



Legislation Text

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Community Development Agency, Transportation Division, recommending the Board consider the following for the Cold Springs Road Realignment Project, CIP No. 73360:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Easement Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes and the Certificates of Acceptance for the related documents from Steven Philip Stewart and Edith Charlene Stewart, as Trustees of the 1994 Steven Philip Stewart and Edith Charlene Stewart Revocable Trust, 5/18/1994 for Assessor's Parcel Number 317-040-26;
- 2) Authorize the 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; and
- 3) Authorize the Community Development Agency Director, or designee, to extend the date of closure of escrow upon mutual agreement of both parties if necessary.

FUNDING: Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds and Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds - Caltrans. (Federal Funds)

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Negotiations concluded with property owners Steven Philip Stewart and Edith Charlene Stewart, as Trustees of the 1994 Steven Philip Stewart and Edith Charlene Stewart Revocable Trust, 5/18/1994, securing the County's interest in the ninth of eleven project acquisition parcels, and a settlement has been reached that is representative of the appraised value rounded to a compensatory value of the necessary land rights.

The Community Development Agency, Transportation Division (Transportation) recommends that the Board Chair sign the Easement Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes for the Cold Springs Road Realignment Project (Project). The Easements are necessary for construction of the Project.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Transportation is currently in the design phase of the Project to realign the curve radius, increase pavement width and shoulders, adjust roadway elevation and improve drainage along a higher-risk segment of Cold Springs Road between Mount Shasta Lane and Fox Print Court in Placerville.

The Project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CEQA covers both segments and was approved by the Board on November 13, 2012 (Item No. 20). The NEPA Categorical Exclusion for segment 2 was approved by the California Department of Transportation on February 8, 2013. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2015.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel

CAO RECOMMENDATION

CAO recommending the Board move staff's recommendation as this is an approved CIP project and the actions requested are consistent with standard practice.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Easement acquisition costs are \$13,450.00 with title and escrow costs estimated at \$2,500.00 for a total estimated cost of \$15,950.00. Funding for the acquisition process is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program and will be provided by a combination of Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds and Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds - Caltrans. This project has no Net County Cost.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) The Clerk of the Board will obtain the Chair's signature on two (2) copies of the Easement Acquisition Agreement for Public Purposes and the Certificates of Acceptance for the Easements.
- 2) The Clerk of the Board will return one (1) copy of the fully executed original Easement Acquisition Agreement to Transportation for final processing.
- 3) The Clerk of the Board will return the signed Certificates of Acceptance and the executed Grant documents to Transportation for final processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Infrastructure

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