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To: Board of Supervisors

From: David Defanti, Assistant Director
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Subject: Resolution supporting Federal Funding for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Community Development Agency, Long Range Planning, recommending the Board adopt Resolution XXX-2015 to support efforts to secure federal assistance for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project through the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

In December 2006, the Cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Folsom, and Counties of Sacramento and El Dorado (member agencies) collaborated to form the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to facilitate the Capital SouthEast Connector Project (also known as the "Connector"). The project is a 35-mile long multi-modal transportation facility, extending between Interstate 5 (I-5) and U.S. Highway 50 (US 50), that will link communities in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, including Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, and El Dorado Hills.

El Dorado County's portion of the Connector includes White Rock Road from the Sacramento/El Dorado County line to the new Highway 50/Silva Valley Interchange and related improvements.

On February 13, 2015, the JPA Board of Directors:

- Passed a Resolution of Support for Congress to specifically include language and funding for the Connector in the next Federal Transportation Bill;
- Directed JPA staff to meet with the local area delegation in support of that measure; and

- Directed JPA staff to work with member agency and their respective governmental relations staff to obtain similar resolutions of support from each member agency's governing body (Attachment 8B).

On February 27, 2015, JPA staff requested that each member agency adopt a Resolution of Support to support working with the region's congressional delegation to secure federal assistance for the Connector - either direct (e.g. a specific earmark) or indirect (e.g. money dedicated to regional projects) - through the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs (Attachment 8C).

Adoption of this Resolution of Support would express the County's support of efforts to seek additional federal funding sources for the Connector. If additional federal funding sources are successfully secured for Connector-related improvements in El Dorado County, it could help deliver projects faster than currently planned and/or reduce the cost burden on the County.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Community Development Agency, Transportation Division

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost or funding commitment associated with the Resolution of Support.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Provide Long Range Planning with two (2) originals of the Resolution of support signed by the Chair.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Infrastructure

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