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Legislation Text

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Community Development Agency, Transportation Division, recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Authorize the Chair to sign the Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes and the Certificates of Acceptance for the related documents from Donald W. Fields and Beverly A. Fields, Trustees of the Donald W. Fields and Beverly A. Fields Revocable Trust, for Assessor's Parcel Number 325-110-47;
- 2) Authorize the Acting Community Development Agency Director 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; and
- 3) Authorize the Acting Community Development Agency Director or designee to extend the date of closure of escrow upon mutual agreement of both parties.

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

BUDGET SUMMARY:	
Total Estimated Cost.....	\$181,802.00
Budgeted.....	\$181,802.00
New Funding.....	
Savings.....	
Other.....	
Total Funding Available.....	\$181,802.00
Change To Net County Cost.....	\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

Acquisition costs are \$179,302.00 with title and escrow costs estimated at \$2,500 for a total estimated cost of \$181,802.00. Funding for the acquisition process will be provided by a combination of the Highway Bridge Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program Rural Exchange Funds, Regional Surface Transportation Program Caltrans Exchange Funds, and Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees.

Background

The Green Valley Road at Weber Creek Bridge Replacement Project (Project) includes the replacement of the bridge at Weber Creek, widening and realignment of Green Valley Road at the bridge approaches, and improvements to the drainage along Green Valley Road. The existing 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 out of 100). Additionally, the bridge does not meet current standards of roadway width and must be replaced because it cannot be rehabilitated.

The Project is located on Green Valley Road, approximately 0.6 miles west of Placerville, east of the intersection of El Dorado Road and west of Placerville Drive. The proposed Project will be located to the west of the existing bridge. The new bridge will be longer than the existing bridge in order to place the abutments outside the main creek bed. The new bridge deck will be approximately 11 feet higher than the existing bridge deck for the design speed vertical curve and it will also provide adequate clearance to pass forecasted 100-year storm flows under the bridge without overtopping. The existing sharp, short radius horizontal curve will be replaced with a larger radius curve, improved vertical alignment, wider lanes and shoulders.

The Project site 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. The Project is anticipated to commence in Spring, 2014 and is expected to take two construction seasons to complete.

On November 9, 2010, the Board of Supervisors authorized Transportation staff to begin the acquisition process with the affected property owners.

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 November 15, 2011 and the NEPA Categorical Exclusion was approved by Caltrans on January 23, 2012.

Reason for Recommendation

Negotiations have concluded with the property owners, Donald W. Fields and Beverly A. Fields, Trustees of the Donald W. Fields and Beverly A. Fields Revocable Trust, and a settlement has been reached that is representative of the appraised value of the necessary land rights, including additional damages.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

1. The Clerk of the Board will obtain the Chair's signature on the Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes and the Certificates of Acceptance for the Grant Deed, the Grant of Slope and Drainage Easement, the Grant of Drainage Easement, and the Grant of Temporary Construction Easement.

2. The Clerk of the Board will return all fully executed original documents to Transportation for final processing.
3. The Board will authorize the Acting Community Development Agency Director or designee to extend the date of closure of escrow upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Contact

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Concurrences

Pending