

**REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA**

SUBJECT		MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Memorandum of Agreement for the North State Super Region Collaboration		7/27/10	

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the attached North State Super Region Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), including minor authorized changes requested by partner agencies.

**SUMMARY**

The sixteen counties in the northern part of California share similar issues such as transportation needs, population growth, and hard-hit economies. Through the creation of an alliance, north state regional transportation planning agencies can coordinate information and resources, and have a stronger voice in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

**DISCUSSION**

While the RTPAs in the northern part of California share similar issues and needs, they have not consistently collaborated and worked together as in other areas of the state, such as the San Joaquin Valley and the multi-county councils of government. The North State Super Region's sixteen counties will be better recognized and politically have more influence than as individual planning agencies. The North State Super Region represents all areas north of the Sacramento and Bay Area metropolitan regions. It contains 26% of California's land area and 37% of California's state and federal roads.

The partnership idea originated three years ago for the state Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) grants. The Super Region came together to prioritize and endorse projects of regional significance.

The Super Region concept was refined in discussions between the Caltrans District 2 RTPAs at their quarterly task force meeting. With their enthusiasm and commitment, the idea was introduced to the remaining RTPAs in the Super Region. Unanimous approval was received and the RTPAs indicated their desire to take the idea to their respective Boards and Commissions.

The attached North State Super Region "white paper" discusses the reasoning behind formation of a coalition, and formulates a plan for Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) collaboration. The MOA provides a basic framework by which the group can operate effectively to achieve its goals. Page nine in the attached "white paper" discusses potential focus areas for Super Region efforts. These include influencing transportation policy, collaborating on grants, and pursuing a north region representative on the California Transportation Commission.

Once the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is authorized by their governing bodies, the Super Region will hold their first official meeting to collaborate on matters of mutual interest. Results of this meeting will be shared with the Shasta RTPA Board.

The MOA describes the participants and goals of the coalition. It provides structure, yet does not imply legal commitment by the parties. It is a guiding document and does not create a new agency.

#### ALTERNATIVES

The Board may decline participation in the partnership or suggest another binding document to guide the group.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Super Region consists of the following RTPA or MPO Executive Directors: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Glenn, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity.

#### FINANCING

The Super Region Executive Directors will attend approximately two meetings annually. Adequate time is budgeted in the Overall Work Program for this type of agency collaboration.

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Attachments: Resolution 10-10  
White Paper  
Memorandum of Agreement

C: Jon Clark, Butte County Association of Governments  
James Bell, Colusa County Transportation Commission  
Tamera Leighton, Del Norte Local Transportation Commission  
John Linhart, Glenn County Transportation Commission  
Marcella Clem, Humboldt County Association of Governments  
Lisa Davey-Bates, Lake County/City Area Planning Council  
Larry Millar, Lassen County Transportation Commission  
Phil Dow, Mendocino Council of Governments  
Pam Couch, Modoc County Transportation Commission  
Daniel Landon, Nevada County Transportation Commission  
Tim Beals, Sierra County Local Transportation Commission  
Tom Anderson, Siskiyou County Transportation Commission  
Gary Antone, Tehama County Transportation Commission  
Richard Tippett, Trinity County Transportation Commission  
Marty Byrne, Plumas County Transportation Commission