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3	El Dorado County Transportation Commission <i>El Dorado County Transit Authority</i>	El Dorado Transit Dial-A-Ride Zone Assessment Study and Implementation Plan	El Dorado	1	5 6	The project will conduct a review, assessment and evaluation of the current Dial-A-Ride zones in regard to service provision, service equity, fare structure, fare equity and service coordination with other transit services within the El Dorado County Transit Authority service area. Further, the project will provide suggested alternatives for service enhancements and equity improvements. The completed study will be used to inform a strategic implementation plan that will demonstrate cost benefits and outline a strategy for implementation of suggested system modifications and enhancements.
3	Nevada County Transportation Commission	Western Nevada County Transit Development Plan Update	Nevada	1 4	1	This study will update the current Western Nevada County Transit Development Plan and analyze a wide range of service, capital, institutional and management, and financial alternatives. This project will evaluate the existing transit systems, seek out opportunities for improved coordination in the region, identify the most efficient approach to meet public needs, and identify where transit resources should be devoted over the plan period. The plan will guide the growth of services over the next five-year period, within the financial revenues projected, and include an implementation plan to accomplish the recommendations.
3	Placer County Transportation Planning Agency	Placer County Rural Transit Study	Placer	1 4	1 3 5 6	The Study will determine the feasibility of expanding or developing transit service(s) in eight rural communities. Completion of the study will also help facilitate the determination of unmet transit needs. Much of Placer County is lacking access to transit as residents have expressed during the unmet transit needs process, as well as difficulties accessing services, shopping, and employment located in western Placer. Transit is a critical link to accessing these routines; its lack is a significant barrier for rural residents.
3	Sacramento Area Council of Government <i>Yolo County Transportation District</i>	Yolo County Transportation District Transportation Planning Internship Program (For Rural/Small Urban Service)	Yolo	5	2 8	The internship will allow University of California, Davis, and California State University, Sacramento, students to gain important transportation planning experience. This experience will allow the interns to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real world problem resolution. The internship program allows Yolo County Transportation District to increase both the quality and depth of the planning and implementation of transportation projects.
3	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Rural Ridesharing Alternatives Planning Study	El Dorado Sutter Yolo Yuba	6	7	This project is a planning study of ridesharing alternatives to serve seniors, persons with disabilities and low-income families living in very rural communities in the Western portion of El Dorado, Yolo, Yuba and Sutter counties, where public transit service is limited or nonexistent and too costly to provide. Successful rural transportation models will be researched and stakeholders and community residents will be involved to detail service gaps, identify locally preferred ridesharing alternatives, assess feasibility and costs, and develop implementation strategies and next steps.
3	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Sacramento Area Council of Governments - Rural/Small Urban Transit Planning Intern	Sacramento	6	7	A college student enrolled in a planning-related degree program will work with the Transit Team for up to one-year under the supervision of experienced transportation planners. The transit intern's work will be focused on transit planning activities for our region specifically benefitting the rural/small urban service areas (population 100,000 or less) in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba and Sutter counties.

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3	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Multimodal/Last Mile Connections to Transit: Feasibility Study of Connect Card Interoperability	Sacramento	6	7 8	This partnership project will explore integrating payment for other transportation modes into the new smart card fare system, uniting seven transit operators across the Sacramento region. Starting in 2014, the "Connect Card" will allow transit riders to pay for trips on any participating provider using one card and payment system. This project will assess the feasibility of extending the Connect Card to electric vehicle charging at transit stations, bikeshare rentals near transit, and other potential modes. Interoperability between modes will provide more seamless transitions, "last mile" connections, encourage transit use, and reduce solo driving and vehicle emissions.
3	Sacramento Area Council of Governments <i>City of Elk Grove</i>	Elk Grove Comprehensive Local and Commuter Service Analysis	Sacramento	6	9	This project will conduct a comprehensive analysis of the City of Elk Grove's local and commuter transit routes to improve the efficiency of service within the city, and enhance connectivity to regional light rail and bus services to improve system connections with the opening of the Cosumnes River College Light Rail Station in 2015.
4	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Introductory Transit Experience	Alameda	7	16	For the next two to four years, internships will be an essential part of Agency efforts to move forward with implementing new technology in order to promote more efficient, accessible, safe and reliable public transit. Interns are in a unique position to apply the skills that they are learning in school to the transportation problems that face the region. At the same time, they will receive needed instruction in basic transit planning and public service principles, and will have the opportunity to have real world experiences that will prepare them for full-time employment upon graduation.
4	Solano Transportation Authority	Rio Vista Transit Service Outreach and Analysis	Solano	11	3	This project would educate residents on available transit services and programs and on alternative transportation services; seek feedback from residents to identify transit gaps through previous studies, use of random phone contacts, distribution of surveys and participation at key community gatherings; identify transportation gaps and discuss strategies; assess financial and operational resources; provide recommendations on strategies to address the need; and, receive community and City Council input before finalizing the implementation and marketing plan. The final product is intended be a "roadmap" to enhance transit services and programs within available resources to better meet the needs of a larger percentage of residents.
5	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments	Rural Transit Improvement Initiative	Monterey San Benito Santa Cruz	17	29	This project will improve rural transit planning through public engagement and coordination of a diverse group of stakeholders. The final product will be a study that establishes transit strategies and projects that are coordinated with land use policies and economic development strategies helping to implement the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. The study will also result in transit projects that better serve rural residents ensuring that future transportation investments better reflect the needs of all segments of the population.

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5	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments <i>Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District</i>	Feasibility Study of Downtown Circulator Service	Santa Cruz	17	29	The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District will conduct a Feasibility Study of a downtown circulator in Santa Cruz including an analysis of cost, projected ridership, market feasibility, and fare structure. The study will identify supportive uses in the study area; evaluate route alternates to connect those supportive uses; project ridership; develop a financial capital and operating plan which identifies alternative fuel vehicles and fueling requirements; and, provide sound recommendations. The feasibility study will include attainable goals, objectives, and performance standards for the circulator. This study will assist the agency to make an informed decision regarding implementing a downtown circulator.
5	Council of San Benito County Governments <i>San Benito County Local Transportation Authority</i>	Expanding Intelligent Transportation Systems Technology for the 21st Century: Using Technology to Improve the Safety and Efficiency of San Benito County's Transit System	San Benito	12	30	This project will be a strategic technology improvement plan for San Benito County Local Transportation Authority's transit services. In May 2012, a bilingual (English/Spanish) passenger survey was conducted with the majority of respondents indicating the desire for technology-based transit improvements including electronic fares and automated bus stop announcements. The project includes public participation opportunities, a transit technology needs assessment, implementation strategy, project cost estimates, and potential funding source identification.
6	Kern Council of Governments <i>City of McFarland</i>	McFarland Transportation Development Plan	Kern	18	32	Kern Council of Governments, a consultant, Kern Regional Transit and City of McFarland staff will prepare a short-range, five-year transportation development plan (TDP) to analyze the McFarland rural transit service and recommend how it can meet future needs of the residents of McFarland and the surrounding rural area. The proposed TDP will identify State and Federal Transportation Goals, address Title VI issues and coordinate McFarland's public transit service with nearby Delano, Kern Regional Transit, Amtrak service and ultimately, High-Speed Rail service.
6	Kern Council of Governments <i>City of Taft</i>	Taft Transportation Development Plan	Kern	18	34	Kern Council of Governments, a consultant, Kern Regional Transit and City of Taft staff will prepare a short-range, five-year transportation development plan (TDP) to analyze the Taft rural transit service and recommend how it can meet future needs of the residents of Taft and the surrounding rural area. The proposed TDP will identify State and Federal Transportation Goals, address Title VI issues and coordinate Taft's public transit service with nearby Maricopa, Kern Regional Transit, Amtrak service and ultimately, High-Speed Rail service.
9	Mono County Local Transportation Commission <i>Eastern Sierra Transit Authority</i>	Short Range Transit Plan for Eastern Sierra Transit Authority	Inyo Mono	14 18	5 26	This project is an update of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's Short Range Transit Plan. An updated short range transit plan will be supportive of the regional Transportation Improvement Program, establish a five-year strategic plan, serve as justification for federal and state funding, and demonstrate stewardship of public funds. In addition the updated Plan will provide essential information, analysis and recommendations regarding operations, contracts, capital planning, and marketing.
10	Alpine County Local Transportation Commission	Alpine County Short Range Transit Plan - Improving Connectivity	Alpine	1	5	The Alpine County Transportation Commission will update the current Short Range Transit Plan to improve the efficiency of the County's Dial-A-Ride program by developing a route system that carries more than one passenger at a time and has connections to adjacent public transit systems. A key component of the new plan is consider how to meet transit needs of the Washoe Tribe located at the community of Hung-A-Lel-Ti.

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10	Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission	Mariposa Transit Center Feasibility Study - Phase I	Mariposa	14	5	The study will conduct a public engagement program and evaluation to select one or more appropriate sites for facilities that will enable proximate transition between transit, automobile, and nonmotorized modes of travel. This is the first phase of a program intended to evaluate and determine context-sensitive location(s), size and character for development of accessible, centralized transit and off-street parking facilities in the historic, rural Town of Mariposa and other visitor destinations within Mariposa County along the State Route 140 corridor.