

2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Fact Sheet¹

Executive Summary

The Lake County/City Area Planning Council (APC) is the regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Lake County Region. The APC is required by State Law to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 15 of each odd numbered year. This RTIP has been developed in conformance with State Law and the adopted 2022 Lake County Regional Transportation Plan.

The Lake APC is not proposing to program funds at this time, with the exception of PPM funding. The \$5,558,000 available in the target share will be reserved for allocation for the existing Soda Bay Road Rehabilitation Project.

An additional \$5,500,000 will be reserved for future funding using the STIP Maximum Net Shares for the City of Clearlake's Dam Road/Dam Road Extension Roundabout.

The Lake APC Board of Directors adopted Resolution 17-18-10 which established a list of priority projects for the Lake County Region. Projects include the following:

- Lake 29 Expressway
- Dam Road/Dam Road Extension Roundabout
- South Main Street/Soda Bay Road Corridor Improvements

Additionally, the City of Lakeport's Lakeport Boulevard and South Main Street Intersection project will be deprogrammed and reprogrammed as phase one of the Lakeport Boulevard Improvement project to better reflect the scope of the project.

Benefits

The Dam Road/Dam Road Extension Roundabout Project included in this RTIP is an intersection improvement, which will provide major improvements including a roundabout, sidewalks and bike lanes at a congested intersection. This intersection is at a high volume location which experiences severe congestion at peak times. It is currently controlled by signage only. The improvements will significantly reduce vehicle idling and congestion at peak times without adding increased capacity. The Dam Road/Dam Road Extension Roundabout project as well as the Lakeport Boulevard Improvement Project identified in this RTIP will result in reduced congestion by providing enhanced bicycle and pedestrian access through busy areas, encouraging greater use of these alternative forms of transportation and less vehicular travel in congested areas.

The Lake 29 Expressway Project will provide a significant improvement to safety in an area with a history of numerous fatal accidents. This portion of SR 29 is part of the Route 20 Principal Arterial Corridor, which was identified by Caltrans as a High Emphasis Focus Route in California. This route provides a critical connection between the I-5 corridor in the Sacramento Valley and the US-101 corridor serving the north coast, and provides links between the largest population centers of Lake County. Improving this section of the Route will serve both local residents and the traveling public.

¹ The fact sheet (one- or two-page) will be posted on the Commission's website and must comply with state and federal web accessibility laws and standards.

The array of projects programmed in the RTIP serves a range of modes and provide a clear benefit to both the region and the state.

Goals and Objectives

The projects in the 2024 RTIP align and advance the goals, policies and objectives in the following sections of the 2022 Lake County Regional Transportation Plan:

Overarching Policies

Backbone Circulation and Local Roads

State Highway System

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Project specific goals, objectives and performance measures can be found in the table beginning on page 11 of the 2024 RTIP.

The existing and proposed projects provide significant regional and statewide benefits and align with the State's goals found in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving safety and incorporating complete streets elements. The Lake 29 project strengthens equity by reducing through and truck traffic in low income communities where the state highway serves as "Main Street." The existing and proposed projects in the RTIP also align with the following goals of the California Transportation Plan 2050:

Safety: Provide a safe a secure transportation system.

Equity: Eliminate transportation burdens for low-income communities, communities of color, people with disabilities, and other disadvantaged groups.

Quality of Life & Public Health: Enable vibrant, healthy communities.

Accessibility: Improve multimodal mobility and access to destinations for all users.

Infrastructure: Maintain a high-quality, resilient transportation system.

Projects on the local street and road systems will provide both safety and circulation benefits throughout the region. Complete streets and active transportation benefits will be incorporated for several of the projects. One roundabout project will be planned which will provide significant improvement to traffic flow and reduce congestion in some of the most urban areas of the region.

The Lake 29 Expressway project aligns with several goals in the 2023 California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) while balancing the local community and interregional travel needs and improves emergency evacuation routes for all users. Goals aligned with the CFMP include the following:

Multimodal Mobility: Strategic Investments to maintain, enhance and modernize the multimodal freight transportation system to optimize integrated network efficiency, improve travel reliability, and to achieve congestion reduction.

Safety and Resiliency: Eliminate freight-related deaths and serious injuries and improve system resilience by addressing infrastructure vulnerability associated with security threats, effects on climate change impacts, and natural disasters.

Connectivity and Accessibility: Provide Transportation choices and improve system connectivity for all freight modes.