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Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT

MEETING DATE: MAY 1, 2012

Dear Members of the Board:

BACKGROUND

The Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (“JPA”) was formed in 2006 and includes members from the counties of Sacramento and El Dorado and the cities of Folsom, Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove. The primary purpose of the JPA is to facilitate the planning, environmental review, engineering design and development and construction of the Capital SouthEast Connector Project (Connector Project).

The proposed Connector Project (Project) is an approximately 35-mile long multi-modal transportation facility that will link communities in Sacramento and El Dorado counties, including Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Folsom and El Dorado Hills. The Project limits extend from the Interstate 5/Hood Franklin Road Interchange in southwest Sacramento to approximately 35 miles northeastward, terminating at US Highway 50 in the community of El Dorado Hills near Silva Valley Parkway.

To date, the JPA has completed certification of a programmatic level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Providing support for preferred alignment of the Project has no immediate fiscal impact to the County.

DISCUSSION

In order for the JPA to continue its efforts beyond completion of the EIR, member jurisdictions need to provide support for and approve a general alignment. The JPA considered four alignment alternatives as part of the environmental analysis for the Project. The JPA board is seeking the County’s concurrence that the alternative alignment as shown on Exhibit A is the preferred alignment for the Connector Project. The Department of Transportation (“DOT”) has determined that the preferred alternative is consistent with the alignment identified in the County of El Dorado Adopted 2004 General Plan document within Figure TC-1 – “Circulation Map for the El Dorado County General Plan.”

DOT staff evaluated the proposed design guidelines for the Project and has determined that there are some minor differences such as roadway section details that are not substantial and are still consistent with the County roadway standards.

By taking the above action, the County will be indicating support for the Project as a regional connector providing a greater degree of regional mobility. This action will also provide notification of an anticipated change in corridor design status within the region, as identified in the approved programmatic EIR for the Project.

Following the proposed action by the Board of Supervisors, the DOT in coordination with the Developments Services Department will evaluate the impacts of the Project on the General Plan to determine if an amendment is required. It is anticipated that this coordinated analysis will be completed within 60 days.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An Environmental Review for this Project has been completed under the CEQA. The Department of Transportation and Development Services Department will be evaluating the impacts of this Project on the General Plan to determine if a General Plan amendment with associated CEQA analysis is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Pass and adopt the Resolution - A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors in Support of the General Alignment of the SouthEast Connector Project.
2. Direct the Department of Transportation in coordination with the Development Services Department to evaluate the Project impacts on the General Plan to determine if a General Plan Amendment is required.
3. Direct the Department of Transportation to return to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days with a presentation on the Project and the General Plan impact analysis.

Respectively submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS

1. A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors in Support of the General Alignment of the Capital SouthEast Connector Project
2. Exhibit A