

MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD of DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 2023-08

ESTABLISHING GENERAL POLICIES FOR THE COMMITMENT OF REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SHARES IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS,

1. The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Mendocino County; and
2. MCOG, as the RTPA, is the responsible agency for programming Regional Improvement Program (RIP) shares from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for transportation projects in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and submitting an adopted document to Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by December 15 of each odd numbered year; and
3. MCOG has historically programmed RIP shares for a variety of capital projects across multiple modes; and
4. MCOG has adopted a Regional Transportation Plan/Active Transportation Plan through a process including significant public, stakeholder, and government/agency outreach that identifies needs and projects that may be implemented through programming in the RTIP; and
5. MCOG has previously determined that “major local roadway” shall include Major Collector streets/roads in rural areas and on Collector streets/roads in urban areas approved by the Federal Highway Administration and as identified on California Road System maps; and
6. Transit capital improvement projects remain eligible for RIP funding even though the dedicated source of transit funding has greatly diminished; and
7. Non-motorized projects such as bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects enjoy a high level of local support, and may be needed to advance Complete Streets law objectives, and remain eligible for RIP funding; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT:

This resolution and the policies it contains replace any previously approved policies regarding programming of Regional Improvement Program funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The following policy guidance has been established for development of the 2024 RTIP and shall remain in effect in subsequent years unless rescinded, amended, or replaced:

- A. Roadway safety, operational, reconstruction and rehabilitation projects primarily on State highway and major local roads (or facilities that qualify for this designation) shall be eligible for RIP funding on a competitive basis.
- B. Transit Capital Improvement projects identified in the Transit Capital Improvement Plan shall be considered for RIP funding on a case-by-case, competitive basis, with no specific set-aside or target, and dependent on fund type eligibility in the STIP.
- C. Bicycle and Pedestrian projects shall be considered for RIP funding on a competitive basis, with no specific set-aside or target.
- D. The factors to be used in scoring projects for funding in the RTIP include urgency, leveraging of funds, air quality/environmental benefit, volume/usage, regional benefit, safety benefit, and system condition/preservation/completion.

ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION was moved by Director Carter, seconded by Director Norvell, and approved on this 14th day of August, 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Carter, Hansen, Norvell, Duenas, Ahlstrand (Caltrans/PAC) and Gjerde
NOES: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: Haschak and Kanne

WHEREUPON, the Chairman declared the resolution adopted, AND SO ORDERED.

/s/

Dan Gjerde, Chair

/s/

ATTEST: Nephele Barrett, Executive Director