



El Dorado County

Legislative File Number 07-242 (version 2)

Supervisor Baumann recommending ratification of her signature on Letters-of-Intent sent to Jody Jones with Caltrans District III, allowing work to begin on the process of building the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on Highway 50 from Bass Lake Road to the proposed casino near Greenstone Road.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$0
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$0	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item. There is no Net County Cost.

Background:

Reason for Recommendation:

Action to be taken following Board approval: No further action is required. Department of Transportation to update the Board of Supervisors as to status of Co-Op Agreement at future Board Meeting.

Contact: Richard W. Shepard, P.E., Director of Transportation

Concurrences:

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February 2, 2007

Ms. Jody Jones
Caltrans, District III
P.O. Box 911
Marysville, CA 95901

Dear Ms. Jones:

As you know, the County is extremely anxious to build HOV Lanes on Highway 50 from the County Line to the proposed Casino near Greenstone Road. We have segregated this effort into three phases:

- Phase 1 - from the County Line to approximately Bass Lake Road
- Phase 2 - from the terminus of Phase 1 to Ponderosa Road
- Phase 3 - from the terminus of Phase 2, up to a logical terminus that would include the new Interchange for the Casino.

The County is already pursuing delivery of Phase 1 which should be under construction in 2008. For the Phase 2 effort, the County has requested your support to deliver this section under a Reimbursement Agreement with the County.

As you know, the environmental effort for the Phase 3 Section is not yet complete. However, the County believes there is little risk to continuing the design strategy from Phase 2 through the terminus of the Phase 3 Section and is, therefore, willing to enter a Reimbursement Agreement with Caltrans to perform all project delivery work necessary for the Phase 3 Section, where the design work would occur concurrently with the environmental work. Though not necessary, this concurrent, or "risk design" would position the anticipated construction of Phase 3 to coincide with Phase 2, which would allow Caltrans and the County to determine the most optimal construction schedules and bid letting.

Please advise if this letter is a sufficient Letter-of-Intent to allow you to begin work.

We look forward to continuing our partnership on improving the State Highway System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen K. Baumann".

Supervisor Helen K. Baumann, Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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For the Phase 2 effort, the County has a funding agreement with the Miwok band of Indians that will generate \$5.2 million per year to pay for this work. The County would like Caltrans to deliver the project, and begin design immediately with an anticipated construction date in 2009. The County is willing to enter into an agreement with Caltrans to commit our Transportation Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fees to reimburse your delivery costs, estimated to be \$5.5 million until the revenue from the Tribe becomes available.

For the Phase 3 effort, the County will be the lead for the Environmental Document and would like Caltrans to deliver the Combined Project Study Report/Project Report and the Design on a reimbursed basis, once the County has commenced the Environmental Phase. The estimated cost of the PSR/PR and the Design is \$3.0 million.

Please advise if this letter is a sufficient Letter-of-Intent to allow you to begin work, until Cooperative Agreements are executed.

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Supervisor Helen K. Baumann, Chairman
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