

Section 19

2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Lassen County

Fact Sheet¹

Executive Summary

For the 2024 RTIP, LCTC will continue prioritizing the completion of previous State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funded projects, important to improving mobility, enhancing economic activity and providing for needed road maintenance in the region. Unlike the 2022 RTIP this RTIP will spend a significant portion of the regional share allocated by the CTC. In addition, the LCTC will request that some projects programmed in the 2022 RTIP be merged and moved forward for construction.

This RTIP continues the regional shift from the development of capital projects and focusing more on maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure.

The 2024 RTIP identifies over \$ 10 million of capital improvements on transportation infrastructure (spread over 6 distinct capital projects) during the 5-year programming horizon. For this STIP the LCTC will be increasing programming of Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) to help with the growing demand for general and specific transportation planning and project management across a variety of modes.

Benefits

Implementing projects in the 2024 RTIP for Lassen County will achieve the following regional and interregional transportation benefits.

- Provide improved access to and from primary employment centers and locations of regional importance via SR 36 and SR 139. Including:
 - Banner Lassen Medical Center
 - Lassen Community College
 - Susanville Municipal Airport
 - Diamond Mountain Casino and Hotel
 - Lassen High School
 - Lassen County Offices
 - City of Susanville City Hall
- Build upon a growing active transportation system by creating new Class I and II bicycle routes as well as sidewalks and pedestrian amenities connecting primary government, employment, and commercial centers.
- Reduce congestion and potential for accidents and delay.

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.

- Improve system performance and reduce VMT to contribute to the emissions reductions targets desired for the region and the state.

Goals and Objectives

The 2025 Lassen County RTIP compliments the goals and objectives of its recently updated Regional Transportation Plan by focusing on the RTP's focus in the following areas:

1. **Congestions Reduction:** By advancing the measurements of mobility based on Level of Service (LOS) on roadways within the region.
2. **Infrastructure Condition:** In keeping with the State of California's efforts to "fix it first" preserving the existing road system remains a high priority in the RTP. The City of Susanville and Lassen County have few viable options when it comes to rehabilitating deteriorated roadways. For these agencies, the RTIP is the best funding option at this time. Roadways that carry a significant level of traffic continue to deteriorate throughout the region. Four of the six projects being promoted in the 2024 RTIP will improve the condition of regional roadways.
3. **Safety:** Safety is monitored through the accident rate (accidents per million vehicle miles of travel) for State highways. Lassen County does not keep accident rates on County roads within the region primarily due to a lack of comprehensive traffic count data. The LCTC continues to make substantial progress toward completing counts on several roadways; however more counts are needed to have a comprehensive data set for the entire region. The majority of accidents in Lassen County occur on the State Highway system. The 2024 RTIP contains five projects that will help improve transportation/mobility safety in Lassen County.

As mentioned above the 2024 RTIP promotes better mobility and public safety. Significant portions of Lassen County fall under the state's definitions of underserved and disadvantaged communities. To the degree that the RTIP provides for the safe and efficient mobility of the residents, and commerce, of Lassen County, it addresses the spirit of CAPTI, REAP, CFMP and other plans of statewide significance.