



Legislation Text

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Transportation recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Authorize the Chair to sign the Easement Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes and the Certificate of Acceptance for the related documents from Ernest S. Watson and Suanne M. Watson, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants, for Assessor's Parcel Number 325-450-03; and
- 2) Authorize the Interim Director of Transportation or designee to execute the escrow instructions and any other related escrow documents pertaining to the transaction, including payment of title and escrow fees, for the Green Valley Road at Weber Creek - Bridge Replacement Project, CIP No. 77114.

**FUNDING:** Highway Bridge Program Grant Funds, Regional Surface Transportation Program Rural Exchange Funds and Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY:</b>	
Total Estimated Cost.....	\$3,500
Budgeted.....	\$3,500
New Funding.....	
Savings.....	
Other.....	
Total Funding Available.....	\$3,500
Change To Net County Cost.....	\$0

**Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost**

Acquisition costs are \$1,000 with title and escrow fees estimated at \$2,500 for a total estimated cost of \$3,500. Funding for the acquisition process will be provided by Highway Bridge Program grant funds of 88.53% and the County's local match funds of 11.47% are available through a combination of Regional Surface Transportation Program Rural Exchange funds and Traffic Impact Mitigation fees.

**Background**

Green Valley Road is one of three east-west arterials in the west slope area of El Dorado County, extending from the western County line to Placerville. The Green Valley Road at Weber Creek Bridge (Bridge) was constructed in 1926 and is a 20-foot wide, two-lane, concrete "T" Beam structure that has been identified by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as structurally deficient (sufficiency rating of 22.5). Additionally, the Bridge does not meet current standards of roadway width and must be replaced because it cannot be rehabilitated.

The Green Valley Road at Weber Creek - Bridge Replacement Project (Project) is severely

constrained due to the steep, wide ravine and the 90-degree turn at the south Bridge approach resulting in traffic and safety concerns. This Bridge is one of only three crossings over Weber Creek in the area and provides an alternative route to U.S. Highway 50 and the Missouri Flat Interchange. Construction is expected to begin in the year 2014 and take approximately two years to complete.

The Project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved by the Board on November 15, 2011 and the NEPA Findings of No Significant Impact was approved by Caltrans on January 27, 2012.

**Reason for Recommendation**

Negotiations have concluded with the property owners, Ernest S. Watson and Suanne M. Watson, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants, and a settlement has been reached that is representative of the appraised value of the necessary land rights.

**Action(s) to be taken following Board approval**

1. The Clerk of the Board will obtain the Chair's signature on the Easement Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes and the Certificate of Acceptance for the Public Utility Easement.
2. The Clerk of the Board will return all executed documents to the Department for final processing.

**Contact**

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**Concurrences**

County Counsel