

## **Memorandum of Agreement North State Super Region**

The sixteen California counties of Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity share similar planning issues of a rural nature which include: a shortfall in transportation infrastructure funding, hard hit economies, and population growth. This North State Super Region establishes a partnership of Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for coordinated planning, to influence state and federal policy, and to support funding and grants for partner transportation agencies.

This document establishes a framework by which the group can operate effectively to achieve its goals.

### **GOALS**

The goals of the North State Super Region are:

- To collaborate on endorsement of projects, share resources and information, and bring political attention to the needs of the area, including interregional roads, transit, and goods movement.
- To unite as a larger voice to influence state and federal policy and funding priorities.
- To coordinate compliance with state and federal requirements, including blueprint planning and air quality regulation.
- To share and generate innovative ideas for project delivery and funding, among others.

### **COMPOSITION**

Members are the RTPA Executive Directors in the sixteen counties of the Super Region. Outside persons or groups, including federal agencies, Caltrans, California Transportation Commission and other state agencies, universities, and private and non-profit groups may be invited for the purpose of sharing expertise, leadership or information.

The North State has three basic geographic divisions: valley, mountain, and coastal areas. As these areas have similar issues that bind them together, subgroups may be formed to achieve a particular goal common to these geographic areas. This does not detract from the solidarity of the larger group, but rather makes collaboration of smaller groups more effective.

### **MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING**

- a. Participation. The signatories designate the current participating Executive Directors, their designees or successors. Participation is voluntary. Neighboring counties that find they share similar interests are welcome to join this collaborative group.
- b. Activities. Regional transportation planning priorities are the focus of the group. Needs of the regions and priorities of the group should be central to the partnership's activities. Efforts include collaboration and support of mutual interests, research of current issues and trends, and their effect on the group's



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