

# **Glenn County Transportation Commission**

## **2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

### **Fact Sheet**

#### **Executive Summary**

The Glenn County Transportation Commission (GCTC) working with Caltrans District 3, Glenn County, and the cities of Orland and Willows, has prepared the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Understanding that funds were advanced in the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) cycle, GCTC has crafted the RTIP to account for any cost escalation from the 2022 STIP programmed projects. One project in the City of Willows was switched with a new proposal and all remaining projects were augmented with adjustments to the scope as applicable to reflect the funding available to utilize the allocated STIP shares as follows:

- Reconstruction of County Road 200 from County Road 306 to Spanish Camp. Programmed for completion in 2025.
- Rehabilitation of County Road 27 from County Road M to County Road P. Programmed for completion in 2027
- Reconstruction of Shasta Street within the City of Orland from Papst Avenue to Sixth Street. Programmed for completion in 2026.
- Rehabilitation of Laurel Street within the City of Willows from Tehama Street to Lassen Street. Programmed for completion in 2026.

The Glenn County region is rural, and its economy is based primarily on agricultural and resource industries. As with most rural areas population growth is slow or stagnant. Maintenance of the transportation system is tremendous burden for a smaller population to allow movement of people, goods, and services through the region. All the projects proposed in the RTIP involve preservation and improvement of the existing transportation system. There are some ancillary benefits such as safety, improvements related to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the potential for greater mode share for non-motorized forms of transportation in the incorporated, urbanized areas of Glenn County.

#### **Benefits**

The RTIP of the GCTC is anticipated to provide the following benefits for the Glenn County region:

- A 0.3% increase in bicycle and pedestrian mode share.
- An average 3% decrease in distressed lane miles for roads in the region.
- An overall improvement in the Pavement Condition Index rating from 45 to 50.

- A projection of five or fewer acres converted to non-agricultural use according to the California Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

### **Goals and Objectives**

GCTC's RTIP is closely integrated with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The primary goal of the RTP is the upgrade and maintain the existing road system (2020 Glenn County Regional Transportation Plan, Page 47). There has been a long-standing policy to preserve pavement surfaces that are good (Pavement Condition Index rating of 70) first. In terms of road classification, this means that primary arterials and collectors are maintained first, and then work to repair other roads classes in completed where funding allows. This strategy was confirmed in the 2015 Rural Counties Pavement Needs Assessment and the recently completed Pavement Management Plan for the Glenn County region.

All projects in the RTIP relate directly to the third goal of the RTP. Each local agency has reviewed their respective priorities as that relate to safety, preservation of their road network, and nominated their priority projects. Nominated projects represent the demonstrated transportation need of the respective jurisdiction.

The proposed improvements will also improve safety for the travelling public (Goal 2 of the 2020 Glenn County Regional Transportation Plan, Page 47) and are the most efficient way in which the transportation system can be preserved. Further, proposed projects within incorporated areas of Glenn County will improve or construct active transportation facilities (Goals 7, 8, 10 and 11 of the 2020 Glenn County Regional Transportation Plan, Pages 50-51) compliant with standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For this reason, the projects have been proposed as they appear in the RTP.

Under the RTIP for the Glenn County region, all projects within the incorporated cities include project components that include multimodal improvements to improve pedestrian facilities. The programmed projects will improve transportation facilities in older areas of each city and support additional housing options. Glenn County nominated projects improve safety and reliability for foothill communities and improve transport of agricultural products grown in these respective areas.