

# CALIFORNIA RURAL COUNTIES TASK FORCE

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## **AGENDA**

**May 18, 2001**

**12:30 pm**

Department of Transportation Building  
1120 N Street, Room 501 (Basement)  
Sacramento, CA

### ***REMINDER! - 12:00 noon***

*Special session for RCTF members to get your own Caltrans ID card  
Department of Transportation Bldg lobby, meet at O Street entrance*

12:30 pm	A.	Self Introductions	
12:35 pm	B.	Approval of Minutes from January 19 and March 16, 2001	W. Allen
12:40 pm	C.	2002 STIP Fund Estimate Assumptions	J. Nicholas
1:00 pm	D.	Proposed Changes to STIP Guidelines	J. Nicholas
		1. State Only Funding	D. Brewer
		2. Programming of County Shares for period beyond STIP funding period	
1:30 pm	E.	Proposed Caltrans 10% Oversight Fee for Contracted Out Projects	C. Sutliff
2:00 pm	F.	Legislation	C. Oldham
		1. AB 608 (Dickerson) re: Change to STIP guidelines, PPM funding	C. McAdam
		2. Permanent redirection of sales tax on gasoline to transportation - ACA 9, AB 227, etc.	
		3. Rural Transit - SB 787, AB 1196	
2:30 pm	G.	TEA Reform	P. Hathaway
3:00 pm	H.	Proposition 10 Children Age 0-5 Transportation Opportunities	A. Trujillo
3:10 pm	I.	Proposed CTC Appointment Endorsement – Don Raffaelli	S. Clifton
3:30 pm	J.	Rural Counties Retreat Update	C. McAdam
3:40 pm	K.	Status Report on RCTF Issues	W. Allen See attached list
4:00 pm		Adjourn	

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To: Rural Counties Task Force Participants  
From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: 2002 STIP Fund Estimate Assumptions

## Issue

The STIP fund estimate provides the basis upon which Regional Choice and Interregional funds are calculated. Key components to this calculation include the actual amount of funds that will be available, as well as the various "off the top" funding allocations.

The 2002 STIP fund estimate assumptions were to be presented to the CTC at their meeting on May 2 and 3. A recap of that presentation will be provided at the RCTF meeting, with emphasis on the following points:

- How the assumptions affect the Regional Choice pot for rural counties
- How the assumptions affect Interregional fund partnerships with rural counties

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To: Rural Counties Task Force Participants  
From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to STIP Guidelines

## Issue

Like the STIP fund estimate, STIP Guidelines play a pivotal role in how transportation planning commissions program Regional Choice funds. Of particular concern are potential changes to the State Only funding policies that affect the smallest jurisdictions the most.

Another issue that was identified was the discrepancy between the time period for County Share funds and the STIP. Because the time period for the County Shares is longer than the STIP, there is the potential for shortfalls in the availability of funds at the time they are needed.

These STIP Guidelines were discussed at May 2 and 3 RTPA and CTC meetings. A recap of the proposed changes and the ensuing discussions will be provided at the RCTF meeting.

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To: Rural Counties Task Force Participants  
From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: Proposed Caltrans 10% Oversight Fee for Contracted Out Projects

Issue

Caltrans has proposed a new policy that would charge project sponsors a 10% surcharge for oversight on support costs for all contracted out projects.

Caltrans currently provides oversight on state highway projects funded via sales-tax authorities through an "off the top" allocation of STIP funds. This new policy would apply only to Regional Choice funded projects, including those currently in the STIP.

The financial implications of this policy in rural counties could be monumental, essentially making contracting out capabilities outlined in Proposition 35 cost prohibitive. Caltrans staff has been invited to present information and rationale for this proposed policy at the RCTF meeting.

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From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: Legislation - AB 608

## Background

RCTF members have met with the leadership of the Regional Council of Rural Counties to provide technical information and advice on transportation issues for rural areas. One focus of RCRC has been revisions to SB 45; another interest has been increasing road rehab funds.

## Issue

Assemblyman Dick Dickerson (R-Redding) has sponsored AB 608, which would require cost savings from projects funded by Regional Choice money to be returned to the sponsoring county.

At the request of the Rural Counties Task Force, Assemblyman Dickerson has amended the bill to include a permissible increase in allocations for planning, programming, and monitoring (PPM) from 2% to 5%.

The bill passed the Assembly Transportation Committee on April 23, and is now headed for the Assembly Appropriations Committee. RCRC Legislative Director Wes Lujan and RCRC Board Member/Mariposa County Supervisor Bob Pickard have been spearheading the effort to get this bill passed.

The current status of the bill will be provided at the Task Force meeting, along with a discussion of ways RCTF members can assist with this effort.

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From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: TEA Reform

Issue

The implementation of the Transportation Enhancement Activities program is an ongoing challenge for all parties involved. Timely use of funds, project eligibility, and the ability of project sponsors to deliver projects are some of the issues cited.

Potential reforms to the TEA program were discussed at the May CTC meeting and will be overviewed at the RCTF meeting.

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From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: Proposition 10 Children Age 0-5 Transportation Opportunities

Issue

Pam Couch of Modoc County Transportation Commission has been working with the State on the implementation of Proposition 10. Under this law, funding opportunities are available for transportation for the youngest of California's citizens.

Alice Trujillo will make a brief presentation of what Proposition 10 could mean for rural county transportation.

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To: Rural Counties Task Force Participants  
From: Celia McAdam, Chair  
SUBJECT: Proposed CTC Appointment Endorsement - Don Raffaelli

## Issue

At the March RCTF meeting, members discussed the possibility of endorsing Don Raffaelli as a candidate for one of the vacancies on the CTC. It was resolved at that time to poll the RCTF membership for questions to be submitted to Mr. Raffaelli, to which he could respond in writing. The group would then determine if the endorsement was warranted.

## Discussion

The response to the request for questions was somewhat underwhelming, with only two responses. As a result, I have supplied Mr. Raffaelli - via Spencer Clifton - a brief list of subjects which are of particular interest to rural agencies on which he could address the RCTF at our May meeting. These subjects are:

- Familiarity with rural transportation issues
- Project Delivery
- What should be the emphasis of the state's transportation program?

The group will have the opportunity at our May meeting to discuss these and other issues with Mr. Raffaelli and determine how - either as a group or as individual agencies - we want to approach the endorsement issue.

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From: Celia McAdam, Chair

SUBJECT: Rural Counties Retreat Update

## Issue

At our March RCTF meeting, we had discussed the potential for using RPA funds from Inyo and Alpine Counties to fund a Rural Counties Retreat before the end of FY 2000/01.

After teleconferences, research, and some hard work by Task Force members - including Walt Allen, Gerry LeFrancois, Spencer Clifton, Charles Field, and others - it eventually turned out that Inyo County would be able to use the RPA funds, thus they would not be available to support the retreat after all.

However, the work was not in vain. The overall concept and many of the tentative plans can be used to put on a Rural Counties Retreat, perhaps in the fall. This concept will be discussed at the May meeting.

RCTF ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES  
Report for May 18, 2001

Issue/Objective

CTC Representative SB 45 Implementation Changes Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) Rural Transit (FTA 5310, Welfare to Work, CalACT)	Darin Grossi, Tuolumne
Formulas for Distribution of Local Road Funds SB 45 Project Monitoring/Reporting Database 2000/01 RCTF Biannual Meeting/Retreat	Walt Allen, San Benito
Increase PPM Funds RSTP/CMAQ/TEA Project Delivery Committee RCTF Dues	Dan Landon, Nevada
Local Road Rehab Funding & STIP Protection Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Applicability to Rural Counties TEA Advisory Committee	Phil Dow, Lake & Mendocino
Formulas for Distribution of Local Road Funds California Transportation Investment Strategy (CTIS) ITS Applicability to Rural Counties	George Dondero, Calaveras
Committee to Review Changes to Local Assistance And Guidelines Manual	Liz Levine, Madera
City/County/Caltrans/FHWA Coordinating Group and Local Assistance "Enhanced Training Committee"	Spencer Clifton, Humboldt
State Planning Guidelines Development Quality Team Clarify/Improve OWP Process Interregional Strategic Transportation Plan (ITSP)	Charles Field, Amador
Local Road Rehab Funding & STIP Protection Federal Aid Project Streamlining (AB 1012) Civil Rights Review Title 9 TEA-3 Federal Reauthorization	Celia McAdam, Placer