



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LONG RANGE PLANNING DIVISION

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To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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**Subject: Tahoe Regional Planning Agency-Subrecipient Grant Agreement for the Meyers Sustainable Mobility Plan Project, No. 300-O1511**

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## **Purpose**

The County has been working on the Meyers Area Plan (MAP), which has a Transportation Chapter, for the last two years. The MAP, which is still in process, outlines very high level planning transportation-related goals and policies. Through that process, the County has realized that additional information is needed from a transportation perspective for the Meyers corridor. The Meyers Sustainable Mobility Plan Project (Project) will help fulfill that need.

The Project provides a conceptual multimodal “complete streets” planning strategy for the U.S. Highway 50/State Route 89 corridor, consistent with the vision of the Draft MAP. Subrecipient Grant Agreement No. 300-O1511 (Attachment B) provides for reimbursement from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to the County for the Project.

The Community Development Agency, Long Range Planning Division (LRP) recommends the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the TRPA-Subrecipient Grant Agreement for the Meyers Sustainable Mobility Plan Project, No. 300-O1511, in the amount of \$15,000 for a term ending June 30, 2016.

## **Background**

The County applied to Caltrans under their Transportation Planning Grant Program three (3) separate times over the past five (5) years for grant funding to conduct the Project, but was unsuccessful. In March 2014, the County applied to the TRPA for an On Our Way (OOW) community grant to complete the Project. The purpose of the OOW Community Grant Program is to help Lake Tahoe communities identify neighborhood-level transportation and community improvements to meet Region-wide sustainability goals of creating walkable, mixed use centers, encouraging biking, walking and transit use, supporting economic vitality and reducing impacts to the environment.

The County was successful in receiving the OOW grant in the amount of \$200,000 (Attachment D). Soon after the grant award, the County became aware of a larger, more comprehensive Lake Tahoe Basin corridor study that the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) was undertaking. Because the County had originally planned to contract the Project out to a professional consultant, it made sense for the County to instead partner with the TTD and their Consultant, Stantec, to conduct the work under the comprehensive Regional Corridor Planning Project (RCPP). Consequently, the TTD will now receive \$185,000 in OOW grant funding for the RCPP. The County will receive \$15,000, as originally scoped through the OOW grant, to fund County staff time on the Project.

### **Discussion**

A Final Meyers Sustainable Mobility Plan will be delivered as it was originally scoped in the County's OOW Grant Application, unless specific tasks are deemed unnecessary due to duplication of tasks in the Stantec Scope of Work (SOW). The County also expects to receive the original \$15,000 that was scoped in the OOW budget to perform staff work as outlined in the updated SOW.

Staff work will include document review, consultant management, meeting coordination and attendance, project management and administration to generate the Meyers Sustainable Mobility Plan.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

TRPA awarded grant funding for the County to conduct the Project to develop a conceptual multimodal "complete streets" planning strategy for the U.S. Highway 50/State Route 89 corridor, consistent with the vision of the Draft MAP. This Project is a needed planning study to investigate the best ways to improve the transportation options in the Meyers corridor.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board accept and authorize the Chair to sign the Grant Agreement No. 300-O1511 with TRPA.

### **Clerk of the Board Follow Up Actions**

1. The Clerk of the Board will obtain the signature of the Chair on three (3) originals of Agreement No. 300-O1511.
2. Clerk of the Board will return three (3) partially executed originals of Agreement No. 300-O1511 to LRP for transmittal to TRPA.

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