until August of 2023 to complete expenditure. Initial discussions with representatives from the local agency planning and community development departments and Technical Advisory Committee have identified ideas for potential projects. While it is possible to apply for a regional project, MCOG staff capacity to manage a project is limited as this would be in addition to our normal responsibilities as the RTPA. For this reason, we recommend allocating the majority of the funding, excluding a small portion for MCOG staff time to prepare the materials for submission to HCD and ongoing administration of the program (invoicing, etc.). Suballocating funds also allows agencies the options of combining them with other grant funding made available through AB 101.

Staff has developed three different funding distribution scenarios proportionate to RHNA allocations (see attachment for details). All three scenarios give all five agencies a base amount of \$15,000, ensuring that each agency will receive enough funds to actually do a project. One scenario uses the full RHNA allocation for each agency. The second scenario is based only on allocations for Very-Low and Low-Income housing units, as those types of housing tend to be higher density and, therefore, require greater levels of planning. The third scenario looks at these as well as Moderate Income housing units. Staff has reached out to all five agencies to discuss and get feedback on the three scenarios. At the time this staff report was written, staff had received feedback from the City of Point Arena and the City of Willits and both support Scenario #2. Staff will provide a verbal update during the meeting regarding feedback from the other three agencies.

Upon Board approval of a distribution formula, staff will work with the agencies to develop and submit a REAP application. All activities that agencies plan to conduct with the available suballocations will be included in the full application and presented for approval to the MCOG Board at a later meeting.

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**ACTION REQUIRED:** Discuss funding distribution options for the REAP program and provide staff with an approved formula for allocation.

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**ALTERNATIVES:** The Board may approve a different method of utilizing available funding (not recommended).

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board approve Scenario #2 which distributes REAP funds proportionate to the low and very low RHNA allocations for each agency.



**Agenda # 7**  
**Regular Calendar**  
**MCOG Meeting**  
**11/02/2020**

Total  
 \$ 383,245.00 10% Admin \$ 38,324.50 Balance \$ 344,920.50

**Proportionate to Total RHNA Allocation**

County	Very Low	Low	Mod	Above	Total	Scenario #1
County	291	179	177	702	1349	\$15,000 Base
Ukiah	86	72	49	32	239	\$ 212,356.51
Willits	34	25	17	35	111	\$ 49,965.31
Fort Bragg	60	31	23	23	137	\$ 31,239.12
Point Arena	3	1	3	2	9	\$ 35,042.88
					1845	\$ 16,316.69

**Proportionate to Low & Very Low Allocation**

County	Very Low	Low	Total	Scenario #2
County	291	179	470	\$15,000 Base
Ukiah	86	72	158	\$ 177,228.43
Willits	34	25	59	\$ 69,536.37
Fort Bragg	60	31	91	\$ 35,364.85
Point Arena	3	1	4	\$ 46,410.19
			782	\$ 16,380.67

**Proportionate to Very Low, Low & Moderate Allocation**

County	Very Low	Low	Mod	Total	Scenario #3
County	291	179	177	647	\$15,000 Base
Ukiah	86	72	49	207	\$ 181,164.19
Willits	34	25	17	76	\$ 68,162.27
Fort Bragg	60	31	23	114	\$ 34,518.51
Point Arena	3	1	3	7	\$ 44,277.77
				1051	\$ 16,797.76



# MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Agenda # 8  
Consent Calendar  
MCOG Meeting  
11/02/2020

## MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2020

Teleconference Only

*In compliance with Governor's Executive Order N-29-20*

**The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) meets as the Board of Directors of:**  
Mendocino Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and  
Mendocino County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. with Directors Rex Jackman (Caltrans/PAC), Jim Brown, Larry Stranske, Richey Wasserman, John Haschak, Michael Carter and Dan Gjerde present by Zoom teleconference; Chair Gjerde presiding. Tess Albin-Smith arrived at 1:44 p.m. after a technical difficulty.

Staff present on the call: Nephela Barrett, Executive Director; Janet Orth, Deputy Director/CFO; Loretta Ellard, Deputy Planner; Lisa Davey-Bates, Planning Principal; James Sookne, Program Manager; Alexis Pedrotti, Project Manager; Danielle Casey, Project Coordinator, and Monica Galliani, Administrative Assistant.

**Note:** Public comment was invited via online comment form; staff monitored for incoming comments throughout the meeting, reporting periodically.

**2. Convene as RTPA**

**3. Recess as RTPA – Reconvene as Policy Advisory Committee**

**4. Public Expression.** None.

**5. Technical Advisory Committee Recommendation of August 19, 2020: Approval of the First Amendment to Fiscal Year 2020/21 Transportation Planning Overall Work Program (OWP).**

Ms. Pedrotti referred to her staff report. She reported that the purpose of the first amendment is to carry over and reprogram unexpended prior-year planning funds. She reviewed the list of work elements as their funding would be utilized in the new fiscal year. The amendment would increase the FY 2020/21 Overall Work Program total from \$968,745 to \$1,083,936, an increase of \$115,191.

**Upon motion** by Carter, second by Haschak, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (7 Ayes – Brown, Stranske, Carter, Wasserman, Haschak, Jackman/PAC, and Gjerde; 0 Noes; 0 Abstaining; 1 Absent – Albin-Smith); IT IS ORDERED that the First Amendment to the FY 2020/21 OWP is approved as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Executive Director is authorized to sign appropriate certifications and revised OWP Agreement (as needed), and forward to Caltrans as required.

**6. Adoption of Resolution Approving the FY 2020/21 Project List for the California State of Good Repair Program.** Ms. Orth reported that MTA is proposing to program all of the new FY 2020/21 State of Good Repair (SGR) funds, estimated at \$139,962, towards their existing Ukiah Transit Center project. MTA is also requesting to reprogram their FY 2017/18 allocation to fund immediate needs for rehabilitation and facility upgrades in Ukiah and Fort Bragg, since funds will expire before they can be used for the Ukiah Transit Center as currently programmed.

**Upon motion** by Haschak, second by Wasserman, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (8 Ayes – Brown, Stranske, Carter, Wasserman, Albin-Smith, Haschak, Jackman/PAC, and Gjerde; 0 Noes; 0 Abstaining; 0 Absent); IT IS ORDERED that the Fiscal Year 2020/21 State of Good

Repair Project List, including revised FY 2017/18 funding to rehabilitate MTA's current facilities as requested and a FY 2020/21 project, is approved.

**Resolution No. M2020-09**

Approving the Project List for the California

State of Good Repair Program

(Reso. #M2020-09 is incorporated herein by reference)

**7. Consent Calendar.** Upon motion by Wasserman, second by Albin-Smith, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (8 Ayes – *Brown, Stranske, Carter, Wasserman, Albin-Smith, Haschak, Jackman/PAC, and Gjerde*; 0 Noes; 0 Abstaining; 0 Absent): IT IS ORDERED that consent items are approved:

**7. Approval of August 17, 2020 Minutes - as written**

**8. Recess as Policy Advisory Committee – Reconvene as RTPA – Ratify Action of Policy Advisory Committee.** Upon motion by Carter, second by Wasserman, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (7 Ayes – *Brown, Stranske, Carter, Wasserman, Albin-Smith, Haschak, and Gjerde*; 0 Noes; 0 Abstaining; 0 Absent): IT IS ORDERED that the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committee are ratified by the MCOG Board of Directors.

**9. Reports - Information**

- a. Caltrans District 1 – Projects Update and Information. Director Jackman reported that Caltrans staff has been working on their ArcMapping tool repairs and adding data. Caltrans is also working towards getting project managers and contact information listed online for each project for a direct route to getting questions answered. Director Jackman also reported that applications for Sustainable Transportation planning grants will be available in the upcoming weeks, due in January or February. Grant awards will be announced in the spring of 2021. There will be no climate adaptation planning grants offered this year.  
Ms. Barrett clarified that “current” projects signify projects that fall under this construction season. Planning grants often fund Council of Governments (COG) planning projects within the overall work program, such as the recent Vehicle Miles Traveled Regional Baseline Study, as well as the Fire Vulnerability Assessment & Emergency Evacuation Preparedness Plan.
- b. Mendocino Transit Authority. Jacob King, Interim Executive Director of MTA, thanked the MCOG board for passing the State of Good Repair resolution and thanked MCOG staff for their help and support overall.
- c. North Coast Railroad Authority. Ms. Ellard reported that there will be a full assessment report coming for the NCRA that will be turned into the appropriate state agency in the upcoming weeks. The September quarterly NCRA meeting was cancelled, with the next one scheduled for December. Director Haschak reported that there has not been an NCRA meeting since June. He reported speaking with legislative staff and expects the assessment report to be released soon. Director Jackman added that Leishara Ward is the Caltrans staff member in Sacramento assigned to transitioning the NCRA into the Great Redwood Trail agency.
- d. MCOG Staff - Summary of Meetings. Ms. Barrett referred to her written staff report.
- e. MCOG Administration Staff
  - i. Dow & Associates Offices Relocated. Staff reported that the Administration offices are now located at 525 S. Main Street, Suite B, Ukiah, CA 95482.
  - ii. Financial Update. Ms. Orth reported that Local Transportation Fund (LTF) sales tax revenues through June 30 came in higher than expected, as shown below:

Auditor's Estimate	LTF Receipts FYE	Excess at Fiscal Year End
\$3,852,643	\$4,109,625	\$256,982 (6.7%)

By MCOG policy the excess revenue is to be deposited in the LTF Reserve fund account for later allocation. State Transit Assistance (STA), from gas taxes, came in 15 percent below the State Controller's estimate. MCOG holds an unallocated STA fund balance, so even with the revised STA estimate down 41 percent, MCOG can more than meet MTA's 2020/21 claim of \$834,637. She advised that MCOG wait until the County Auditor-Controller has examined the first quarter of actual LTF revenues before deciding whether or not it will be necessary to amend the 2020/21 budget, which will not be known before December. However, because of the strong starting position, MCOG is able to meet budget needs until then.

Board discussion followed about economic sectors doing well or not in the county, with many small businesses still hurting from the pandemic. Ms. Barrett added that the funding sources that supply the STA funding also supply the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding. Chair Gjerde asked whether a potential federal transportation reauthorization bill could aid shovel-ready STIP projects. The FAST Act was set to expire September 30, with an extension or other action pending in Congress.

- iii. *Active Transportation Program (ATP) Application September 15, 2020 – Gualala Project.* Ms. Barrett explained the process that went into the completion of the ATP grant proposal. She also reported that staff is working with Caltrans to get more community feedback by using methods such as a public forum to finalize plans for the upcoming project; a tentative date of November 12 is scheduled. There has been good participation to date.
  - iv. *Miscellaneous.* None.
  - v. *Next Meeting Date.* Monday, November 2, 2020.
- f. MCOG Planning Staff.
- i. *Davey-Bates Consulting Offices Relocated.* Staff reported that the Planning offices are now located at 525 S. Main Street, Suite G, Ukiah, CA 95482.
  - ii. *2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update.* Ms. Ellard reported that staff has begun the updating process for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which must be completed by February 5, 2022. Ms. Barrett added that the RTP cycle is now a four-year plan instead of a five-year plan, to align with housing plan schedules.
  - iii. *Miscellaneous.* Ms. Ellard reported that the Fire Vulnerability Assessment & Emergency Evacuation Preparedness Plan was accepted at the September 22 Board of Supervisors meeting. Final documents have been posted to the MCOG website. Ms. Ellard added that all five member agencies have been approved for funding of Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP). Discussion concerning safety data values ensued. The plans will assist with delivering local road safety projects.
- g. MCOG Directors. There no further reports.
- h. California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Delegates. There was nothing new to report.

**10. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Submitted: NEPHELE BARRETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Monica Galliani, Administrative Assistant







MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
STAFF REPORT

Agenda #10d  
Reports  
MCOG Meeting  
11/02/2020

TITLE: Summary of Meetings

DATE PREPARED: 10/21/20

SUBMITTED BY: Monica Galliani, Administrative Assistant

BACKGROUND: Since our last regular MCOG meeting packet, MCOG Administration and Planning staff has attended (or will have attended) the following meetings on behalf of MCOG:

Date	Meeting/Event	Staff
10/06/2020	Senate Bill 743 Webinar	Casey
10/07/2020	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure 2020 Conference	Orth
10/07/2020	Quarterly Mendocino County Tribal Meeting	Barrett & Davey-Bates
10/07/2020	Gualala Workshop Planning Meeting	Barrett
10/07/2020	Coord. Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Meeting	Ellard
10/08/2020	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure 2020 Conference	Orth
10/12/2020	Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) Legislative Workshop	Barrett & Davey-Bates
10/13/2020	Regional Early Action Planning Program Meeting w/ HCD	Barrett
10/14/2020	California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Assembly Bill 101 Housing Meeting	Barrett & Ellard
10/16/2020	North State Super Region (NSSR) Meeting	Barrett & Orth
10/19/2020	Gualala Virtual Public Meeting Planning	Barrett
10/20/2020	CalSTA Climate EO Workshop	Barrett
10/20/2020	RTPA Meeting	Barrett & Orth
10/21/2020	MCOG Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting	Barrett, Casey, Ellard, Pedrotti, Sookne, Davey-Bates, Parker
10/21/2020 - 10/22/2020	California Transportation Commission Meeting	Barrett & Orth
10/21/2020	Covelo Planning Meeting	Sookne
10/21/2020	Hopland Municipal Advisory Council (HMAC) Meeting	Barrett
10/23/20	Covelo Planning Meeting	Sookne & Barrett
10/26/2020	Gualala Social Media Outreach Meeting	Barrett
10/28/2020	Ukiah Low Gap/Bush Project Funding Meeting	Barrett & Sookne
10/28/2020	Mendocino Transit Authority Meeting	Ellard
10/29/20	Caltrans District 1 Local Assistance Huddle	Barrett, Davey-Bates, Sookne, Casey, Ellard

I will provide information to the Board regarding the outcome of any of these meetings as requested.

ACTION REQUIRED: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None identified.

RECOMMENDATION: None. This is for information only.





## MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## STAFF REPORT

TITLE: Financial Update – FY 2020/21 Budget Revenues

SUBMITTED BY: Janet Orth, Deputy Director / CFO

DATE: 10.21.2020

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BACKGROUND:

Last month I reported on the 2019/20 fiscal year end and the first month of revenues from the Transportation Development Act (TDA), which comprises the LTF and STA funds.

LTF Revenues Fiscal Year-to-Date. Good news--Local Transportation Fund (LTF) sales tax revenues for the first two months have come in at 5.1 percent above the County Auditor's budget estimate, based on a monthly average. While our local economy is still suffering, we can speculate that online sales may be a contributing factor, as well as tourism during the summer months with urban dwellers seeking outdoor recreation opportunities during the pandemic.

State Transit Assistance (STA). This fund is derived from gasoline and diesel taxes. No revenues have been remitted to regional agencies yet, which are received quarterly. (In August we received the previous fiscal year's fourth quarter deposit as anticipated.) As reported earlier, the State Controller's estimate was revised from \$834,637 to \$492,043, down 41 percent.

In related news, the California Transportation Commission received a report today that indicated revenues, from five sources of fees and taxes on gasoline and diesel, ended the fiscal year at less than one percent difference from the May budget revise, and the first quarter of this fiscal year is up one percent from budget (based on monthly average). In April 2020, gasoline consumption reached its lowest point in two years, increasing steadily through September, but still below the two-year high points statewide. These statewide revenues, along with federal, contribute to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as mentioned at our last Council meeting, which includes funding for projects in Mendocino County.

There is continued discussion on how to replace gas taxes as electrified transportation is implemented according to ambitious state goals for zero emissions.

2020/21 Budget Amendment. As discussed, we will not receive any revised local estimate before accrual revenues are received in late November. Meanwhile transit agencies all over the state have taken a big hit, losing 50-90 percent of their revenues, so the federal relief has been essential to their survival. With lost capacity due to distancing protocols and other factors, many services have been cut. In their overall budget picture, Mendocino Transit Authority may find it necessary to submit a revised claim to MCOG, as is their right under TDA.

I will be glad to answer any questions or discuss other aspects of the budget at our meeting.

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**ACTION REQUIRED:** None, this report is not agendized for action at this meeting.

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**ALTERNATIVES:** Not applicable.

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MCOG Meeting

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TITLE: EV Charging Infrastructure 2020 Conference

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#### BACKGROUND:

On October 7-8, 2020 I attended this nationwide virtual forum via WebEx online platform with about 200 participants. Keynotes, moderators, speaker panels and attendee breakout sessions represented a range of perspectives from state regulatory agencies, electric vehicle and charging equipment manufacturers, technology innovators, energy utilities, network operators, solar and battery storage providers, and other stakeholders. This impressive lineup covered goals, progress, problems, best practices, and innovations. Following are some highlights and takeaways:

- Virginia plans to sign on to the 2014 Multi-State ZEV Action Plan, based on California's, with 8 states (CA, CT, MD, MA, NY, OR, RI, VT) having a collective goal of 3.3 million ZEVs on the road by 2025.
- In 2017 and 2019, eight governors signed MOUs to create a regional Intermountain West EV Corridor, aka REV West (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY), facilitated by Nat'l Assn of State Energy Officials, similar to the multi-state West Coast Green Highway (BC to BC—British Columbia to Baja California) and West Coast Electric Highway (OR, WA).
- Colorado Energy Office has a goal of 100% renewable by 2040. New England's utility Eversource has a similar goal of 100% carbon free by 2040. Governor Cuomo of NY signed goals of 85% less GHG by 2050. Governor Newsom recently signed EO N-79-20 for all new cars sold in CA to be zero emissions by 2035.
- CEC commissioner Patricia Monahan reported progress on current CA goals. Today we have about 62K public chargers; 121K more are funded; leaving about 67K remaining to reach 250,000 chargers by 2025. The Energy Commission's Clean Trans. Program will invest \$133M in light-duty infrastructure 2020-2023.
- Network operators Volta Charging, ChargePoint and Electrify America discussed new business models, e.g. "I go somewhere to fuel up" vs "I fuel up where I go" retail partner model; a false premise that faster is better vs match to behavior/needs/use case; different approaches to owner/operator and site host responsibilities, cost/pricing/free charging, universal apps, payment options, permitting issues.
- Fleets are looking at Total Cost of Ownership. A commercial truck built by Chanje for last-mile delivery offers 70% lower maintenance and fuel costs, with holistic fleet electrification services provided; clients include FedEx and Amazon. For long haul, UPS is adopting ZEV fuel-cell electric Toyota semi-trucks.
- Another concept is V2G or Vehicle-to-Grid, using the batteries to back up grid power during outages, ideally with school busses and fleets. Solar can also provide backup storage capacity for chargers.
- New tech includes wireless charging; I saw a demo in Walnut Creek—stay in the bus, park over a pad for quick recharges on a transit route.
- Companies at this meeting are active worldwide, in 20 (Tritium), 38 (Drivz) and 70 (EVBox) countries.
- Buzzwords/phrases: deep decarbonization, future proof, climate justice, Dieselgate (VW), social equity, the future is electric, drive on sunshine, energy as a service (EaaS).

The hosts made available 18 presentations with more details. The meeting brochure can be found at <http://globaltransmission.info/conference.php>.

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**ACTION REQUIRED:** None at this time.

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