



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

**Resolution to Authorize the Community Development Agency Director, or Designee, the Delegated Authority to Execute a Reimbursable Agreement for Federal Lands Access Program Funding for Ice House Road Pavement Rehabilitation**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) provides funds for work on public highways, roads, bridges, trails, and transit systems that are located on, are adjacent to, or provide access to Federal Lands, and FHWA's Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) administers the FLAP and works with each of the states under its jurisdiction to administer the call for projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Dorado County Community Development Agency's Transportation Division (Transportation) is preparing to submit a grant application for FLAP funding for pavement rehabilitation of an approximately 17.5 mile segment of Ice House Road (Forest Highway 136) extending from its start near US 50 (MP 6.37) to its intersection with Wentworth Springs Road (MP 23.94); and

**WHEREAS**, Ice House Road provides a critical connection for forest visitors to access the Eldorado National Forest and serves as a critical link for forest management and fire protection access to the Eldorado National Forest. Ice House Road provides direct motorized access to a variety of public recreation opportunities, including hiking, biking, camping, boating, fishing, cross-country skiing, equestrian use, and off road vehicle use in areas such as the Rubicon Trail, Desolation Wilderness, Ice House Reservoir, Union Valley Reservoir, Loon Lake and various attractions within the Crystal Basin Recreation Area. Ice House Road also provides access to several Sacramento Municipal Utility District hydroelectric power plants, including Loon Lake Powerhouse, Robbs Peak Powerhouse, Jones Fork Powerhouse, and Union Valley Powerhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the pavement condition of Ice House Road is deteriorating as a result of traffic loading and harsh winter weather conditions; and without rehabilitation, a safe paved roadway access for recreation, forest management and fire protection could be jeopardized; and

**WHEREAS**, the FLAP requires a minimum non-federal match of 11.47%; and non-State agency applicants are required to submit an Access Program Resolution from the grant applicant's governing body that must include the following:

- a) certification that governing body will provide sufficient maintenance funding for a period of 20 years or the life of constructed facility, whichever is greater.
- b) commitment that the governing body will endorse that funds will be made available, and identify timing of availability.
- c) delegated authority to applicant to authorize execution of maximum \$10,000 Reimbursable Agreement within 15 days of project short-list notification; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) will solicit project applications with the intent of developing a 5 to 7 year program, and the deadline for application is January 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the FLAP short-list is anticipated to be issued in the spring of 2015 by CFLHD. Applicants who receive a short-list notification will be required to provide a maximum of \$10,000 within 15 days of the notification for CFLHD to complete development of a more accurate project scope, schedule, and budget; and

**WHEREAS**, CFLHD anticipates announcing the funded program in the summer of 2015. If the PDC and the applicant agree with CFLHD's project scope and cost, then a subsequent project Reimbursable Agreement will be required within 90 days from approval of funding; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded funding, Transportation anticipates construction will begin in approximately three years from the date of award, with project completion in the fall of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to submit a grant application and related documents to the FHWA/CFLHD for consideration of a FLAP grant of \$6,741,560, based on a total estimated cost of \$7,615,000, for which a non-federal match of 11.47% is required, a local match of \$873,441, with a maximum \$10,000 Reimbursable Agreement that equals a total County contribution of \$883,441.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of Supervisors

- a) delegates the authority to the Community Development Agency Director, or designee, to authorize execution of the maximum \$10,000 Reimbursable Agreement, subject to prior County Counsel approval, within 15 days of project short-list notification;
- b) will provide additional non-federal funding up to the maximum of \$10,000 towards the Reimbursable Agreement in the spring of 2015 upon notification that the County is on the FLAP short-list to complete development of a more accurate scope of work, schedule, and budget;
- c) endorses that the 11.47% matching funds estimated at \$873,441 will be available between the years 2015 and 2018 or until project completion, upon PDC and applicant agreement to the project scope, schedule, and budget, and upon entry into a subsequent project Reimbursable Agreement;
- d) will provide sufficient maintenance funding for a period of 20 years or the life of the constructed facility, whichever is greater; and is making the commitment to endorse that maintenance funds will be made available upon completion of improvements authorized by the 2015 FLAP grant, with completion of the project anticipated in the fall of 2018.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

*Attest:*  
*James S. Mitrising*  
*Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

*Ayes:*  
*Noes:*  
*Absent:*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Deputy Clerk* *Chair, Board of Supervisors*