

Legislation Text

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Department of Transportation recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign Cooperative Agreement No. 03-0459 (12-53435) with the State of California Department of Transportation for the construction of the U.S. 50 Silva Valley Parkway Interchange Phase 1 Project, CIP No. 71328 pending County Counsel review and approval.

FUNDING: 2004 General Plan Silva Valley Interchange Set Aside Account/Developer Advance and Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program Funds. Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Funding for the construction phase of the U.S. 50 Silva Valley Parkway Interchange Phase 1 (Project) will be provided by two sources: \$38.526 million from the 2004 General Plan Silva Valley Interchange Set aside account/developer advance and Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds. The total current estimated cost for construction and construction engineering for this Project is \$39.526 million.

Background:

The El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (EDHSP), adopted in 1987, identified the Silva Valley Parkway Interchange as a key transportation component to accommodate traffic demand resulting from development identified in the plan. A funding source was established in the form of a "set aside account" allocating approximately 30% of Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) fees collected in the area toward completion of the Silva Valley Parkway Interchange.

Following the 1987 adoption of the EDHSP, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project was prepared evaluating at equal weight two build alternatives (The Ridge Design and the Undercrossing Design) as well as a No-Build Alternative. The Ridge Design was determined to be the preferred alternative. In 1991, the Silva Valley Parkway Interchange Project was approved and the associated EIR (SCH No. 88050215) was certified by the Board of Supervisors.

On June 28, 2011, the Board certified a Supplemental EIR and authorized the ordering of title reports, certified appraisals, and the commencement of the acquisition process.

In August 2011, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission nominated the Project for the Proposition 1B SLPP funds. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) programmed the Project for Fiscal Year 2011/12.

Subsequent to these actions, the Department of Transportation (Department) is working towards finalizing PS&E and acquiring Right of Way for the Project.

Reason for Recommendation:

The Project has been a priority for the Department for more than twenty-two years. Construction of

the Project is identified as a need in the County General Plan, the Caltrans U.S. Highway 50 Corridor Management Plan, and various specific plans. TIM fees have previously been identified in the Department's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for this Project. The anticipated SLPP funds will help offset the construction cost of the Project.

Execution of the Cooperative Agreement (Coop) is a prerequisite to utility relocations required within the State Right of Way. In addition, the Coop provides for the use of the SLPP funds for the construction phase of the Project.

The Coop defines the obligations of both the County and Caltrans regarding Project activities and funding. The Board should be aware that several elements of the Coop would require the County to utilize its own funds to complete the Project in the event that Project cost overruns (in the form of higher than anticipated bids, claims, substantial change orders or other unforeseen circumstances) cause the Project to exceed its currently anticipated cost.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. The Chair will sign four originals of the Coop, subject to reveiw and approval by County Counsel and the Department of minor modifications.

2. The Clerk of the Board will forward four originals of the partially executed Coop to the Department to send to Caltrans for its approval and signature.

Action to be taken by the Department following Board approval:

1. The Department will send a fully executed original Coop to the Clerk of the Board for its files.

2. The Department will work with Caltrans, EDCTC and the CTC for allocation of SLPP funds.

3. The Department will return in late 2012 requesting approval of the Project and authorization to advertise for construction.

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