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Department of 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 John Grey and Cristine W. Grey, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants, for Assessor's Parcel Number 071-390-05; and
2) Authorize the Interim Director of Transportation or her designee to execute the escrow instructions and any other related escrow documents pertaining to the transaction, including the payment of title and escrow fees, for the Northside School Class I Bike Path - Phase 2 (SR-49) Project, CIP No. 72306.

FUNDING: State Safe Route to School grant, Regional Surface Transportation Program Rural Exchange Funds and Transportation Development Act Funds from the El Dorado County Transportation Commission.

BUDGET SUMMARY:	
Total Estimated Cost…….	$2,200
Budgeted……	$2,200
New Funding…….	
Savings……..	
Other……..	
Total Funding Available……	$2,200
Change To Net County Cost……	$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost
Acquisition costs are $500 with title and escrow fees estimated at $1,700 for a total estimated cost of $2,200. Funding for the acquisition process will be provided by a combination of State Safe Routes to School grant, Regional Surface Transportation Program Rural Exchange funds and Transportation Development Act funds from the El Dorado County Transportation Commission.

Background
The Department of Transportation (Department) is working to advance the Northside School Class I Bike Path - Phases 1 and 2 Project (Project). Class I Facilities are separated from the road and service both bikers and pedestrians. The Project will construct a separated 8-foot wide Class I Bike Path on the west side of SR-49 from Northside School (Cave Valley Road) to SR-193 and an 8-foot wide Class I Bike Path along the north side of SR-193 from SR-49 to the American River Trail at the entrance of the Auburn Lake Trails subdivision. Other significant features include extending the SR-49 culvert at Knickerbocker Creek, providing cross walks at the intersection of SR-49 and SR-193,

and building retaining walls and drainage culverts along portions of the Project.

Project construction is proposed to be carried out in two phases. Phase 1 extends from the entrance to the Auburn Lake Trails subdivision on SR-193 westward to the SR-49/193 intersection. Phase 2 continues southward from the SR-49 intersection to Northside School at Cave Valley Road. The first phase of construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2013.

The Project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved by the Board on December 16, 2008 and the NEPA Finding of No Significant Impact was approved by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on August 24, 2009.

On October 26, 2010, the Board authorized the Department to proceed with the acquisition process for the land rights necessary for the construction and completion of the Project.

Reason for Recommendation
Negotiations have concluded with the property owners, John Grey and Cristine W. Grey, 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 Acting 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 Temporary Construction Easement.
2. The Acting Clerk of the Board will return the executed documents to the Department for final processing.

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Concurrences
County Counsel