

EL DORADO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL
Meeting of September 12, 2006

AGENDA TITLE: Ratification of the chairman's signature on a letter to the California Transportation Commission

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

DATE: 9/5/06

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CONTACT: Supervisor Jack Sweeney *JAS*

PHONE: 621-5652

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Supervisor Sweeney requests board approval of his signature, as Chairman of the Board, on a letter to Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Vice Chairman of the California Transportation Commission, thanking Mr. Ghielmetti for his support of the county's transportation needs.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Financial impact? () Yes () No

Funding Source: () Gen Fund () Other

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Total Est. Cost \$ _____
Funding
Budgeted \$ _____
New Funding \$ _____
Savings* \$ _____
Other \$ _____
Total Funding Available \$ _____
Change in Net County Cost \$ _____

* Explain

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415's Vote Req. () Yes () No
Change in Policy () Yes () No
New Personnel () Yes () No

CONCURRENCES:

Risk Management
County Counsel
Other

BOARD ACTIONS:

Vote: Unanimous _____ Or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

Date:

Attest: CINDY KECK, Board of Supervisors Clerk

By:



September 1, 2006

James C. Ghielmetti, Vice Chair
California Transportation Commission
c/o Signature Properties, Inc.
4670 Willow Road, Suite 200
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Dear Commissioner Ghielmetti:

On behalf of the County of El Dorado, City of Placerville and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission we want to extend our thanks to you and the other commissioners for supporting our County's transportation programming needs. We are particularly appreciative of the support for our AB3090 STIP amendment for the Missouri Flat Road Interchange on US Highway 50.

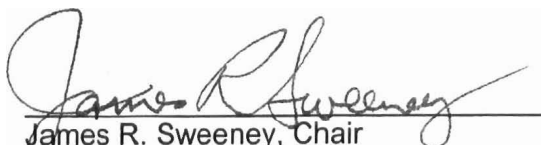
As you may remember, our County has dedicated significant local revenue sources for improvements on the state highway system. These local revenue sources are generated from fees paid by developers to mitigate their transportation impacts. These Transportation Impact Mitigation (TIM) fees have (and will) pay for HOV lanes and other capacity improvements on US Highway 50 that are vital to our County's economic welfare and improvement of mobility.

We are proud of our investment yet are frustrated by the lack of acknowledgment we have received as compared to those counties that have increased their sales tax rates for transportation purposes. These "self-help" counties gain recognition and appear to garner support for additional funding by reason of their locally generated revenue investments in the highway infrastructure. We would like to share in this recognition.

On August 22, 2006 our County Board of Supervisors adopted a new TIM Fee Program that will generate \$840 million in new revenue over the next 20 years to pay for enhancements to the transportation system that will reduce congestion. Of this amount, over \$320 million is dedicated to improvements on US Highway 50.

We are sending this letter to you to reiterate our appreciation of your support and also to solicit your advice to help El Dorado County gain recognition as a "self-help" county.

Sincerely,


James R. Sweeney, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors


Pierre Rivas, Mayor
City of Placerville


Rusty Dupray, Chair
El Dorado County Transportation Commission

cc: Sarah West, Self-Help Counties Coalition
Will Kempton, Director, California Department of Transportation
Commissioners, California Transportation Commission
Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing